

Neighbourhood Action Group

Crowthorne

16 July 2008

Priority

- 1 – *Speeding (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priorities 3&4)*
- 2 – *Youths (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priorities 3&4)*
- 3 – *Environmental Matters (BFBC Medium Term Objective Priority 2)*

Attendance:

NSO Steve Bottwright, PCSO Katherine Bullen, NSO Gary Campion, Paul Crawte (Youth Service), PC Heidi Edmondson, PCSO Graham Edwards, Cllr Jim Finnie (BFBC), Richard Price, Peter Sturgess (Wokingham Without Parish Council), Steve Revell (Wellington College), NSO Andy Roberts, Cllr Bob Wade (BFBC), PCSO Alastair Willcocks, Derek Williams (Chair), Mike Withers (Crowthorne Parish Council) Sgt Tim Woolford

Apologies

Jane Carpenter (Edgbarrow School), Martin Caesar (Churches Together Crowthorne), Paul Fuller (Wellington College), NSO Amanda Price, Elizabeth Ritchie (Resident), Angus Ross (Wokingham Borough Council), Sgt Graham Thorne

Dates of Future NAG

10 December, 10.30am, Crowthorne Methodist Church

Dates of Future Neighbourhood Forums

6 November 2008, 7.30pm, The Morgan Centre

Local Publications

Name:	Next publication deadline:	Contact:
Town and Country	December edition – Story ideas deadline 26 September Copy deadline 2 weeks after idea deadline	Ben Funning – Communications Officer ben.funning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
Crowthorne Eye	Deadline 16 October	Bob Wade Crowthorneeye@ail.com

1. Notes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

- It was confirmed that the NAG's constitution had been signed and a copy would be circulated to the Group for information. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

2. Updates on Priorities

Due to the number of crossover areas in the work of the various organisations, it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Priority Profiles for the Bracknell Forest and Wokingham sides of Crowthorne would be combined to give each priority a single profile that covered the whole village. **Action: Derek Williams/Amanda Price/Andy Robertson**

Speeding

Police speed enforcement activity was continuing in Crowthorne and Wokingham Without however, the number of tickets being issued was very low. The Road Traffic Policing Unit had been in operation on Dukes Ride and Waterloo Road during the week commencing 7 July 2008 and would be targeting Crowthorne and Sandhurst again on 18 July 2008.

The Vehicle Activated Signs in Dukes Ride and Nine Mile Ride appeared to have had a positive impact on vehicle core speeds and reduced speeds in the area generally.

Community Speedwatch was operational in Finchampstead. PCSO Tony Smith organised dates for the SID to be taken out and then volunteers were sought to run the operations. It was suggested that, instead of buying a second SID for use in the Bracknell Forest side of the village, use was made of the SID being used by Sandhurst volunteers. It was agreed that information would be published on Thames Valley Police's Neighbourhood web pages and the Crowthorne Eye detailing the commitment that would be required from volunteers. **Action: Steve Bottwright/Derek Williams**

It was agreed that this information would be added to the Neighbourhood Priority Profile. **Action: Derek Williams**

Youths

A number of reports had been received of youth anti-social behaviour at Bigshot Park with noise giving the most significant cause for concern. Police patrols had been going through the park and these would continue over the summer months. The possibility of deploying the mobile CCTV van into the area was also being explored. The Youth Service had been carrying out detached work in the park and would be willing to work with the police to develop a co-ordinated approach to the problem.

The youths congregating at the Morgan Centre appeared to have moved on to Chaucers Wood where the use of motorcycles was a particular concern.

It was stressed that congregation areas would vary according to a variety of reasons including the make up of the group, the weather and the time of year and that any incidents needed to be reported to the Police's non emergency 0845 number when they were occurring.

It was agreed that joint Neighbourhood Priority Profile would be set up and that a joint response would be developed that covered all the areas of concern. **Action: Derek Williams/Amanda Price/Andy Robertson**

Bookings were being received for the Summer Activity Scheme organised by PSCO Ivan Houska-Mitchell's and activities were scheduled to start during the week commencing 21 July. Details of the activities on offer were available on the Crowthorne Hope 08 web site (www.crowthorne.hope08.com).

Environmental Matters

Littering was not considered to be a significant problem in the area and where it did occur it tended to be related to known areas for anti-social behaviour. It was reported that Wokingham Without Parish Council were considering employing a litter picker and regular litter picks did take place in Crowthorne.

It was agreed that Environmental Matters would be closed as a priority for the area and that all the priority areas would be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. CCTV Update

The installation of CCTV in the High Street had been discussed as a possibility three years ago but had not be pursued at the time and views were sought on whether the matter should be taken up again.

It was generally felt that people became inured to cameras and unless incidents caught on camera were reacted to immediately they were of little value and would not be cost effective or appropriate for Crowthorne High Street. However there had been a number of successes with the mobile CCTV unit and this would continue to be used in the area

4. Neighbourhood Consultation

It was reported that the October edition of Town and Country, the Borough Council's newsletter, would contain details of the work carried out by NAGs across the Borough as well as a form asking for people to identify their main concerns so that each NAGs' priorities could be refreshed.

It was agreed that an article would be included in the Crowthorne Eye. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

5. Neighbourhood Forum

The Neighbourhood Forum would take place on 6 November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Morgan Centre. Posters advertising the forum would be available in September and the date would be published in Town and Country. It was agreed that the forum would also be advertised in the Crowthorne Eye. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

It was agreed that representatives from both the Highways and Youth Services sections of the Bracknell Council would be sought to answer questions about the area. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

Angus Ross would be asked to nominate appropriate officers from Wokingham Council to attend the forum. **Action: Derek Williams**

6. Any Other Business

NAG Contact List

It was agreed that NAG members' contact details would be collated and the contact list circulated to the Group. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

Greenwood Road Parking

Complaints had been received about the difficult that was being experienced when trying to park at the Tesco on Greenwood Road particularly on those occasions when vehicles were parked on either side of the road. The Police had been informed that the parking had been implemented following consultation with residents and it was agreed that Wokingham Council would be asked to investigate the situation. **Action: Derek Williams**

Fear of Crime Survey

The results of the Fear of Crime Survey were available from Derek Williams on request.

Neighbourhood Watch

More volunteers were required to act as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and it was requested that details of any potential volunteers be passed to Derek Williams. **Action: All**

Have Your say Consultation Event

There had been a low attendance at Thames Valley Police's recent Have Your Say consultation event and it was thought that this had been caused by the lack of publicity about the event.