



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, initiatives and events within your neighbourhood and also how you can contact your team.

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

PC Colin Jewell is welcomed to the team. He will be working alongside Simon Harrison with responsibility for Dorridge and Hockley Heath ward. Colin is a very experienced Officer and will be an asset to the team. We are also glad to have Neil Marsh back fully operational following his cycling accident.

CRIME HAS REDUCED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL

End of year crime figures shows that total recorded crime in Solihull has reduced by 11.77%. That means there were 2293 fewer victims. Robbery has fallen by a third and there were 822 fewer recorded offences of criminal damage in the borough meaning a reduction of 19.47%. Vehicle crime reduced by 23.32% meaning there were 772 fewer victims of this crime. Nearly a quarter of all crimes were detected.

OPERATIONS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL ISSUES AND NEWS

SETTING LOCAL PRIORITIES – HAVE YOUR SAY. An important element of neighbourhood policing is the involvement and views of our communities. In partnership with the Council neighbourhood teams, during May and June, a public meeting will be held on each ward where 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:

Thursday 15 May 2008, 7pm, Knowle Village Hall, St.Johns Close, for Knowle priorities

Monday 2 June 2008, 7pm, Cheswick Green Village Hall for Blythe priorities.

The date/venue for Dorridge and Hockley Heath meeting is yet to be confirmed and will be notified in due course.

TRAFFIC ISSUES – Inconsiderate and illegal parking and speeding motorists continue to be highlighted by community members as a problem. Our team has now been trained in the use of a speed enforcement camera and carry out regular speed checks.

Community Speed Watch is being launched soon in Tidbury Green. Community Speed Watch is a traffic monitoring scheme that is co-ordinated by the Police and run by volunteers in communities. The volunteers will use speed detection devices to monitor and record traffic speed on roads that have been highlighted by the community as being particular hotspots for speeding vehicles. The volunteers, who will work in groups of 3 or more, will be highly visible in fluorescent speed watch tabards. They will identify the speeding drivers who will then be issued with warning letters from the police. When persistent speeders are identified, the local police using evidential speed enforcement devices will work alongside community Speed Watch and those speeding will then face prosecution.

CRIME AND DRUG AWARENESS WEEK AT ARDEN SCHOOL – Between 7-11 April, a full week of activities around crime, drugs, alcohol and anti-social behaviour will take place in Arden School. This is a Police led initiative which has brought partners and outside agencies together to provide effective awareness on issues that face our young people. Crime has again reduced in Solihull and through education we can work conjointly to prevent our young people offending.

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

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday 7 April 2008 Monday 12 May 2008 Monday 2 June 2008	1100-1300	KNOWLE Knowle Village Hall, St, Johns Close
Tuesday 8 April 2008 Tuesday 6 May 2008 Tuesday 3 June 2008	1000-1200	DORRIDGE Forest Court Shopping Centre.
Thursday 17 April 2008 Thursday 22 May 2008 Thursday 19 June 2008	1700-1900	CHESWICK GREEN Cheswick Green Village Hall
Thursday 10 April 2008 Thursday 8 May 2008 Thursday 6 June 2008	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 any 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 in anticipation of your continued support.

Ann Strachan