

**Arden Community Forum Notes
21st March 2013
Dorothea Mitchell Hall, Claverdon**

A total of 42 people attended

The chair, Cllr Peter Oakley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all stall holders.

Local Policing update

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

- **Burglary patrols in the Alcester North Area**– 84 additional patrols by local SNT
- **Parking at school pick up and drop off times at Henley Primary** – 12 patrols into schools to give advice. Awareness by posters & school newsletters. 4 motorists advised regarding unsafe parking
- **Speeding on Snitterfield Road, Bearley at the point of 40mph restriction**– 10 speed checks conducted at various times. Top speed recorded 57mph, 11 captures – advice and roadside cautions handed out

Further information and a copy of the presentation is available on the website :-

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 A4189 Claverdon - **124 votes**
- Speeding Earlswood Common - **1 vote**
- Vehicle Acquisitive Crime Patrols - **2 votes**
- Speeding Sambourne Lane - **22 votes**
- Anti-social behaviour patrols Henley in Arden - **30 votes**
- Regular engagement with Henley High School Student Groups - **1 vote**

Fire & Rescue Update 6 months on following closure of Studley Fire Station – Gary Phillips, Deputy Chief Fire Officer and Paul Morley, Station Commander, Alcester

In the 6 month period only 10 call outs in Studley – no fires in the period in urban area. In rural area there were 5 primary fires, 2 car fires and 3 minor fires involving property

- The average response time for these rural call outs was 12 mins 37 seconds (target time 20 mins) – will continue to drive the response time down
- Continue to monitor and happy to report back in 6 months
- Domestic appliances (white goods) cause many fires. Standard of equipment is not so good, longevity of product much reduced (average life span of fridge is 3 years. Fire service lobbying government to bring standards up
- **Don't** go out and leave washing machine, dishwasher or tumble drier on
- Boat now in service and based at Rugby which is the specialist site
- Road Traffic Collision Unit (RTC) based at Rugby and is fully crewed 24/7
- Cross border successfully working
- Fire incidents are at lowest for years with Warwickshire lowest in country
- High level of preventative awareness carried out
- Over 2 month period 244 Home Fire Safety Checks carried out in Studley – 92% targeted at vulnerable groups

- Young Firefighters – 4 transferred from Studley to Redditch
- Cllr Oakley thanked Fire Service for their excellent work and attendance at Community Forums

Priorities for the next Community Forum:-

After voting the following priorities were agreed.

- **Speeding A4189 Clavedon**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour patrols Henley in Arden**
- **Speeding Sambourne Lane**

Resident thanked local PCSO for all work he has done in Henley in Arden

Crime Prevention – How can you reduce the risk of being a victim of crime – George Stepney, Community Protection Manager

A copy of the presentation is available on the website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/henleystudleyforum

Neighbourhood

Watch – Jim Bacon, District Co-ordinator

Jim Bacon encourages Parish Councils to be involved in setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Further information and a copy of the presentation is available on the website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/henleystudleyforum

You Said We Did

- Mapping exercise on Neighbourhood Plans has taken place
- Youngsters cycling on Abbeyfields Estate, Studley
- Overhanging trees on A435 Mappleborough Green
- Difficulty with pavements in Studley for mobility scooters
- Community Library to be used to disseminate information

The You Said We did presentation is on our website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/henleystudleyforum

Empty Homes – Paul Chapman

- An empty home is a home that has been empty for 6 months or longer
- Can act as magnet for anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, vermin
- Have a detrimental impact on the community
- If we can fill empty homes it has positive impact on community
- Have reduced 900 empty homes to 500 by providing advice and guidance and in some cases can offer grants
- Home empty for 2 years or more only have to pay 5% VAT on improvements to bring home back into use
- Can take enforcement measures against owner

For further information contact paul.chapman@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Have your say & Parish Issues

- Claverdon – Highway issue with heavy traffic through village – would like to solicit support of Forum and handed in petition signed by 150+.

- Claverdon - requested update from Police & Crime Commissioner – will be recruiting ambassador for forum meetings and Police Commissioner commits to attend all forums over 2 year period
- Claverdon - update given on local service village which will be determined by draft core strategy
- Earlswood Gritting problems – Flagged up with County Highways Team
- Speeding issues in Toms Town Lane, Studley raised by resident
- Resident raised concerns re condition of pavements and bridleways in Claverdon – forum to take forward

Information Sharing:

- Government encouraging people to switch energy suppliers – on line or contact paul.chapman@stratford-dc.gov.uk
- Concessionary Bus Passes—if not received contact Warwickshire County Council
- Ask Warwickshire -
- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Grants received
- VASA update

Date and Venues of Future meetings:

Wednesday 26 June 2013 at Earlswood Village Hall

Thursday 12 September 2013 at Henley Community Library

Thursday 12 December 2013 at WoottonWawen Village Hall

Thursday 13 March 2014 at Studley Centre



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