

Grantham East Police
Neighbourhood Panel Meeting
Tuesday 20th January 2009

Present

Ray Wootten Councillor/Chairman
Linda Wootten Resident
Maryann Crossland Resident
Julie Hipkiss Resident
David Maddison Resident
Anne Whittington Neighbourhood Watch
Mike Whittington Neighbourhood Watch
Barrie Cox Grantham North Neighbourhood Group
Mike Cook Councillor St Annes Ward
Robert Young Headmaster Cliffdale School
PCSO Gill Taylor
PCSO Alfie Kent
WPC Jane Ellis Beat Manager

Apologises

Tony Burns Manthorpe Residents Association

Introduction

The Chairman introduced WPC Ellis who gave a short overview of her service to date and what she hoped to achieve as Beat Manager on Grantham East.

Crime Trends

WPC Ellis stated that there had been no serious crime on the beat since our last meeting in November 2008. There had been a small number of Burglaries to factories and mopeds and cycles stolen. Referring to the earlier trend on Burglaries on the Manthorpe Estate the panel were informed that there was no progress to date in identifying suspects or any forensic for these crimes.

Tasks

Hills & Hollows

This is a continual problem, but not as bad as the summer months. One youth had had two motorcycles seized. PSCO Gill Taylor informed the panel that she was investigating using the barracks as a location for youths to ride off road. Councillor Cook stated that approaching the Army Cadets to assist may help as they have Insurance Indemnity.

Pretoria Road

WPC Ellis informed the panel that she had visited this location five times and believed that it was mainly residents that were causing parking problems. She explained the road is too narrow and that residents on both sides own a car!

New Beacon Road

PCSO Bownes to update the panel at the next meeting regarding this issue.

Harrowby Estate

PCSO Taylor reported that there was no problem with children at this time of the year; however she was looking into the creation of a Football Fair Play Scheme for the summer.

Rushcliffe Road

The Neighbourhood Watch for Rushcliffe Road reported that since schools have gone back the problem of litter, speeding and general road safety had increased WPC Ellis reported that she has patrolled this area and stopped 3 vehicles that were speeding and read them the riot act. She also states that she intended to speak to the school and highways about this problem.

New Tasks

The Neighbourhood Team will investigate complaints of parking on grass verges at Cliffe Road after complaints were made to the County Council.

A.O.B

1. The **Neighbourhood Watch** in Rushcliffe Road reported that they were pleased with the up to date information that Ringmaster was publishing.
2. Councillor Cook complained that youths were drinking and causing a nuisance along the river and at bowling green lane. The main times were from 9.30pm to midnight. PCSO Alfie Kent who attended the meeting but represents Grantham Town Centre beat promised that he would investigate requesting the mobile CCTV to assist.
Councillor Cook also stated that many of his residents did not know which Police Team covered his ward. PCSO Alfie Kent also promised to look into this.
3. Barrie Cox, Chairman of Grantham North Neighbourhood Group complained that in other counties Joint Agency Meetings were open to the public. PCSO Gill Taylor stated that it was not possible in Grantham due to the sensitive nature of information that they were dealing with, however she would look into this and report back to the panel.
4. WPC Ellis gave a brief overview of Operation Sapphire stating this it been a great success with alcohol seized and praised the introduction of the Designated Public Place Order. A number people were arrested for possession of drugs, shoplifting and illegal parking had also been addressed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of the next meeting **Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at the Council Offices.**