



Making West Oxfordshire a safe place to live, work and visit...

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From the Chair...

As always the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is working alongside our partners in West Oxfordshire, the police, West Oxfordshire District Council, Oxfordshire County Council, the area's parish councils and most importantly the community, to make the Eynsham area a safe place to live and work in.

There have been a number of changes since our last newsletter, both in priorities and how they are handled, and in the team itself. On priorities, general parking enforcement is now a matter for the WODC community wardens rather than the police, although the police still maintain some powers. Details of this change are available on the district council website: www.westoxon.gov.uk.

The neighbourhood police team has also had some changes - PCSO Lana Petrie has left Eynsham for another area, and the team is now headquartered in Carterton. This enables the Carterton team to support Eynsham policing until another PCSO is allocated. So the level of policing in the village and surrounding area will maintain its current level helping to keep the streets safe for you and our visitors.

With parking now being a WODC responsibility we will keep a watching brief on the

situation as this continues to be a priority for the NAG, at least until this year's engagement survey. Our other priorities are speeding and youth facilities. Speeding is continuously monitored using the SID (Speed Indicator Device) and where appropriate enforcement will follow any SID checks.

Some youth problems remain with us although the general trend is downwards, and we continue to try to improve facilities for youths in the area.

As always if you see any offensive or anti-social behaviour call the non-emergency number on 08458 505 505. If a crime is being committed dial 999.

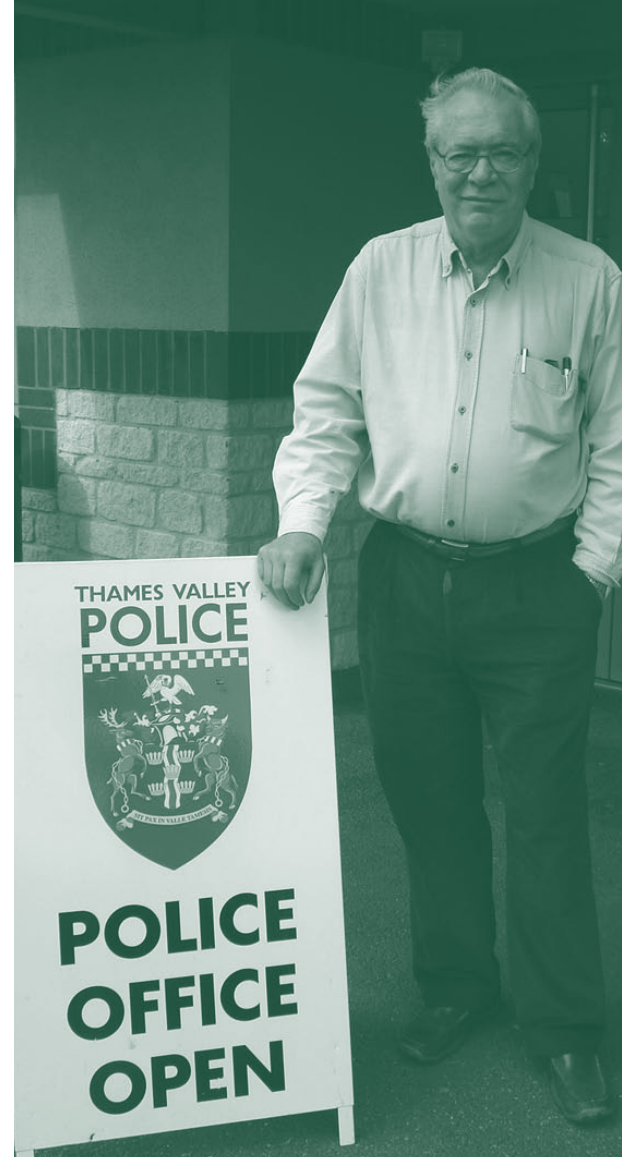
The graffiti wall is currently under repair by the parish council but this will soon be back in action and hopefully as popular as ever.

We thank you for your support and hope that you will feel safe in the Eynsham area. The NAG, police and our other partners will continue to work to make it so.

