

SPEED LIMITS AND PARKING IN THE PARISH

Recently the Parish Council has been asked, as a Consultee, to approve two new road restrictions within the Parish and both seem likely to go ahead although no time span has been identified as yet.

The first is a 50mph speed restriction on the A48 from close to the exit from the Tesco supermarket traffic lights in Chepstow going towards Gloucester and finishing half a mile past the B4228 turning to Tutshill. This is combined with a 30mph restriction on the Gloucester Road from the A48 into Tutshill. The Parish Council has supported this move and indeed suggested that the speed restriction of 50mph on the A48 be continued to past the National Dive Centre and perhaps even be lower than 50mph.

The second involves parking restrictions around the cross roads and double mini-roundabout between St John's School and Cross Keys Court. Again the Parish Council supported the proposal as this junction is both busy and dangerous particularly at rush hour.

LYDNEY DIAL-A-RIDE - Also operating in Tidenham

Lydney Dial-A-Ride is a friendly door-to-door community transport service. We operate a fleet of fully accessible minibuses capable of carrying wheelchair passengers and other seated passengers, and a volunteer car based service.

The Dial-A-Ride service aims to provide transport for the following groups:

- People without their own transport who:
- Are elderly and/or frail
- Any age and have a disability (permanent or temporary)
- Need to use a wheelchair
- Able bodied people with no access to public transport and do not have frequent/convenient access to a car .

A £3 annual registration fee allows unlimited use, and journeys are fare-based (minimum fare is £3.60). We are a non-profit organization and all fees and fares go towards supporting the service.

All of our drivers are trained using the Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme and all undertake enhanced CRB check, ensuring that we can offer excellent service and safety to our passengers at all times.

In addition to this we also operate a volunteer car service for those villages that are not regularly serviced by the minibus fleet, these volunteers use their own cars to collect people from their homes for medical appointments within Gloucestershire and outside the County, this is charged at 43p for every mile that the volunteer travels and is an excellent example of how volunteers can make a real difference in peoples lives. If you would like to use this service or become a volunteer driver please do not hesitate to contact us on the numbers below.

To book a seat telephone 01594 843809/844558 between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, please book your journey at least 24 hours in advance.



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USEFUL NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCIES: 999

Police (All non-urgent calls)
0845 090 1234

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

Bogus Callers Helpline: 0800 100 0777

Doctors Surgery - Beachley Road
01291 626041

Doctors Surgery - Coleford Road
01291 637910

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

Sedbury Pharmacy: 01291 622532

Sedbury Post Office: 01291 629300

Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall
01291 624055

Tidenham War Memorial Hall
01291 624663

Chase School Room: 01291 689775

Rev Royston Grosvenor: 01291 622442

Pastor Chris Rees
Stroat Evangelical Church: 01594 529209

Chepstow Citizens Advice Bureau
01291 623437

SAMARITANS: 08457 909090

Gloucestershire County Council
Main Switchboard: 01452 425000

Streetlights (freephone) 08000 514514

Trading Standards Helpline
01452 426200

Education Helpline: 01452 425300

Environment Helpline: 01452 425500

Libraries Helpline: 01452 305420

Adult Helpdesk: 01452 426868

Children & Families Helpdesk
01452 426565

Forest of Dean District Council
Main Switchboard: 01594 810000

Bulky Items Collection: 01594 812444

Abandoned Vehicles: 01594 812264

Council Tax Helpline: 01594 812532

Dog Warden: 01594 812447

Noise & Pollution: 01594 812442

UTILITIES

Western Power Distribution
EMERGENCY: 0800 052 0400
GENERAL: 0845 6013341

GAS Tranco
EMERGENCY: 0800 11999

Water - Dwr Cymru
EMERGENCY: 0800 0520130

SEWERS & DRAINS EMERGENCY
0800 085 3968



TIDENHAM NEWS

The Councillors and Clerk wish all parishioners a prosperous New Year



THE PARISH NEWSPAPER FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

WINTER 2009

SEDBURY & BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 28 NOVEMBER 2009

The Sedbury & Beachley Village hall committee would like to thank all those who kindly donated gifts for the Christmas Bazaar raffle, and special thanks for all those who braved the cold to attend the function.

