

Whitchurch Annual Town Assembly – Local Police Report 2010 -2011

We are in our third year of identifying Community Neighbourhood Priorities. It initially started in 2008, when after discussion with the Town Council and input from members of the community who attended the beat surgeries, speeding, parking and youth involvement were chosen.

2009 - 2010 saw the introduction of 'Your Voice Counts' leaflets which were hand delivered to various addresses in Whitchurch. 107 replies saw us remain with speeding, anti social behaviour / underage drinking and criminal damage replaced parking.

Annual Review of last years priorities.

Priority 1 - You said - Ensure drivers keep to the speed limits in and out of entrances to Whitchurch, St Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Priors.

We Did

Police Vehicles have been left in areas where speeding is an issue.

Speed days in conjunction with Road Policing team have been arranged and tickets issued for speeding, no insurance and no tax

A Speed indicating device was purchased between Overton and Whitchurch Parish and Town Councils respectively and used at the entrances of Whitchurch and Overton. This will continue throughout this year. Recorded data shows that the general speed decreases when the device is in place.

Speed enforcement has been completed on various roads in Whitchurch, St Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Priors by use of a static marked Police vehicle.

In March, a summons for court was issued to a member of the public for speeding. One vehicle has been seized for having no insurance or road tax. There have been four damage only road traffic collisions, two in London Road, and one in Kingsley Park and Winchester Street.

Priority 2 - You Said - Engage with the young people and tackling under age drinking and anti Social Behaviour in Whitchurch

We Did

Brownies, Cubs, and Beavers visits to the Police station.

Basingstoke and Deane 'Summer Streetz' campaign summer 2010 for young people.

Playgroup visits.

Stranger danger talks.

Beat surgeries for pupils at Testbourne School.

FAKE presentation delivered to Schools in March 2011.

Cyber bullying talks completed at both Whitchurch Schools for pupils and parents.

Stop searches completed where alcohol suspected.

There have been nine reports of anti-social behaviour in March that relate to juvenile nuisance; the same as in February. These have been in the locations of Winchester Street where large groups were gathering, Winchester Road, The Knowlings, Newbury Street, Church Street, The Weir and London Street.

PCSO Wendy EAGLESTONE continues to patrol these areas regularly in association with the Community Safety Patrol officers, especially on a Friday evening.

In February there had been a large influx of youths in Whitchurch who had been making a nuisance of themselves in the areas mentioned above, especially on a Friday evening.

In March we have had a meeting with The Whitchurch Youth Project Committee and Testbourne School so that as a group we could advise youths of their expected behaviour and a letter was sent to all parents advising them what was discussed at the assembly and that if youths make a nuisance of themselves on the street then we will be contacting parents to come and collect them.

We are hoping that by us all working together, the Police, Parents, Testbourne School, the Youth Project and local shops; we can put a stop to nuisance behaviour.

Priority 3 -You Said - Prevent Criminal Damage in Whitchurch.

We Did

Patrols of areas where there was an increase in criminal damage.

EVA to be completed in the area of parks and garages; to identify any graffiti that is new which can be cleaned.

Decrease in reported damage from 37 last year to 27 this year

This year we have canvassed local people to identify what Police related matters most affects you the members of the community; over 1000 forms were circulated.

A Neighbourhood Panel was set up comprising of local representatives from the town/parish councils on the beat, local schools, neighbourhood watch, shops, youth and the church. This panel met on 17th March 2011 and discussed the results of the 'Your Voice Counts` returns and looked at the crime figures for the last year and jointly decided that the new Policing Priorities for 2010-2011 are :-

- To ensure people keep to the speed limits on the entrances in and out of Whitchurch, St Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Priors.
- Engaging with young people and tackling underage drinking and Anti Social Behaviour in Whitchurch.
- To prevent Burglaries to outbuildings (garages and sheds)

We will give you regular updates on how we are tackling your new community policing priorities throughout the year.

Crimes for the period 01/04/10 – 31/03/11

There have been 207 crimes on the entire beat which covers Whitchurch, St Mary Bourne, Hurstbourne Priors and Tufton.

166 crimes in Whitchurch, which is 26 more than last year.

There has been an increase in thefts from 22-31. Eight of these were shoplifting thefts. One male was arrested for three of them and charged with two.

Burglaries to outbuildings have traditionally been low compared to the other rural neighbourhood beats but this last year there have been 18 compared to 8 the year before. (This is one of the reasons that this is one of the priorities this year.)

Burglary in a dwelling – 8, Compared to 7 last year.

Theft from motor vehicles has also increased to 34. Nine of those are thefts of diesel from lorries on the A34. Three people were arrested in September 2010 and admitted to 12 of the 25 thefts which took place between August and September 2010.

Other news.

Wendy has completed monthly beat surgeries throughout 2010. This offers you an opportunity to come and speak to her about any matter, be it big or small.

The next surgery is on Tuesday 17th May 2011 from 3-4 pm in the Town Hall.

We are looking at enhancing the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Whitchurch as there are some streets that do not have coordinators.

Wendy has been mail dropping properties in Caesars Way, Park View, Mcfauld Way, Rampton Road and Cheery Orchard. As a result of the 30-40 replies received, a meeting was held on 31st March at The White Hart. Unfortunately, only five people made it to the initial meeting, thank you to those who attended. We will continue to do more work to enhance the scheme. It provides an ideal way of two way communication between the Police and the community. If anyone is interested in getting involved please feel free to contact Wendy or Paula.

Wendy has been also involved in tack marking on various beats, meeting with the community innovations team, assisting and providing letter drops with the wide load, tag rugby training, carnival and Whitchurch Primary School sports day.

I would like to thank Wendy for all her hard work in the last year. She has had to run the beat on her own for practically a year. Thank you Wendy, I am looking forward to working with you properly soon.

Thanks also go to the Neighbourhood Watch team for all their hard work, to Cathy for all her help and to the Whitchurch community for their continued support. I am looking forward to being back out patrolling the beat officially from the middle of May and to working together with you all again. Thank you to those of you who sent your good wishes to me after my operations. It was much appreciated and helped me through a difficult time.

Thanks for listening,

Paula & Wendy