Ron Hollis
Chairman, Eynsham NAG

If you want to join the team or talk to us call 08458 505 505 or email eynshamneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Or visit Eynsham police office in the village hall, Back Lane.
Open:
Mon: 4 - 6pm
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New parking wardens

You may have noticed new Community Wardens in the Eynsham area after West Oxfordshire District Council took over the management of on-street parking from the Police.

A new team of civil enforcement officers, called Community Wardens, control parking both on the street and in council-managed car parks across the district.

Wearing distinctive green uniforms and high-visibility jackets, the Community Wardens carry out regular foot patrols throughout the district and they:

- help improve parking problems caused by illegal and inconsiderate parking;
- provide advice to motorists and residents, linking the public with council services;
- penalise those that flout the law by issuing Penalty Charge Notices.

All car parks in West Oxfordshire will remain free and there are currently no plans to introduce any on-street pay and display or residents parking areas (Controlled Parking Zones). In addition the community wardens will report environmental issues such as littering, dog-fouling and graffiti. They will also work closely with the neighbourhood police teams.

The majority of parking offences, including parking on yellow lines and in parking bays, are now classed as civil contraventions. Offences that attract endorsements on your driving licence such as parking on zig-zags or pedestrian crossings will remain criminal and will be enforced by the Police and the Council. Income from penalty charge notices will be used to improve local transport and parking services.

Teamwork delivers results

The Eynsham neighbourhood team has been in place since September 2007. There have been a number of changes but the continuity has been maintained by Neighbourhood Specialist Officer Richard Conner, who has been with the team since the beginning.

PC Richard Conner said: "I have been associated with the Eynsham neighbourhood for a number of years and know the community very well; talking to the children when they start in junior school and following their progress up to leaving secondary school. I believe that the hard work put in getting to know the children at an early age pays off in future years.



"The team has changed again recently, with PCSO Lana Petrie moving to Chipping Norton. She enjoyed her time at Eynsham and will be missed. She should be replaced in the near future. PCSO Helen Keen is still with us and is well known in the area, regularly being seen about the village or on her bike.

"Our new Sergeant Nicole James will be out and about with the team in the near future. We will be re-engaging with the local residents in the summer for next year's priorities. Please pass your views onto us, with the help of the Neighbourhood Action Group we will be working to improve any community issues raised by the surveys.

"And finally some good news, I have recently provided annual reports to the parish councils; in Eynsham there were 91 less reported crimes down from 472 to 381, in North Leigh 108 down to 57 and a 50% reduction in criminal damage."

Improving youth facilities

The Eynsham neighbourhood team attended the official opening of Dovehouse children's play area in Eynsham in May.

In April 2009 Eynsham Parish Council was awarded £45,000 to develop facilities for 8-13 year olds at Wytham View play area.

Extensive community consultation was carried out; including visits to the local primary schools, to gauge what people would like to see on site. The neighbourhood team attended residents meetings to answer concerns about possible anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and an increase in noise and litter.

Swings, slides, climbing frames and sandpits have been built, diseased trees and misplaced branches have been removed and a new path put in.

The neighbourhood team will visit the new play area as part of their patrols.

For more information on the project visit:
www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is any behaviour that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to people living in your neighbourhood.

What is anti-social behaviour?

ASB can cover a wide range of activities, from minor disputes with neighbours arising from differences in lifestyles to serious criminal behaviour. Below are some examples but these are not limited:

- Excessive noise (especially late at night)
- Graffiti / vandalism
- Fly tipping
- Littering and dog fouling
- Threatening and intimidating behaviour

Anyone can be a victim of anti-social behaviour, whether they are a homeowner or a tenant of a council, registered social landlord or private landlord.

As ASB is one of the NAG's priorities we have asked the Year 10 drama students at Bartholomew School to put together a short sketch highlighting its effects.

We work very closely with the schools in the area and we aim to show this play to all Year 6's and 7's in the hope that it will help the younger students make better life choices and make them realise the effects of ASB on their community.

In the meantime, the Community Safety Partnership will continue to work together to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour by diversion, early intervention and effective enforcement.

You can report ASB to the Community Safety Team:

Call: 01993 861000

In an emergency dial 999.

Visit: www.westoxon.gov.uk

Post: Community Safety Team, West Oxfordshire District Council, Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney OX28 1PB.



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They can be contacted on the non-emergency number:

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