The function was jointly run by both Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall and the Tidenham War Memorial Hall Committees. There were many stalls, selling all manner of items raising money to help support the running costs of the Village Hall. The variety of stalls consisted of: Jewellery - Body Shop - Cards for all occasions - Calendars with local views - Tombola - Christmas decorations - £ Pound stall - Home made Cakes - Books - Teas and Coffees plus mince pies - Guess the weight of the Christmas cake - Guess the name of Santa - Guess the name of the Doll - Guess the name of the Teddy.

The final attraction was the raffle, where 60 donated prizes were drawn. There were gifts of all types; including a brace of oven ready pheasants. The old favourites that come in handy for Christmas, chocolates, seasonal biscuits, bottles of wine, cakes, books, perfumes, and toiletries and a host of others.

A big thank you to all those who attended, especially the children who came and helped run some of the stalls and to made the Bazaar a success. We hope to see you all again at our next fund raising function.

Finally, thanks to all those who purchased raffle tickets. A list of all the raffle prizes and those who were successful will be displayed in Sheila's. The prizes will also be available at Sheila's for those who won, but were not present at the raffle.

John Powell
Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall



Photos with permission

PLAY AREAS IN THE PARISH

Is there a play area close to your home or do and your family use any of the play areas in the Parish? These play areas are located at Woodcroft, Tidenham Recreation Ground, the junction of Buttington Road and Wyebank Road and at Danes Hill. There is also the Football Field and Skate Park on Buttington Road and the field behind the Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall. If the Parish wished to improve or upgrade any of these areas what would you like to see done? If the Parish Council is spending money in these areas it is essential that it is spent on what the Parishioners want – so Please Please tell the Clerk what you would like to see in your play area.

TIDENHAM WAR MEMORIAL HALL & RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Charity No. 301640

UPDATE: SHIRLEY'S GROVE (THE DOG FIELD)

Shirley's Grove is provided for the use and enjoyment of dog walkers in the area as dogs have not been permitted on the recreation ground for some time. This ban was put in place on both hygiene and safety reasons due to the leisure activities that take place there and the wishes of the users and local residents.

Following some recent routine maintenance work in Shirley's Grove several members of the public have asked why this was carried out at this time of year and had queries covering the general running of the area under the responsibility of the Trust. Below is an explanation of the rationale behind the work and is based on information given out to some users.

The hedge work carried out on the 17/11/09 was organised by the Trust several weeks prior to this date as we have to fit into the hedge cutters schedule as to when he is in the area. We are limited at what time in the year we can cut the hedge and did not have any options for delaying the work. It was unfortunate that there had been such heavy rain however the work was restricted to the areas bordering Mopla Road and not the whole site. Yes the Trust agrees that the area by the main gate and where the tractor turned was cut up but this wasn't severe and easily negotiable. As the main gate is only one of the access points to the Grove, when the ground dries out (subject to the rain stopping) this won't be a problem. It is fantastic that the Grove is being well used, however in this type wet weather at this time of year maybe users could also think about their use to prevent damage to the footways as there aren't any hard walking surfaces unlike other locations in the area.

The Trust has also been asked about the grass cutting policy and tree work in the Grove - The grass cutting is carried out to the wishes of the majority of users who do not want to walk in a bowling green environment but a wild field. We have recently started to widen the splays at the junctions where the grass is cut as they were getting smaller than intended, but there are no plans to totally mow all the grass as this caused many complaints in the past. Wide expanses of grass also created problems with campers and the associated waste causing injuries to dogs after late night parties (both of which and the use of motorbikes are not permitted in the Grove or any Trust land and will not be tolerated with the police being aware of these problems).

