

Update on the Community Safety workshop

Report for Wotton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board 2nd February 2010

Proposal to be made to the Area Board:-

1. Invite each parish/town council (in conjunction with other appropriate groups) to report back on aspects of ASB identified as priorities in the workshop (Litter -Graffiti- Dog control-Vehicle damage- General nuisance/ vandalism) together with a suggested action plan which might benefit from having the wider support of the Area Board.

Resources

Officers from the Community Safety Partnership have offered support and the services of Community Area Manager could also support this initiative.

Background information

At the Area Board on 1st December we held a workshop on Community Safety.

Key local concerns that were identified included the themes :

-Litter -Graffiti- Dog control-Vehicle damage- General nuisance/ vandalism

Suggestions were made by the groups to resolve some of the behaviours and included:

- Education, getting children involved in planting flowers, peer pressure, strategic placement of bins, communicating how much the litter costs in removal, pushing being green and looking after the planet, ensuring bins are emptied, reinforcing good behaviour, make an example of some people – fines or get them to clean up the mess, asking neighbours to talk to each other about barking dogs, consultations with the dog warden, a litter hunt from the school, neighbourhood watch and community speed watch, noting that tagging graffiti was the problem, not street art, get offenders to clean up their work instead of facing a charge.
- A theme came out of the discussions that many of the problems could be resolved at a local level and may not involve the police or any of the other agencies.

The agencies and groups that could be involved in problem solving included:

-Youth groups-Schools-Police and Community officers -Dog wardens-Community Groups -Parish councils.

Councillor Peter Colmer