Wheatley & Chalgrove Neighbourhood update September 2009.

Wheatley area issues

There has been a recent upturn in the number of shed breaks in the Wheatley area with the focus mainly being on lawnmower and bicycle thefts. Please remember to ensure that your garages and sheds are secure and that you take every realistic precaution to protect your property. Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious or anything which causes you concern please contact Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505 505.

We have had some complaints regarding dog fouling etc. This is a reminder that it is an offence to allow a dog to foul the pavement or other land which the public have access to. This offence can be dealt with by way of a fine and repeat offenders can be taken to court and prosecuted. As of 1st September 2009 Local PCSO's can now issue SODC £80 penalty tickets for this and other offences. Dog fouling is not only unpleasant but it also constitutes a health hazard as dog faeces can carry diseases which are harmful to humans. Please be considerate regarding where you allow your dog to foul and how you dispose of it.

During September a successful drugs warrant was executed at a premise in Tiddington. 5 persons were arrested and officers are making further enquiries with a view to prosecutions.

Between 17-19th September we had our annual Thame fair. Local officers carried out high visibility patrols throughout the fair and the event went off without serious incident.

Countrywatch is still going strong throughout the area and there was a meeting of countrywatch members at Thame police station on 21st September.

In conjunction with Thames Valley Police licensing department local officers carried out routine license checks of local pubs and restaurants across the area and during September and for the foreseeable future officers will be patrolling the more rural parts of the neighbourhood to help deter crime in the more isolated areas.

Towards the end of October and throughout the Halloween/bonfire night period local officers will be working as part of Operation Munitions to deter the anti social behaviour that sometimes takes place at this time of year. Officers will be patrolling the area in numbers during the evenings around Halloween and bonfire night and any incidents of anti social behaviour will be dealt with robustly.

Chalgrove area

As of September 2009 the PCSO staffing of the Chalgrove neighbourhood has changed. PCSO Michelle Jacques has moved on to pastures new and we wish her all the best. Chalgrove now has 2 PCSO's and they are C9710 Chris Ratcliff and C9150 Rebecca Freeman. Both are experienced PCSO's who are moving to Chalgrove from other areas.

SID Deployment

During August the Speed Indicator Device was deployed across the area on:

24th September on Wheatley road, Forest hill. 371 passed the SID whilst approx 4% were speeding.

Community engagement

PC Paul Gregory and PCSO Ken Cooney will be attending the Sandford on Thames parish council meeting on Monday 5th October at the Sandford on Thames village hall.

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

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 September. No serious issues were raised, officers will monitor any issues that were raised and deal with appropriately. Further surgeries are detailed below:

Wednesday 7th October 2009, Wheatley police office, Merry bells car park/church road, Wheatley between 5pm-7pm

Thursday 15th October 2009, Wheatley ASDA car park between 6pm-7pm

Thursday 15th October 2009, Horspath Doctors Surgery, rear of Horspath village hall between 730pm-830pm

Thursday 12th November 2009, Outside Garsington village hall (as hall not available) between 6pm-7pm

Thursday 12th November 2009, Sandford on Thames village hall between 730pm-830pm
Thursday 26th November 2009, Wheatley police office, Merry bells car park/church road, Wheatley between 10am-12pm lunchtime

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.

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