When the trees were planted by the original Trust no account seems to have been taken of what would happen when they grew. Therefore it has become necessary to remove and prune some and in the future there will need for some thinning out and cropping both to ensure the remaining trees are healthy but also for the safety of users. Lower branches were removed previously to address the various problems of users feeling uncomfortable by persons being able to remain hidden in the wooded areas. They are being disposed of as and when a chipper is on site for the further tree work as this item has to be hired. The area is planned to remain a wildlife area, with wild and natural flowers, not a park like the recreation ground, so therefore will not look or be maintained like one.

Whilst some £7,000 was passed over with the land, this money has been almost exhausted on work exclusively within Shirley's Grove and the Trust is now self funded and relies on the income from renting out the hall, the recreation ground to groups, grants and fund raising. Whilst it tries to complete all work in a timely and speedy fashion it cannot cover all the maintenance requirements for the land and hall all at the same time, and also then try to achieve the long term aspirations of the Trust so they have to be staggered. Unfortunately we don't own all the equipment we need to use as it is impractical to invest in say a hedge cutter for the one day a year of our choosing but uses then contractors, volunteers and users groups to help to maintain its property and land.

We listen to our users and Trust members are always in the locality noting problems and trying to ensure the smooth running of its' various responsibilities. One recent suggestion has been that we install some signs informing users how the Grove came about and we are acting on this in the near future and are getting them made. The Trust is proud of the service it provides in the community, unfortunately not all users are, and we have constant problems with dog waste, litter, fires, underage drinking and camping, but the feedback we get is normally positive, however we realise we will not please everyone.

We hope this addresses user comments and concerns. If you require any further information please contact the Trust directly on Tel 07530 194757.

Tidenham War Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground Committee

Andy Hossack, Gina Kitto, Lisa Lovering, Gerald Blunt, Bernard Bowshall, Sheila Bynon, Debra Hockin, Sue Hutchings, John Kitto, Vicky Patterson, Brain Starr.

TIDENHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Tidenham have run a football team since the fifties and for the first time in our history finally gained promotion to the Northern Senior league in 2007. We currently run 3 teams in various leagues, with the 1st X1 in the 2nd division of the Northern Senior league, and both the 2nd X1 in division 3 and the 3rd X1 in division 4 of the North Gloucestershire league.

As you can imagine this requires a lot of players and we are always looking to increase our squads with keen and committed players of differing abilities. So if you are 16 years and over and would like to play competitive football on a Sunday then please ring Brian on 01291 621196.

The 1st X1 play at Bathurst Park Lydney at present with the 2nd and 3rd X1s playing at the recreation ground Tutshill.

Like all clubs we rely on sponsorship and would like to thank our main sponsor Policy Check, Absolute Canopy Care and the Mugal Spice. After games we meet in The Live and Let Live for a social drink with visiting teams and supporters so thanks are needed to Mo and gang for the hospitality and continuing support.

Gloucestershire
HOMESEEKER

Property Newsletter

Gloucestershire Homeseeker is a partnership of all six local authorities and the majority of housing associations in the county. It is a Choice Based Lettings scheme that gives you more control over where and when you move. With one online application you can apply for social rented homes in any district of Gloucestershire.

If you have already registered with Gloucestershire Homeseeker, you can bid on any of the properties you are eligible for in this newsletter (remember to make a note of the property Ref No).

You may place up to 3 bids per week.

There are 3 different ways to place your bid:

On the website: www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk

By text message to: 07786 202513 (please see the website for instructions on how to bid by text)

By telephone on: 0845 230 1892

To register with Gloucestershire Homeseeker, please go to: www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk

If you have any queries, please contact your local Council's Housing Advice Team



Mutual Exchange

If you are already living in social rented accommodation and want to swap your home with someone in another area please go to:

www.homeswapper.co.uk

Low cost home ownership

If you would like to buy your own home but can't quite afford to, find out about the different schemes that could help make this possible at:

www.southwesthomes.org.uk

TUTSHILL W.I.

Knit and a Natter makes a blanket

Tutshill WI opened their doors to anyone who could knit or wanted to learn to knit.

