

SCHOOLS OUT

AUTUMN 2011

Have Your Say day returns

Over 70 secondary school students in West Oxfordshire were invited to voice their opinions on local community safety issues.

A young people's 'Have Your Say' day will run on Thursday 1 March 2012 following the success of last years event - will you be there?

The day began with the screening of a short speech from Prime Minister David Cameron who spoke about how important it is for young people to have their voices heard in their community.

This was then followed by a range of talks covering key community safety issues such as local policing, drugs and alcohol, environmental crime and anti-social behaviour.

Each school was then asked to decide how they would spend £20,000 in their local area. Working in groups they chose their top issue and produced a leaflet and poster to support it, before presenting their project idea to everyone. The winning school was Woodgreen in Witney.

The same format will run again and Schools Officer PC John Payne will be recruiting 10 volunteers from each school to take part.

If you'd like to take part, email or call John:

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0845 8 505 505



Stop and Search

- what you should know

Why it's done

Police have the legal right to stop members of the public and search them for a variety of reasons.

- As part of anti terrorism efforts.
- If they think you're carrying a weapon or drugs.
- If there has been serious violence or disorder in the vicinity.
- If they are looking for a suspect who fits your description.

What happens

If you're stopped you'll be asked a few questions and, if necessary, searched. You need to know that:

- This search isn't voluntary.
- If you resist, the police can use reasonable force to carry out the search.
- You don't have to give your name and address but it's helpful if you do and also helps you if you decide to complain.
- If you decide not to give your name and address, you can be arrested.

What the officer must tell you...

- The law that allows them to stop and search you.
- Their name and station.
- What they're looking for.
- Why you've been stopped.

They should also tell you that you have a right to be given a record of the search – a stop and search form, or a receipt for one.

A **stop and search** is when a police officer stops you in a public place and searches you, your clothes and anything you might be carrying.

Are you his
Princess
one minute
and a
STUPID TART
the next?

Relationship abuse can happen to anyone...

It involves more than physical violence, it can be when someone puts you down, threatens you or forces you to do something you don't want to. It can leave you feeling emotional, isolated and lonely.

You can find out more about how to spot the signs, have your say on the issue and seek help at:
<http://thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk>

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West Oxfordshire
COMMUNITY SAFETY
Partnership



PC Jon Payne

New Safer Schools Partnership Officer

I took on the West Oxfordshire role in April 2011, having worked for the past 10 years in a similar role in the Bicester and Kidlington areas.

I've also worked in neighbourhood police teams and Roads Policing driving high powered cars and riding motorbikes.

I've been asked on many occasions 'What is the safer schools partnership?'

The four main principles of Safer Schools are:

1. To reduce crime and victimisation amongst young people.
2. To provide a safe and secure school community that enhances the learning environment.
3. To ensure that young people remain in education, actively learning and achieving their full potential.
4. To talk with young people and encourage them to challenge unacceptable behaviour while developing respect for themselves and their community.

Thames Valley Police has 15 dedicated officers who work full time with schools and young people. Our approach is one of preventing young people from entering the criminal justice system rather than criminalising them.

After last years success, I'm in the process of organising a second 'Have Your Say' day on Thursday 1 March 2012 at the Langdale Hall in Witney. I'll be contacting all the schools with information soon.

In the meantime if any students or staff would like to contact me to discuss any issues then please call 0845 8 505 505.



Don't stand for it

It's not just older people who can suffer from anti social behaviour; **young people can be victims too.**

At our last Young Persons Have Your Say day, many of you told us that you have suffered from anti social behaviour at some time. This can take many forms and varies from intimidating large groups

of people hanging around areas you visit to racist or threatening behaviour.

You don't need to stand for this - there is help available. In the first instance you may want to talk to a teacher, parent or the schools police officer, Alternatively Police Community Support Officers are

regularly on patrol where you live and go to school. You can always approach any officers with your concerns as they have the powers to deal with anti social behaviour.

Your local Anti Social Behaviour Team is also on hand to help and you can report incidents online at: www.westoxon.gov.uk/ASB

FREE activities:

Chipping Norton

Are you aged 11-14 years?
Do you have nothing to do on a Sunday Night?
Come along to Urban Street Games
All activities are totally FREE!

Football, dodgeball, street dance and basketball

Every **Sunday 6-7pm** from **9 October to 27 November**
at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre.

For more information call 01993 861080 or
visit www.westoxon.gov.uk/RUSH

The project, led by West Oxfordshire District Council, involves
a variety of organisations that are working with young people.



Have your voice
heard...

**Do you want a real input
into what happens in your
local community?**

The West Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Action groups are looking for youth members aged under 18 to voice their opinions on local issues. You simply need to be able to attend an evening meeting every couple of months and be prepared to give your views to help represent young people. Travel to and from the meetings can be arranged.

Neighbourhood Action Groups run in the following areas:

- Carterton, Bampton and Burford and surrounding villages
- Chipping Norton and surrounding villages
- Eynsham and surrounding villages
- Witney and surrounding villages
- Woodstock and surrounding villages

Each group tackles local priorities set by residents and as a member you will gain great experience for your CV.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact the Schools Officer, PC Jon Payne, on 08458 505 505 or visit:
www.saferwestoxon.co.uk/get-involved



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