

Neighbourhood Action Group

Crowthorne

13 February 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:

Rvd martin Caesar (Churches Together Crowthorne),
PCSO Graham Edwards, PCSO Ivana Houska-Mitchell,
Cllr Angus Ross (Wokingham Borough Council),
Sgt Graham Thone, Cllr Bob Wade

Apologies

Steve Bottwright (Neighbourhood Officer), Tom Thomas (Wokingham Without Beat Officer), Graham Ritchie

Dates of Future NAG

To be confirmed

Dates of Future Neighbourhood Forums

To be confirmed

Local Publications

Name:	Next publication deadline:	Contact:
Town and Country	July edition – Story ideas deadline 25 th April October edition – Story ideas deadline 18 th July 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	Deadlines 15 April, 15 July, 16 October	Bob Wade Bob.wade@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

1. Feedback from NAG Chairs' Meeting

The meeting of the NAG Chairs held on 17 January 2008 had focused on the main issues surrounding speeding and parking in the Borough and had detailed the various approaches that could be taken to tackle these areas of concern. Each chairman had been asked to provide details of the main concerns in their neighbourhood and these would be mapped against a range of potential solutions by the Borough Council's Highways Section and would be looked at during future Chairs' meetings. It had been stressed that evidence would be required before any actions could be considered and that the NAGs would be a link in this process. In addition ideas about how a problem might be tackled would be welcomed. Briefing notes had been prepared by the Council's Highways Section with input from the Police for both speeding and parking and these would be circulated to the NAG. **Action: Katharine Simpson**

It was suggested that a member of the Youth Service be invited to a future NAG Chairs meeting to discuss their work and how they can help the NAG process.

2. Update on Priorities

Speeding

The Police had completed their speed gun reauthorisation training and would be carrying out regular speed enforcement activities in the coming months.

Problems with the insurance of Wokingham Community SpeedWatch volunteers had now been resolved however volunteers would need to be accompanied by a member of Thames Valley Police. This proviso did not apply to those volunteers registered for community speedwatch through Bracknell Forest Borough Council's Take Pride Scheme. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a Speed Indication Device to use exclusively in Crowthorne and the Parish Council would be approached about the possibility of purchasing one. **Action: Bob Wade**

A significant proportion of vehicles caught speeding were local and it was felt that focusing activities on the community in order to raise awareness of the problems would be a useful way forward and an article would be included in the Crowthorne Eye.

Action: Ivana Houska-Mitchell

Youths

There were now two film nights running, one for children in years 5 and 6 at the Methodist Church and the second for children in years 7 to 9 at the Baptist Church. The average attendance of the film nights was 24 and 15 respectively and there was a wide spread of children attending and it was hoped that an additional night could be added during the summer holiday period.

Churches Together were still investigating the possibility of providing refreshment facilities for young people and would be discussing potential ways forward with the organisation Just Around the Corner who run similar schemes elsewhere. The Social Club at the Morgan Recreation Centre were looking to expand their facilities; it was suggested that this might be a good venue to use and the information would be passed to Sue Kirby who was organising the service. **Action: Martin Caesar**

Plans for a summer scheme were well advanced. A number of organisations had been approached over the possibility of providing funding or assistance including the Crowthorne Community Foundation, Crowthorne Business Association and Wellington College. The Crowthorne Eye had a fund that was available for charitable purposes and a letter would be required to apply for money. **Action: Ivana Houska-Mitchell**

A number of activities had already been planned including BBQs, five a side football, rounders, music workshops, kayaking, bowling discounts and quad biking. It was also hoped that moped training, Street Arts, a residential trip and arts and craft sessions would be available. Wokingham Borough Council's Cultural Services would be running activities in the area and it was agreed that they would be contacted to ensure that there were no overlaps. The Carnival Committee and the Berkshire Costume Service would also be approached for assistance

Edgbarrow School had been approached about publicising the scheme to its students. It was agreed that a pull out information section and application form would be included in the Crowthorne Eye and that completed forms could be returned to the Parish Council Offices.

Action: Ivana Houska-Mitchell/Bob Wade

Wokingham Borough Council's Youth Service had provided a significant amount of support to the scheme however Bracknell Forest Borough Council had been less forthcoming and this would be taken up with the Youth Service. **Action: Bob Wade**

Environmental Matters

Crowthorne Cares, a scheme to tackle the problem of litter and improve Crowthorne's environment had been set up by Crowthorne Parish Council and an update of the scheme's activities would be given at the next meeting. **Action: Bob Wade/Jim Finnie**

It had been found that the recycling bins in the Lidl car park were being used by other businesses to dispose of their waste packaging.

3. Any Other Business

Representation at NAGs

Concern was expressed at the lack of representation from Crowthorne Parish Council at the meeting.