More than 23 residents of the local area came along together with their children to take part in the planned event called "Stitch and Bitch". Whilst everyone had a good old chin wag over a cuppa or two, participants knitted squares. The squares collected on the day and for a few weeks after were sewn together by Ann Jones and will be donated to Oxfam for use in one of the third world countries. Local resident and WI member Lisa Lovering said "it was so great to see so many people of varying ages coming together for this event, it is not often we have time to sit and chat whilst doing something so worthwhile. The WI hope to stage this event again next year.

Tutshill WI take to the Catwalk

Tutshill WI partnered up with Chepstow Marketing group to put on an event for the retailers in and around Chepstow to show off what they have to offer.

Six local fashion retailers took part in the fashion show. WI members, Isla Arendell, Lorraine Owen and Doreen Connor braved the catwalk to promote Herbert Lewis clothes whilst other members ran around behind the scenes helping to make it a huge success.

Over 300 people attended the event and 42 businesses either took part on the night or prepared vouchers for the "goody bags" given away with each ticket purchased.

WI member Jacqui Eisenhofen said "many people just don't realise what a wealth of businesses we have on our doorstep. We are hoping this event will encourage local people to shop local". It will may be that this type of event will be repeated again next year so keep your eyes open for the adverts.

For more information about Tutshill WI visit the web site: www.tutshillwi.org.uk



TUTSHILL COMMUNITY PRE SCHOOL

We at Tutshill Community Pre School, based at the War Memorial Hall in Tutshill, aim to provide a happy relaxed and caring environment for your child. We have qualified staff and well resourced facilities. All our resources are carefully selected for the purpose of stimulating the children in specific areas of development. We have a secure outdoor play area and a dedicated PC that the children can use to develop their computer skills. Play and activities include: Water, Paint, Construction, Singing, Music, Reading, Outdoor Play and much much more.

We take children from 2years 9months through to school age. Initially children are offered 2 afternoons a week, Monday and Thursday and this is then increased as they get older. Our session times are:

Mondays: 9am - 12noon, 9am - 3.30pm and 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Tuesdays: 12noon - 3pm
Wednesdays: 9am - 12noon or 9am - 1pm
Thursdays: 9am - 12noon, 9am - 3.30pm and 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Fridays: 9am - 12noon or 9am - 1pm

Everyone who attends Tutshill Community Pre School is treated as an individual and is given the same level of respect and understanding.

WE HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE.

Please call Debra Hockin FdA(Playleader) on 01291 629134 or email her on tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net for any further information.

Nursery Grants accepted Registered Charity No: 1053927 Ofsted Inspected

SEDBURY IN THE AUTUMN



*Remember the lovely Sunshine of Autumn?
Councillor Sheila Bollen has been organising Coffee Morning Sales in aid of the Macmillan Charity at her shop in Sedbury for some years and this autumn raised in excess of £500*

CHEPSTOW CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU From District & Parish Councillor Roy Burch

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Chepstow has given sterling service to many people in our parish over many years. As a Charity they have received annual grants from the Parish Council and the Forest of Dean District Council.

However their funding over the last few years has been reducing overall, although Tidenham Parish this year increased their support to £1000.

In 2008 The Forest of Dean District Council had reduced support by £1000, to £2000, and in 2009 they decided not to give a grant at all. I put a resolution to the FoDDC in July: " that the FoDDC should reinstate the full grant, plus the £1000 from last year". The matter was debated, and amended, and by a vote of 29 to 11, it was decided that the CAB would receive £2000 for this year only.

I was then approached by 2 Cabinet Members and asked to withdraw my motion, I refused, and after consideration by a task group, it supported my resolution. I believe it has only just been paid.

I agree that public spending has to be rigorously controlled, and cases have to be proved, but I believe that the CAB is essential for very many of our community.

Roy Birch

GOVERNOR NEEDED FOR WYDEAN

Councillors were asked recently if one of them would be prepared to act as a Governor at Wydean School.

