

Arden Community Forum Notes
20th September 2012
Studley Village Hall

A total of 45 people attended

The chair, Cllr Peter Oakley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Studley Village Hall for hosting the event, the Village Hall Coffee Shop ladies for serving refreshments, Studley Library for opening during the Forum and all Stand Holders who attended to provide information on the voluntary services they represent.

Local Policing update

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

- **Speeding along the Common, Earlswood** – nine speed checks were conducted using two spots at different times of the day. A top speed of 60mph recorded. 2 Fixed Penalty notices, 13 Cautions and 11 Advisory letters were issued and details retained on Speeding Register.
- **Parking in Malthouse Lane, Earlswood** – 10 patrols undertaken within area, a minimum of half an hour for each patrol. Advice issued to motorists. Other issues were raised by motorists which the Police continue to take forward.
- **Parking at junction of the Common and Umberslade road, Earlswood** – 10 Patrols undertaken. Issued Non Enforceable Fixed Penalty Notices to vehicles parking on pavement. Followed up photographs that were sent in. Poster produced and displayed in area by Police informing motorists – Don't Park on Pavements.
- **UTwitter** – you can now follow the Alcester North SNT on Twitter @SNT_AlcesterN.
- Further information and a copy of the presentation is available on the website :-
www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/an

Issues put forward and to be voted on for the next Forum meeting:

- Speeding A4189 Claverdon
- Speeding A4189 Blackford Hill, Henley
- Speeding on Station Road, Studley
- Parking junction Langley Road, Church Road
- Anti-Social Behaviour in Recreation Area, Crooks Lane, Studley

During discussion the following concerns were raised by residents:-

- Not much improvement seen in parking in Malthouse Lane, Earlswood -
Response from Cllr Perry - As road is privately owned responsibility is with owners who can put yellow lines down and display 'No Parking' Notices
- Drug abuse occurring in same area made worse due to no lighting
- Vans parking bumper to bumper in Malthouse Lane cul-de-sac which would restrict access. Concerned that someone may die if ambulance could not gain access
- Would double yellow lines that continue around junction of The Common and Umberslade Road, Earlswood have an effect regarding the parking
- School parking Church Road/Langley Road obstructs view, concerned child may be injured. *Response from Police – regularly speak to school and reminders issued in school newsletters*
- Thank you to Police for reducing anti-social behavior in Studley Recreation Ground

Priorities for the next Community Forum:-

After voting the following priorities were agreed.

- Speeding on Station Road, Studley (8 patrols)
- Speeding on Blackford Hill, Henley in Arden (8 patrols)

Anti-Social Behaviour in Recreation Area, Crooks Lane, Studley (20 patrols)

Police Authority Update –

- Bob Malloy was unable to attend his final meeting and on behalf of The Arden Community Forum Cllr Oakley thanked him for his service to the Forum over the years.
- Bob asked Cllr Oakley to pass on his thanks to Sgt Shaw and his team for their sterling work over the summer which had been particularly busy with events such as the Olympic Torch passing through and the Bulldog Bash.

Forum will be lobbying the new Police Commissioner when elected to attend next meeti

You Said We Did

The You Said We did presentation is on our website

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums

Have your say:-

- Dr Chris Clews asked for the Forum's to support the petition appeal handed into Warwickshire County Council Traffic Group regarding speed reduction measures in Sambourne.
The Forum agreed to formally support the petition.
- A Studley resident raised concerns about pavements in Studley not being user friendly for people with disability scooters. The Forum asked the resident to collate a list of the problem areas.

Targeted Youth Support – Update by Anna Stowe

Studley Centre will be retained and will continue to open 2 evenings per week and increase day time opening. Focused on one to one working & mentoring. Will be offering hot desking in the centre for Council workers to work out of normal environment.

There will be Open Days on 30th, 31st and 1st November 2012 and all are welcome.

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue – Update on Alcester Fire Station and what it means for Studley & surrounding area - Station Commander Paul Morley updated the forum as follows:-

- Studley Fire Station will be decommissioned as of 8 October 2012 and will be replaced by a full time unit based at Alcester Fire Station which has been refurbished. Most crew now at Alcester and remaining crew to be redeployed
- Alcester will be crewed 24/7
- Will be able to carry out more home fire safety checks and premises risk inspections and more training at local risks
- Cross border arrangements in place to ensure area is covered if necessary
- Standard is to reach incident within 20 minutes – Aim is 15 minutes
- Assurance given that there is enough cover to deal with all motorway incidents
- Specialist Incident Unit to be launched at Coleshill

Paul Morley expressed his appreciation about the work done by Studley Fire Fighters and Cllr Oakley on behalf of the Forum thanked the Fire Service for the work they do.

Community First Responders – what can a volunteer expect?

Sue Osborne from Henley First Responders told the Forum what is entailed in becoming a First Responder.

- Contact West Mids Ambulance Service or local Co-ordinator or VASA
- Requirement to drive, CRB check, interview
- Training as First Person on Scene which is delivered on 3 weekends (total 6 days) followed by assessment and exam on following Saturday. Undertake two shifts with an Ambulance Crew. Annual retraining
- Should not be sent to road traffic accidents, child under 8 years, public houses or chemical incidents.
- Can only administer oxygen and use a defibrillator, can diagnose and assist paramedic
- Minimum commitment of 4 hours per week
- Use own car unless unit has scheme car
- Regular meetings with other Responders in Henley

Information Sharing:

- Henley Hub at High School has been transferred to War Memorial Trust (a voluntary service) with ongoing support from the Local Authority
- Councillor Grant Fund – County Councillors have 5K each to spend as grants
- WCC has 125 recycled computers available free to community or voluntary organisations. Applications by Friday 26th October 2012
- Free Electric Blanket Testing for over 50s in Warwickshire – ring 01926 414016

Cllr Peter Oakley thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting and thanked the representatives from the Police and Fire Service and Anna Stowe (Targeted Youth Support) and Sue Osborne for giving the Forum an insight into what being a First Responder entails. Cllr Oakley emphasised the importance of continuing to support the Forum.

Arden Community Forum Website Address:-
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/henleystudleyforumcommunity

Date and Venues of Future meetings:

Thursday 6th December 2012, Henley High School

Thursday 21st March 2013, Dorothea Mitchell Hall, Claverdon