



The NAG is part of a long term neighbourhood policing strategy. The group consists of volunteers from the Chipping Norton Police area, which includes The Wychwoods, Churchill, Bledington, Chadlington, Charlbury, and adjoining hamlets. Its purpose is to understand the police priorities, make the communities aware of the problems, and work together to find solutions to these issues.



Each year the police carry out community engagements during which they ask local residents what their top three priorities are. In the past these have been anti-social behaviour, speeding through the villages without obeying the 30mph limit, and inconsiderate parking, especially near schools and shops. For the past year we have focused on these things and feel that progress has been made.

However, one of the solutions to the inconsiderate parking around the Wychwood Primary School was to start a 'Walking Bus'. Mums and children were asked to congregate at either the Milton Village Hall car park, or the New Beaconsfield Hall car park, and walk from there to the school. Julie Hemming, School Administrator, worked extremely hard to contact all the parents, asking for their willingness to participate in the walking bus, and I also tried to get members of the community to volunteer to escort the walking bus. Unfortunately so few people were willing to participate in the project that we were forced to limit the walking bus to Wednesday mornings only. It was launched on 9 September and all the children received stickers commending them for walking to school.

Sadly, most of the mums who volunteered to escort the Walking Bus, were taking their own children to the school, and the remainder continued to clog up the road outside the school with their cars. We were forced to abandon the walking bus for lack of participation. It is a testimony to the apathy of people that projects such as this are not continued, and inconsiderate parking continues to be a problem.

Peggy Walmsley - NAG Chair

Getting in touch

There are several ways that you can get in touch with the Chipping Norton neighbourhood police team:

Face to face

Visit one of the stations:

Chipping Norton Police Station

Opening times:

Mon - Fri 8am - 4pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

Closed for lunch 12.15 - 1pm

Charlbury Police Station

Opening times:

Monday 12 noon - 3pm

Tues - Thurs Closed

Friday 9am - 12 noon

Sat 10am - 12 noon

Sun Closed

Thanks to an increase in volunteers the Charlbury police office will now be open Saturday mornings.

The team also holds regular police drop-in surgeries throughout the neighbourhood where you can go along to discuss any local concerns you may have. Details of these can be found at www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Telephone

Telephone the team via the Police Enquiry Centre on 08458 505 505

Email

chippy@whosmybobby.co.uk



Joined up approach to tackle crime

In January 2009 the District Council contacted our Neighbourhood Team with a view to establishing a radio link system in Chipping Norton.

The idea is that retailers are able to contact each other with the aid of a hand held radio to forewarn of any suspicious acting people in the town's shops.

It is a very simple and effective mode of communication. In addition there is also a radio situated at Chipping Norton police station which is manned Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm, by our Station Duty Officer Roz Stroud. Out of hours the radio is portable.

The radio link is proving to be an essential and useful tool delivering some good results, especially in Boots the Chemist. A person entered the store and decided to steal approximately £700 worth of goods. A member of staff observed this person and as they left the store the employee immediately called up on the radio link. This promptly alerted other retailers and the police of the situation.

A clear and full description was given and police officers were despatched immediately. The offender was quickly arrested and has since been charged resulting in an excellent result for Boots, the police and the general public.

This is not the first time Boots has used radio link as there was another similar incident which also led to an arrest and the offender being prosecuted.

The radios have proven to be an effective tool but we do only have a small number of hand sets. We have distributed these to the stores that we feel would benefit and we are still striving to get all members on board.



Calling all teenagers

Are you aged 18 or under? Can you spare a couple of hours every six weeks?

The Chipping Norton Neighbourhood Action Group is looking for youth members to bring a different insight to the group. Working on tackling three priorities, this is your chance to make a real difference to your local community. Input from previous youth members has proved invaluable.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information then please contact the Chipping Norton Neighbourhood Team:

Call: 08458 505 505

Email: chippingnorton@whosmybobby.co.uk

Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour has been the top priority in the Chipping Norton neighbourhood for the last three years. The work the Neighbourhood Team and Neighbourhood Action Group have put into this priority has recently begun to make a significant difference.

In three of our four areas we have seen a drop in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents. One of our neighbourhoods has seen a 36% reduction – the largest in the Thames Valley area. One neighbourhood saw a rise and this was only by one anti-social behaviour incident. These results are due to the increased patrols by the neighbourhood team, getting to know the areas where the ASB occurs and the reasons behind the behaviour. We confiscate alcohol from underage youths, patrol problem areas wearing body worn video cameras to capture evidence and issue Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) to offenders that persist in this behaviour.

This year we have been holding street meetings to target specific areas. This shows the local residents that we are taking this seriously and they know who to report

problems to when they occur. We have been issuing leaflets called “Your Street Your Call” which detail how to report anti-social behaviour and how it will be dealt with.

We have recently completed our engagement survey and anti-social behaviour came in as our second priority, the first was speeding, so although we are making headway we will not become complacent. It will remain a high priority for the team and Neighbourhood Action Group.

Sergeant's overview

Anti-social behaviour is a problem for many people and the police and its partners work together to try and combat this problem. ASB is not just youths drinking and hanging about an area. ASB is often being used by the very young and old alike. This can be from children constantly harassing elderly neighbours to people displaying drunken and rowdy behaviour late at night in town centres. We can only tackle this behaviour by working together – teaching children the proper way to behave and remembering that everyone has the right to a peaceful life.

Not so fast!

Speeding was once again highlighted as a local priority and the Neighbourhood Team has been conducting checks throughout the area, working alongside Roads Policing.

Speeding continues to be monitored by the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and the use of the laser ultralyte speed gun.

Worcester Road in Chipping Norton was highlighted to the NAG and police on several occasions throughout the year with some very positive results. The speeding vehicles were dealt with either by a letter advising them of their speed or if the excess speeding was higher, then a fixed penalty was issued to the driver. The majority of vehicles did sound and look as though they were speeding but in fact they were travelling within the limit.

As we have experienced assisting with the Speed Indicator Device (SID) a majority of what we believe to be ‘speeders’ is in fact down to perception. It is still a surprise when a large majority of drivers who are stopped or advised are local residents.

If there is an area where you would like to see the Neighbourhood Team conducting speed checks, or you would like to pop along whilst we are there, then please contact us at Chipping Norton.

Call: 0845 8505505

Email: chippy@whosmybobby.co.uk



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They can be contacted on the non-emergency number:

0845 8 505 505

Email: chippy@whosmybobby.co.uk

In an emergency call 999