Regrettably none of your Councillors, due to work, family and/or Council commitments felt able to accept this appointment. If any parishioner felt able to undertake the role please contact the Clerk and they will be put in touch with the relevant person within the School.

TIDENHAM HISTORY GROUP & CHEPSTOW SOCIETY

Tidenham History Group and Chepstow Society are undertaking research into the men from this area who died in World War One. Tidenham has four boards with names: the memorial hall board, one roll of honour in the parish church and two in St Luke's including a roll including men who served, but did come home. Our area seemed to pay a high price as I have already found eighty seven men who have links to Chepstow and/or Tidenham who are not on any of those memorial boards. Almost forty men who died are on the Tidenham rolls and nearly ninety on the Chepstow memorial. On September 29th 1914, just seven weeks after the declaration of war the Chepstow Weekly Advertiser published a list of 220 men (many just boys) who had already left, at least twenty of them never came back.

My own grandfather Gordon James Edwards is one of those remembered on Chepstow War Memorial. He was an Australian trooper wounded at Gallipoli eventually arriving at Gwy House Red Cross Convalescent Hospital (now Chepstow Museum) where he met my grandmother Emily May James. After their marriage he went to France, then Egypt and finally Palestine where he died two weeks after the Armistice from pneumonia.

There are some men who are difficult to trace either because their deaths are not recorded on the Commonwealth War Graves website or they have a name similar to another. On the Tidenham roll is a John King however there were two John Kings born in Tidenham in the 1890s so which one is on the war memorial? Unfortunately non of the Tidenham rolls include the regiment in which the men served.

On the Tidenham board are two sets of brothers and a father and son. James Vickery is buried in St Luke's Churchyard Tutshill having been a member of the Royal Defence Corps whilst his son George is buried in Vlamertinghe a few miles from Ieper (Ypres) in Belgium. The Howell brothers Leonard and William lived at Rose Cottage at the bottom of Bunker's Hill (Sedbury), William is buried in France whilst Leonard's grave is in Swindon. The Reeks brothers Frank and Jesse lived at Day House in 1911 and Frank is also buried in Vlamertinghe whilst Jesse is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial also near Ieper. Several sets of brothers also appear in Chepstow including Harry and Wilfred Curtis who previously lived at Claremont on Gloucester Road, Wilfred emigrated to Australia a year before the out- break of war and joined the Australian Infantry, his brother Harry joined the Field Ambulance Corps, Wilfred died in 1917 and Harry a year later.

More than twenty local men in the 1st Monmouthshire Regiment died on or around 8th May 1915 at the 2nd Battle of Ypres including Captain Harold Thorne Edwards of Tutshill Lodge. He uttered the words "Surrender be damned" as he and his men tried in vain to beat off the enemy a scene that was later immortalised in a painting by Fred Roe now in Newport Museum, his grave is in New Irish Farm Cemetery. Most of the others are remembered on the Menin Gate where each evening at 8.00 p.m. the Last Post is played on the bugle by members of the local Volunteer Fire Brigade, a very moving ceremony usually drawing a large crowd and in September 2008 included Harry Patch the last WW1 veteran in the U.K. who died in July this year.

Using the various census returns up until 1911 we already have quite a lot of information on some of the men so if your ancestor was a WW1 casualty we may be able to give you some information on your family history.

We would like to borrow photographs or mementoes of any of the men to copy or photograph and hear any family memories so that we can build a real picture of those who died. If you can help us please contact us at: info@tidenhamhistory.co.uk phone Liz on 01291 621694.



