



KNOWLE, DORRIDGE & BLYTHE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM NEWSLETTER

OUR VISION IS TO REDUCE CRIME AND DISORDER AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES FEEL SAFER.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you, our community members, informed of current policing issues within your neighbourhood.

WHAT AREA DO WE COVER?

The Knowle, Dorridge and Blythe team forms part of the Eastern Neighbourhood which is made up of 4 Police teams. Our areas are co-terminus with Council wards. The Shirley team covers the 3 Shirley wards, the Meriden and Bickenhill team covers the wards of Bickenhill and Meriden. A fourth team known as the Eastern tasking team is a team that can be tasked throughout the Eastern neighbourhood area to deal with specific issues, events and hot-spots.

YOUR KNOWLE, DORRIDGE & BLYTHE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

WHO ARE THEY?	WHAT DO THEY DO?	HOW CAN I CONTACT THEM?
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STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to congratulate PC Suzanne Walton who married in September and is enjoying a honeymoon on a tropical Island. On her return, she will use her married name of LEAH. Unfortunately, PC Neil Marsh who suffered a biking accident is unlikely to return to operational duties for some time. PC Lorraine Jones will be taking responsibility for the Monkspath area in Neil’s absence.

CRIME CONTINUES TO REDUCE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

Crime continues to reduce in the borough of Solihull. The year to date figures shows a reduction of 14.13% in total recorded crime. Robbery has fallen by over a third and vehicle crime has reduced by 23.89%. There has been a light rise in house burglaries of 2.02%. On our neighbourhood area, opportunist vehicle crime, where mostly Sat Nav equipment and laptops are stolen, contributes for approximately half of our recorded crime.

OPERATIONS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL ISSUES AND NEWS

SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES – HAVE YOUR SAY. An important element of neighbourhood policing is the involvement and views of you, our communities. In partnership with the Council neighbourhood teams, during October and November, a public meeting will be held on each ward where three local priorities for that ward are set. It is vital that local communities are involved in setting their local priorities and therefore members of the public are encouraged to attend these meetings. The meetings will be held as follow:

Wednesday 3 October 2007, 7-9pm, Arden School, Music and Drama Hall, for Knowle priorities

Thursday 8 November 2007, 7-9pm for Dorridge and Hockley Heath priorities.(Venue to be advised)

Monday 19 November 2007, 7-9pm for Blythe priorities. (Venue to be advised)

TRAFFIC ISSUES – Inconsiderate and illegal parking and speeding motorists continue to be highlighted by community members as a problem. Our team has been working with our Road Traffic Policing unit and have carried out a number of speed checks during which numerous motorists have been either advised or issued with an endorseable fixed penalty ticket. A number of drivers have also been summonsed to court where they face being disqualified.

Our team is working in partnership with our communities to trial a speedwatch initiative and on 27 September 2007, a meeting is being held with a representative from Avon and Somerset constabulary who have been running this initiative to discuss the initiative and to borrow the necessary equipment.

POLICE SURGERIES - Police surgeries continue to be held with forthcoming dates as follow:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday 1 October 2007 Monday 5 November 2007 Monday 3 December	1100-1300	KNOWLE Knowle Village Hall, St, Johns Close
Tuesday 2 October 2007 Tuesday 6 November 2007 Tuesday 4 December 2007	1000-1200	DORRIDGE Forest Court Shopping Centre.
Thursday 18 October 2007 Thursday 22 October 2007 Thursday 20 December 2007	1700-1900	CHESWICK GREEN Cheswick Green Village Hall
Thursday 4 October 2007 Thursday 8 November 2007 Thursday 6 December 2007	1700-1900	DICKENS HEATH Dickens Heath Library

The Police surgeries are run by our neighbourhood team in partnership with Solihull Council's neighbourhood teams. The surgeries are an opportunity for community members to discuss issues that are affecting them and also to have a say on matters that they consider are a local priority. Please encourage any members of your community to use police surgeries or call in yourself.

CONTACT COUNTS

If you have any issues that you wish to discuss with me or any of your neighbourhood police team, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ann Strachan

