

**Arden Community Forum Notes  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
At Studley Centre, Studley**

**A total of 28 people attended**

The chair, Cllr Roger Hubbocks welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Bearley Play Area, Henley Gardening, Henley Library & Garden Organic, Ryton for attending.

**Policing Update**

Presentation by PC Edward Doxey including an update on the three priorities agreed at the last Community Forum which were:

- **Speeding, Whitemoor Lane, Sambourne (30mph section)** – 10 speed checks carried out, 367 vehicles passed through the check area with a top speed recorded of 47mph - 8 motorists received Fixed Penalty Notices or road side cautions.
- **Speeding, Snitterfield Road, Bearley (40mph section)** – 425 vehicles passed through the check area with a top speed recorded of 49mph - 1 motorist received a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- **High Visibility Patrols, High Street, Henley-in-Arden and Studley, Friday & Saturday nights to tackle any violence and Anti-social Behaviour** – 38 patrols completed with

3 incidents resulting in action being taken. Studley pub watch has been reinstated

Further information is available on the website :-

[www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/an](http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/an)

**Issues put forward to be voted on. Voting can be carried out online, on paper and in person.**

- Speeding along the A4189 through Claverdon
- Patrols to identify and deal with illegal/dangerous parking outside and in the vicinity of schools on the Alcester North area
- Police enforcement of lorries pulling across footpath prior to the petrol garage on A435 after the Dog Island – causing damage to the Oak tree, footpath and risk of causing an accident
- Speeding in Station Road, Studley
- Speeding in Toms Town Lane, Studley
- Burglary Patrols in Wooton Wawen
- Speeding along the Common, Earlswood

**Policing Priorities for the next Community Forum:-**

After voting the following priorities were agreed.

23 Votes – Speeding in Station Road, Studley – 10 patrols in next 3 months

22 Votes - Patrols to identify and deal with illegal/dangerous parking outside and in the vicinity of schools on Alcester North Area – 30 patrols in next 3 months

15 Votes - Burglary patrols in Wooton Wawen – 25 patrols in next 3 months

Cllr Jim Bacon raised his concern that Policing Priorities are being directed mainly towards speeding. He is concerned that the Police and Crime Commissioner when reviewing the priorities will conclude that residents in the Forum area perceive speeding to be their major concern. Funding may then be directed towards tackling speeding rather than towards the more criminal activity areas such as burglary. Looking at the previous Policing Priorities – speeding on Whitemoor Lane, Sambourne and Snitterfield Road, Bearley the vote showed only 2% and 0.25% respectively of motorists were captured speeding.

Cllr Jim Bacon also raised his concern that parking outside schools is not a police issue and it is for Traffic Enforcement Officers to deal with infringements. It is rare to see an enforcement officer in Studley and one was seen a few weeks ago on a Sunday when there is no problem with parking. Officers need to patrol on weekdays particularly at school start and end times.

**Forum to send a letter to Stratford District Council raising this issue.**

Residents from Henley agreed this was a problem and that they are proactive by taking car registration numbers down and reporting offenders.

**Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Update – Group Commander Barnaby Briggs and Station Commander Ken Probin gave an update on incidents and response times for 2013 in Studley.**

Total of 9 Fires which is down from 19 in 2012 – these were:-

- 1 accidental dwelling fire (first in 2 years)
- 2 accidental vehicle fire
- 1 deliberate vehicle fire
- 1 commercial property fire
- 1 accidental small fire
- 3 deliberate small fires

There were also:-

- 2 false alarm malicious calls
- 2 road traffic collisions
- 3 other special services
- 3 auto fire alarms

The Fire Service also attended 11 false alarm calls which were good intent. The incidents were attended by a range of appliances which the majority came from Alcester. Some appliances also came from Henley, Stratford on Avon, Coleshill and Redditch.

A response rate of 83% was achieved against a target of 100%. Forum attendees were concerned about the Fire Service not reaching isolated farms etc within target time.

It was reported that the reduction in amount of fires is due to re-educating residents in a variety of ways eg: Home Fire Safety Checks, Leaflets, Chimney Safety, Talking to groups & School visits.

- **Question** – how do the Fire Service measure the outcome of this work?
- **Response** - Now have a computerised system capable of recording and analysing information, checking with people such as chimney sweeps to see if they have seen an increase in work and also home safety checks.

Henley are concerned that majority of residents are not aware that Fire Service carry out the Fire Safety Checks and asked how they go about getting them. The Fire Service officers agreed they would take this concern back and reinvigorate their procedures in publicising the checks.

A new target of 1 Fire engine to anywhere in county in 10 minutes in 80% of time is to be introduced. Warwickshire and Hereford/Worcestershire are looking at collaborating which may place greater reliance on Redditch Fire Station for Studley.

### **Preparing for a week of Thrift 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

#### **Jo Such from Garden Organic, Ryton**

Lizzie Price gave an overview about “ a Week of Thrift” and of how communities are getting involved. There is an event in Stratford on Avon at the Buzz Cafe on 29<sup>th</sup> March between 10am- 1pm.

Jo Such talked about benefits of growing your own and that there are grants and funds available for green spaces.

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#### **You Said, We did**

Lizzie Price updated the forum :-

Attendance of Fire appliances at fires – this was already covered in earlier presentation

Reported that the District Council webpage has now been sorted out

Ambulance not crossing bridge in Earlswood – Ambulance service has reviewed all calls and identified call in question new crew were responding and will speak and train etc

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#### **Have Your Say**

Lizzie Price went out twice on mobile library. Issues raised were a Planning issue in Astley Heath, a fallen tree in Bearley and an ambulance issue.

Issues have been addressed.

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#### **Dates and Venues 2014/2015**

**26 June 2014 in Henley – Venue Memorial Hall in Henley**

**11 September 2014 in Earlswood – Venue TBC**

**11 December 2014 in Studley – Venue TBC**

**12 March 2015 in Bearley – Venue TBC**



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