Trooper Gordon Edwards, 7th/12th Australian Lighthorse, who is remembered on Chepstow War Memorial. His widow lived in Bridge Street, Chepstow, and then three Salmons House, Beachley in the early 1930's



The grave of George Vickery at Vlamertinghe, near Ieper

Adult Community Learning @ Wyedean School - Spring 2010

Art + Crafts

Jewellery making with beads, wire & chain maille (Beginners)

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 x 5 wks - £26 (CF £16)

Jewellery making with beads, wire & chain maille (Continuation)

Weds 24 Feb 7-9 x 5 wks - £26 (CF £16)

Painting & Drawing for Pleasure

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 x 10 wks - £50 (CF £30)

Silver Jewellery (Continuation)

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 10 wks - £50 (CF £30)

Watercolour & Acrylic Painting

Tues 12 Jan 10-12 x 10 wks - £50 (CF £30)

Woolaston Memorial Hall

Computing + Digital Photography

Computing First Steps

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 x 9 wks >

Computers - Moving On**

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 9 wks >

Computers for the Older Beginner

(For the mature or younger novice)

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 9 wks >

eBay for beginners**

Weds 13 Jan 5-7 x 4 wks >

Exploring the Internet & Using Email

(Intro)**

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 x 8 wks >

Digital Image Editing Techniques with Photoshop**

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 6 wks - £30 (CF £18)

Digital Photography & Photography (Intro)

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 x 5 wks - £26 (CF £16)

Advanced Digital Image Editing & Artwork**

Tues 2 March 7-9 x 3 wks - £15 (CF £10)

Preparing to take the ECDL (Level 1)**

Weds 13 Jan 5.45-7.15 x 8 wks >

Preparing to take the ECDL (Part 2)**

Weds 13 Jan 7.30-9 x 8 wks

£38 (plus cost of ECDL registration + test)

Web Page Design (Intro)**

Weds 24 Feb 7-9 x 4 wks >

Dance

Ballroom and Latin American Dancing

Tues 12 Jan 7-8.30 x 9 wks - £35 (CF £23)

Leisure Centre, adj Wyedean School

Latin in a Line

Tues 12 Jan 10.30-12 x 9 wks - £35 (CF £23)

Sedbury Village Hall, King Alfred Rd

Belly Dancing

Tues 12 Jan 7-8.30 x 8 wks - £35

Basic First Aid

Tues 26 Jan 5.30-8.30 - £24

Basic Food Hygiene

Weds 27 Jan 7-8.30 - £15

Appointed Persons First Aid

Sat 27 Feb 9.30-5 - £50

Woolaston Memorial Hall

Health + Fitness

Alexander Technique for poise & health

Tues 12 Jan 7-8.30pm x 8 wks - £32 (CF £20)

Chi Gong for Health & Vitality

Weds 20 Jan 1-2.30 x 7 wks >

Woolaston Memorial Hall

Golf Coaching (Beginners)

at St Pierre Golf Academy, Chepstow

Tues 12 Jan 7-8 x 6 wks - £43

Golf Coaching (Intermediate)

at St Pierre Golf Academy, Chepstow

Tues 12 Jan 6-7 x 6 wks - £43

Kick Boxing for Fitness (Beginners)

Weds 13 Jan 6.30-7.30 x 9 wks - £25 (CF £15)

Meditation

Weds 13 Jan 7-8.30 x 8 wks - £32 (CF £20)

Pilates for All

Weds 13 Jan 6.30-7.30 x 10 wks - £28

***Tai Chi**

Weds 13 Jan 7.30-8.30 **Free Taster**

Weds 20 Jan 7.30-8.30 x 8 wks £23 (CF £15)

Yoga to Energise & Restore

Tues 12 Jan 6.15-7.45 x 6 wks - £28

Yoga for Everyone

Weds 13 Jan 7.30-9pm x 10 wks - £40 (CF £26)

Holistic + Personal Development

Life Coaching - achieve fulfilment & happiness

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 x 6 wks >

Psychology for the Curious

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 6 wks >

Reiki (Level 2)

Tues 12 Jan 4.30-6.30 x 10 wks - £50 (CF £30)

Seichim Reiki

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 10 wks >

Languages

Fun French (Term 2)

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 8 wks - £40 (CF £26)

***Japanese language & culture (intro)**

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 **Free Taster**

Weds 20 Jan 7-9 x 4 wks - £20 (CF £13)

