

CANFORD HEATH & CREEKMOOR  
SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PUBLIC MEETING.

Canford Gardens, Knowlton Road Canford Heath.  
July 29TH 2009.

Panel Persons Present:

Chris Owens (Chair)                      Sgt Andy Jenkins                      PC Mike Perry  
Ian Cooke (ASB Co-ordinator) Cllr Chris Matthews                      Cllr Sandra Moore  
Cllr John Rampton                      Frank Wenzel (Environment & Consumer Protection)  
Donna Saunders-Teague (Poole Housing Partnership)  
Neil Poulton (Children & Young People's Integrated Services)

Introductions

Chris Owens opens meeting. Recaps on last meeting and priority issues, which were:

1. Criminal Damage.
2. Under age Drinking.
3. Anti social Behaviour.

Police Update.

Pc Mike Perry introduces himself as the new SNT officer for Creekmoor. He tells audience that his priority for the coming month is to get to know his new patch along with new PCSO Kerrie Burns.

He goes on to say that there was a slight increase in ASB. A lot of the problems seem to be arising around the Creekmoor Ponds area. It has been reported that at any one time as many as 40-50 youths have been gathering around this area, especially at weekends and now school holiday time. High Visibility Patrols have been set up with PCSOs and PCS. Alcohol has been seized and names taken.

Pc Perry says that he has written individually to each child and their parents who have had their names taken and has hand delivered these letters giving himself the opportunity to meet them personally and chat about the way forward. PC Perry then hands over to Sgt Jenkins.

Sgt Jenkins states that In Canford Heath there was an 18% drop in ASB levels in the past two months. Canford Heath East currently has a lower level than West. Hot spots include Verity Park. Issues include noise levels and littering.

Previous problem of youths coming into Canford Heath from other areas causing problems has seemed to have stopped due to the success of the Dispersal Order that was put in place, which ends this week.

The lights at Verity Park shelter switch off at 11pm, and the footpath next to the shelter will be put on a timer so they switch off shortly after. A question to Sgt Jenkins from the public, 'could the lighting on the foot path go off later.' Sgt Jenkins says 'that the longer the lights are on the longer the youngsters hang about, which would then cause a noise nuisance if it went on after midnight.' He continues that he would like the shelter lights to go off at 11pm and the footpath lights to go out at 11.30 pm.

Q2 from the public. 'has there been any result from the arson attack at the sub station?' Sgt Jenkins says at present there is no result, any information given will be followed up. Cllr Moore says she has traced the owner of the sub station and that it belongs to Wessex Water. They have informed her that the sub station is definitely going to be removed.

Q3 from the public. 'the cars that were set alight at the back of the heath, have any arrests been made yet?' Sgt Jenkins says 'yes, one arrest has been made.' He goes on to say that there are plans to block off the entrance to the heath, to prevent cars being driven on to the open space.

Criminal Damage. There were three walls kicked down in Creekmoor Sunday morning, thought to be youths coming back from Creekmoor pond. Youths aged about 22-23 years old are mixing with youths as young as 12-14 yrs old.

Under Age Drinking. There is ongoing programme of test purchasing, but anyone with any information is asked to please pass it on.

Chair informs public that the lighting at Asda has improved, and liaison continues with the landlords to see if any further improvement can be made. At Waterloo Parade there are major problems with the main electricity feed to the lighting, which will require the landlord to work with the electricity suppliers.

New priorities:

From votes cast before and at the meeting, the following priorities have been agreed:

1. ASB
2. Under Age Drinking
3. Littering.

Any Other Business:

Due to under-age drinking, there has been some vandalism at the back of Hembury Road and onto the heath. This includes kicking down walls. Patrols have been set up, with the police 4x4's, and bikes, also the heath warden and police helicopter.

The loop advert in the main Canford Heath doctors surgery advertising SNT meetings etc does not seem to be being used. Chair to look into it.

There are plans to look into having concrete litter bins in Verity park to prevent further vandalism of bins. Comment raised about a need for more bikes for the police.

Mike Gotobed takes the floor to inform public that there are plans to improve 22 childrens play areas across the Borough.

Next Meeting:

24th September 2009 at 1830 hours at Millfield Elderly Persons Common Room, Creekmoor, BH BH17 7XQ

Chair closes the meeting.