

Chiltern Community Forum

24th May 2018

Attendees:

Andy Garnett – Chair

Inspector Richard Vine – Chiltern and South Bucks Local Police Area

Sgt Paul Cossey – Amersham/ Chalfonts/ Missendens Neighbourhoods

Sgt Roy Evans – Chesham Neighbourhood

Councillor Mark Shaw - Chesham

Councillor Emily Culverhouse - Chesham

Reverend Debbie Oades - Amersham

Councillor Siddharth Patel – Seer Green

Councillor Nigel Shepherd – Amersham

John Cadman – Chairman of Prestwood Village Association

Councillor John Gladwin – Prestwood and Heath End

Councillor Peter Martin – Little Chalfont

Councillor Jane MacBean - Chesham

Councillor Qaser Chaudhry – Chesham

Councillor Mimi Harker – Chesham Bois

Katie Galvin – Community Safety Manager

John Bagley – Resident

Chris Brown – Resident

Robert Gibson – website developer

Welcome and Introductions

Andy welcomed everyone to the 2nd meeting of the Chiltern Community Forum. The purpose of the meeting is to set 3 priorities for the forum to address over the next 3 months.

Inspector Vine gave an update on the priorities that were identified three months ago.

1. Drug dealing – Numerous stop searches, arrests and prosecutions have been completed. Lots of intelligence has been gained to help target the main offenders, groups and locations in Chesham. The Stronghold gazebo has been booked for the Old Amersham Heritage fair in September and other events are being considered.
2. Speeding - Enforcement has taken place in Chesham and will continue throughout the year. Numerous drivers have been issued with FPNs, vehicles seized for insurance offences and persons summoned to court. Community Speedwatch schemes have been set up in Latimer and Ley Hill with it being used 13 times with speeding recorded on every occasion. Amersham, Chalfonts and Missenden has also had speed enforcement operations with tickets issued. Also working closely with the Roads Policing Unit in a number of different areas.
3. Litter – The NH team have been working with the Pond Park Street Association since its launch last year and a litter pick took place on the 21st April 2018. Cllr Gladwin informed the group that a litter pick had also taken place in Prestwood and Great Missenden. Inspector Vine asked for a brief email with the information so that it can be added to the police.uk website.

Councillor Peter Martin raised his concerns about community concerns and lack of police attendance at the Little Missenden AGM. Sgt Cossey has said that he will provide a written update if he or his team are unable to attend.

The public neighbourhood survey results were discussed.

Chiltern Community Forum Website Ideas – Robert Gibson

Three key words:

Inform – who, what, where, how?

Communicate – about the forum, policing and priorities, broader community issues, ideas, advice, signposting to other relevant agencies

Energise/ Engage – in the priority setting process, in meetings, in broader community initiatives, sharing ideas and initiatives, social media, inclusive

Tone – needs to be authoritative (the ‘go -to place’) to find out the crime priorities, must be inclusive, approachable and engaging. Must have impact. It will not be the place to receive reports of crime but is always interesting to hear of people’s experiences. Aiming to deliver useful, engaging content.

Cllr Shepherd suggested there should be a link from this website to the police.uk website to show the crime maps for each area.

It was asked how else we could communicate for those who do not use the internet? And would young people use the website? What social media do they use that we could link in with?

It is intended for the website to go live in September. With regards to costings, Andy is prepared to contribute a small amount and advertising could be considered. For example a local insurance company may be interested and Sgt Cossey suggested contacting Ring.com who sell cameras attached to doorbells.

Reverend Oades reiterated that the forum must have a level of positivity – the public need to be able to see that the forum is here to build a better and safer community, engaging with local residents etc.

Inspector Vine asked for it to be made clear that both the Police and the Council can not be seen to endorse a particular company that is chosen for advertising but so long as the website shows that it is independent and we are all merely partners within it then that is acceptable.

Councillor Culverhouse suggested that it needs to be linked in with Chiltern Voice to help with the promotion of the website.

Setting the priorities

It was agreed that the forum would focus on the following over the next three months:

1. Drug dealing and drug misuse – the new local Stronghold team will be able to help with the dealing and the local neighbourhood team will help address the harm that is caused by drug dealing and drug misuse.
2. Burglary prevention – the forum need to help provide crime reduction advice to local communities, encourage active neighbourhood watch schemes etc.
www.chiltern.gov.uk/homesecurity is a good start to promote.
3. Speeding – continue to set up and support Community Speedwatches across the District.