

WHITNASH COMMUNITY FORUM

21st February 2017

Actions and main points from the meeting

The forum was attended by 31 people.

Agenda item	Main points and actions agreed
Welcome	<p>Cllr Bernard Kirton welcomed everybody and announced this would be his last meeting as Chair. Cllr Kirton will be standing down in May as County Councillor for Whitnash although he will remain on the Town Council. Cllr Judith Falp led the thanks reflecting on Cllr Kirton's long and distinguished career serving Whitnash residents.</p> <p>Ian Colls and members of Whitnash Short Mat bowls club gave a demonstration of their sport and reported back on the grant they received from the Community Forum. The club has 50 members and meets at Acre Close Community Hall. There is an open invitation to attend on Wednesday afternoons to find out more.</p>
Safer Neighbourhood Team	<p>PC Pete Yeardeley gave an update on behalf of Whitnash Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). Handouts were shared at the meeting. Whitnash SNT tel. 01926 684248 or 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speeding checks were carried out on Tachbrook Road and Golf Lane• On-street car parking patrols were carried out including Acre Close, Cypress Lane <p>Car owners that continue to park inconsiderately across private driveways should have their number plates taken and reported using tel. no.101.</p> <p>Recently 40 un-taxed vehicles were seized in Whitnash and south Leamington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrols were done in local parks <p>Incidents of vandalism at St Margaret's School and Briar Hill School involving 5 young people have been dealt with by police</p> <p>In response to questions: Details of anti-social behaviour are not given on police website as it could identify victims of domestic / neighbour incidents. Off-road motorbike incidents need to be reported to police</p> <p>Residents are encouraged to sign up to the police Community Messaging Service which provides up to date information on what is happening locally. For more information: https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/register</p>

	<p>The Forum agreed the following policing priorities for the next three months:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking patrols to deal with parking issues within Whitnash 2. Speed checks on Tachbrook Road and Golf Lane 3. Local Patrols to combat Anti Social Behaviour in Acre Close and Washbourne Parks Speeding checks <p>Stop press: <i>Whitnash Safer Neighbourhood Team has two new team members joining PCSO Steve Sample. PC Rachel Smith replaces PC Pete Yeardley as beat manager. PCSO Jessica West returns from maternity leave.</i></p>												
<p>Community Safety, WCC</p>	<p>Paul Ledden, WCC gave practical advice to help reduce the chances of being a victim of opportunist crimes from dwellings and vehicles.</p> <p>Vehicles: lock car; remove possessions from view, display appropriate signage Home: lock external doors, display appropriate signage, mark possessions, use window alarms / door handle alarms, join neighbourhood watch Sheds: lock door, display appropriate signage, mark property, use shed alarm, chain up larger possessions</p> <p>Saturday, 25 February – free bike marking event at Acre Close Community Hall</p> <p>Free samples were handed out including: community safety stickers / signs, alarms, money boxes</p>												
<p>Ranger Service, WDC</p>	<p>Jamie Hill & Dave Anderton introduced the Ranger Service whose primary role is to provide a uniform presence in WDC parks, play areas and open space; and provide a point of contact for the public. The Rangers patrol WDC car parks and cemeteries.</p> <p>They support local events in the parks and perform civil enforcement duties when dealing with fly-tipping, dog fouling, car parking, and anti-social behaviour on WDC property.</p>												
<p>Community forum grant fund</p>	<p>The Forum agreed to award the following grants:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="317 1464 1508 1827"> <thead> <tr> <th>Applicant name</th> <th>Project</th> <th>£ awarded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4th Whitnash Guides</td> <td>Subsidy towards overnight girl-guiding badge event at Offchurch</td> <td>£530</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whitnash Seniors Luncheon Club</td> <td>Rental subsidy for group</td> <td>£600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whitnash Fun Day</td> <td>Contribution to purchase microphones and stopwatches</td> <td>£290</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All funding has been allocated for 2016/17 grant scheme.</p>	Applicant name	Project	£ awarded	4 th Whitnash Guides	Subsidy towards overnight girl-guiding badge event at Offchurch	£530	Whitnash Seniors Luncheon Club	Rental subsidy for group	£600	Whitnash Fun Day	Contribution to purchase microphones and stopwatches	£290
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