

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board January 2022

Overview

The Community Safety Forum was set up during the height of the Covid-19 Lockdown to bring together appointed representatives of the Towns and Parishes and the Area Board Members with the local Wiltshire Police Inspector and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager (Swindon West & North East Wiltshire – Westlea, RWB & Cricklade).

The group meets virtually monthly.

Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker.

Notes of the meetings are sent to those present to be shared as they wish within their own parishes/organisations.

Recent Meetings

October 2021

Key Topic	Brett Warren – Senior Environmental Health Officer (North), Wiltshire Council Environmental Control and Protection Team Brett explained the function of the Environmental Control and Protection Team, and explained the many and varied areas that they investigate and control, particularly focussing for the purpose of this meeting on noise nuisance, which relates to premises not people. The sale and use of fireworks is controlled by law and is enforced by police and trading standards. Fireworks can be used legally up until 11pm on any day of the year, with extension till midnight on Nov 5 th and till 1am on New Years Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali. There is no specific licensing of events involving fireworks by Wiltshire Council but all large events would require an Event Management Plan. A license is required to sell fireworks.
Police update	
DWFRS	
Parish/Town issues	Speeding.

November 2021

Key Topic	Jane Deeley, Road Safety Manager (Education), Wiltshire and Wiltshire and Swindon Community Safety Partnership
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	<p>Road Traffic Collisions currently biggest killer of children across the world, focus is on reducing RTCs. Lockdown saw and increase in high speed road crime. Currently around 25-30 deaths per annum in Wiltshire.</p> <p>FATAL 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate Speed • Drink/drug driving (including cannabis and prescription meds) • Using Mobile Phone • Not wearing seatbelts <p>Now looking at Safe System Approach and Vision Zero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are all human and we all make a mistake at some point. Human beings are vulnerable and there are physical limits to what our bodies can stand. Everyone shares responsibility for reducing danger on the roads and all parts of the system must work together. • Mistakes should not lead to a collision • If a collision does occur then it should be controlled so death or serious injury does not occur <p>Five Pillars of Safe System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Vehicles • Safe Speeds • Safe Road and Roadsides • Safe Road Use • Post Crash Care <p>Vision Zero is that nobody is killed or seriously injured.</p>
Police update	<p>Police have been involved with Remembrance Parades, Security and laying wreaths Mo informed that police have been involved with speed checks in Lyneham and Cricklade along with response teams, also school patrol. ASB with Halloween and bonfire night with some young people “going rogue”.</p>
DWFRS	<p>Dean Hoskins introduced himself. No real issues with deliberate setting of fires. Concerns still about road safety Will be doing a Christmas Fire Safety campaign. Diwali this year coincided almost with Bonfire night so more fireworks than usual. Area Board offered to help DWFRS with local publications/communications via the area board comms network</p>
Parish/Town issues	<p>Problems across the board with speeding Concerns raised about the logging of calls to police 101.</p>

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Key Topic	<p>Christine Sharma, Road Safety Manager, DWFRS Christine explained that DWFRS is involved with a number of programmes, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Drive/ Stay Alive • Survive the Drive • Biker Down- https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/road-safety/road-safety-education/biker-down/ <p>There is a focus on those in Secondary Education and a lot of work has been done as a result of the Covid situation to change from face to face to a virtual / online platform.</p>
Police update	<p>Crime reporting numbers still relatively low. There has been a house closure order in Cricklade due to drug dealing. Modern Day Slavery , particularly with Big Issue sellers. Drug Dealing in RWB Still doing road policing and speed checks</p>
DWFRS	<p>Warning about electric appliances overload and reminder to water Christmas trees to avoid fires.</p>
Parish/Town issues	<p>Speeding e-Scooters Police 101 reporting.</p>

The January meeting will be held virtually on January 14th where Inspector Douglas Downing will speak to us about Police 101 Call Handling.

The February meeting will be attended by a representative from the Office the Police and Crime Commissioner who will update on actions taken to tackle speeding.

Report from Cllr Allison Bucknell.
December 2021