Spanish for Fun (Beginners)

Tues 12 Jan 7-9 x 9 wks - £45 (CF £27)

Spanish for Fun - Next Steps

Weds 13 Jan 7-9 x 9 wks - £45 (CF £27)

Keeping Chickens in your back garden

Weds 24 Feb 5-7 x 3 wks - £15

Moneywise: make the most of your money

Tues 23 Feb 6-8 x 4 wks >

For more info or a free brochure

please phone 01291 625340

Or download a brochure on

www.wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk

(link to Adult Learning)

** Basic computing skills required.

> Free course - conditions may apply

Note: all classes are held at Wyedean School, unless otherwise stated.

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Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meetings

Gloucestershire Constabulary is committed to maintaining the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing to the communities of Gloucestershire. Neighbourhood Policing forms an integral part of what is increasingly being called Neighbourhood Management, recognising that issues and problems within the neighbourhoods require that all the public services to work together to find solutions that are both effective and sustainable.

One part of this process is the Neighbourhood Panels which are now known as Neighbourhood Coordination Groups (NCG). The Neighbourhood Coordination Group is a multi-agency group, meetings are not police led. The meetings form part of neighbourhood management and therefore involve all partners and members of the community.

The chair of the meeting is not a member of the police but a member of a partner agency or community member of the group.

At the meetings communities are represented by local people who live or work within the community.

The group, ideally, should also include young people, street wardens, community support officers, police officers, school or college representatives, housing associations, members from the local authority, transport representatives, health authority, youth groups, parish councillors, county council area lead officer, anyone who has an interest in what is happening in their community.

Before the meetings the police hold community engagement events to obtain views from as many community members as possible so that these can then be taken to the meeting. These take the form of street surveys, local surgeries, incident reporting, parish council meetings, public meetings etc.

Dates and times of the meeting are clearly advertised in the local community, this is normally done by placing posters in local shops and via our web site www.gloucestershirepolice.co.uk. The meetings are held once every three months.

At the meetings community priorities are discussed. The priorities which were identified previously are either extended or closed. The police do not necessarily take the lead on these priorities, if a priority was dog fouling then the lead agency would be the local council /street wardens.

At the meeting, once all community priorities have been discussed, members of the panel vote on the top three priorities, these are then monitored by use of a SARA Plan, Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment (explained below).

I would encourage members of the community who would like to attend the next neighbourhood coordination group to contact either PC Rob Dix or myself on 0845 090 1234 or www.gloucestershire.police.uk

The SARA Model

A commonly used problem-solving method is the SARA model (Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment). The SARA model contains the following elements:

Scanning:

Identifying recurring problems of concern to the public and the police.

Identifying the consequences of the problem for the community and the police.

Prioritizing those problems.

Developing broad goals.

Confirming that the problems exist.

Determining how frequently the problem occurs and how long it has been taking place.

Selecting problems for closer examination.

Analysis:

Identifying and understanding the events and conditions that precede and accompany the problem.

Identifying relevant data to be collected.

Researching what is known about the problem type.

Taking inventory of how the problem is currently addressed and the strengths and limitations of the current response.

Narrowing the scope of the problem as specifically as possible.

Identifying a variety of resources that may be of assistance in developing a deeper understanding of the problem.

Developing a working hypothesis about why the problem is occurring.

Response:

Brainstorming for new interventions.

Searching for what other communities with similar problems have done.

Choosing among the alternative interventions.

Outlining a response plan and identifying responsible parties.

Stating the specific objectives for the response plan.

Carrying out the planned activities.

Assessment:

Determining whether the plan was implemented (a process evaluation).

Collecting pre- and post-response qualitative and quantitative data.

Determining whether broad goals and specific objectives were attained.

Identifying any new strategies needed to augment the original plan.

Conducting ongoing assessment to ensure continued effectiveness.

I would encourage members of the community who would like to attend the next neighbourhood coordination group to contact either PC Rob Dix or myself on 0845 090 1234.

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