

Wheatley & Chalgrove Neighbourhood update June 2009.

Wheatley area issues

At time of writing I am happy to report that there are no issues of note in the area.

Local officers recently stopped some youths in Church road recreation ground, Wheatley and removed a case of Stella lager from them as they were under age. We don't know how the youths got this alcohol but it is worth reminding people that buying alcohol for persons less than 18 yrs old or providing alcohol to under age persons in a public place is an offence for which you can be prosecuted for.

Local officers have also been carrying out rural operations across the area where we have been patrolling the more rural and isolated parts of the neighbourhood to ensure that persons are deterred from committing any crimes in the area. These operations will continue throughout the year.

Community engagement

Wheatley and Chalgrove Area Neighbourhood Action Group Update

Who are we?

The NAG consists of representatives from the police, parish, district and county councils, schools, licensees, youth representatives, housing associations, the fire service and residents from across the area.

What did you tell us was your top priority?

Over 700 residents across the NAG area were asked recently what their issues were. While many residents of the Wheatley area felt there were no major safety concerns, a number of residents highlighted speeding as a potential problem. Rubbish and litter and parking issues were also highlighted. The NAG will be deploying the SID at speeding hotspots to remind drivers of the speed limit. They are also running a poster competition with the children at Wheatley primary school. With the success of their recent bus shelter make over, Chalgrove residents are enjoying a reduction in anti-social behaviour and are looking to tackle their next priority, also speeding. Parking issues and rubbish will also be dealt with across the neighbourhood although again many residents had no major concerns.

The NAG can only focus on the top three issues in each neighbourhood however many villages highlighted other concerns such as lack of police visibility, robbery and burglary. This information will be passed onto the relevant agency and will be dealt with outside the NAG.

Wheatley and Chalgrove Area NAG is currently recruiting more members and would be happy to hear from residents, especially from the smaller surrounding villages. If you would like to join, contact Alison Smith, NAG Coordinator, on 01491 823 054 or email Alison.smith@southoxon.gov.uk.

To find out more about Neighbourhood Action Groups and view the latest updates online visit www.southoxon.gov.uk/nag

Operations

During June local officers carried out operation MINDLESS in the area which is an operation to combat the issues of motorists using mobile phones whilst driving and/or not wearing a seatbelt whilst driving. This operation involved the majority of the local neighbourhood police team. 2 drivers were reported for using mobile phones which earned them a £60 fine and 3 points. 2 drivers were fined for not wearing seatbelts which entailed £30 fines and 1 driver was warned regarding seatbelt use. 1 driver was reported for driving with no insurance.

As of 1st July 2009 the fine for not wearing a seatbelt will be increased to £60.

Speeding (NAG priority 1)

During June the local neighbourhood police team deployed on a number of occasions with the Speed Indicator Device (SID). June results are below. Any drivers found speeding will receive warning letters and their details will be kept on record and further incidents of speeding may result in formal action.

We will continue to deploy with the SID across the area on a frequent basis.

3/6/09 Cuddesdon road, Horspath. 6 warning letters issued to drivers travelling at excess speed.

16/6/09 Gidley Way, Horspath, no drivers warned

16/6/09 Cuddesdon road, Horspath, 21 drivers warned

16/6/09 Cuddesdon road, Horspath, 16 drivers warned

Chalgrove Issues

As a result of recent public consultation around the Chalgrove neighbourhood the next set of Neighbourhood Action group priorities have been set and they are:

Speeding

Parking

Littering and dog fouling

Police surgeries

Local officers carried out surgeries at Tiddington, Beckley and Wheatley during June. No serious issues were raised, officers will monitor any issues that were raised and deal with appropriately. Further surgeries are detailed below.

Monday 13th July 2009, Wheatley ASDA, between 6pm-7pm

Monday 13th July 2009, Horspath village hall, between 730pm-830pm

Tuesday 14th July 2009, Wheatley police office, between 7pm-9pm

Wednesday 19th August 2009, Garsington Village hall between 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 19th August 2009, Sandford on Thames village hall between 730pm-830pm

Saturday 22nd August 2009, Wheatley police office, between 10am-12pm (lunchtime)

Wednesday 16th September 2009, Tiddington village hall car park between 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 16th September 2009, Beckley village hall between 730pm-830pm

Tuesday 22nd September 2009, Wheatley police office between 7pm-9pm

These surgeries are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSO's about any local issues. Further surgeries will be publicised locally and through this update and no appointment is necessary, just turn up and speak to your local officers.

If there are any parish councils or local community groups who would like a visit from their local neighbourhood police teams to discuss local issues or if they would like us to hold a local police surgery and can provide a venue then please contact PCSO Ken Cooney on 0845 8 505 505.