

Dog nappers get their chips



The Community Safety Partnership has funded nine portable chip readers for use across South Oxfordshire. They are small devices that read the electronic chips that many owners are now having implanted in their pets in a bid to stamp out the increasing problem of animal theft. They are designed to be kept in the police patrol cars in the rural areas and are used to scan dogs and other animals that police believe may be stolen.

Dog watch

Anyone concerned about the security of their dogs can join Dogwatch which is a free e-mail based service. Michael Colston the organiser explains "We have been concerned about the theft of working dogs in the countryside for some time. We ask our members to take careful note of any intruders found around their farmyards, garages or kennels, take a description and the registration number of their vehicles and tell us. A large number of the vehicles that we reported to the police last year were wanted." To find out more contact:

- tel: 07831 675555 or 01491 571353
- e-mail dogwatch@culdenfawltd.com

Are you community minded?

Would you like to be involved in making your community and neighbouring areas a safer and more pleasant place to live in? The Henley Rural Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is actively looking to recruit members who are residents of one of the 21 parishes it covers. If you live or work in the NAG area and do not belong to one of the groups already represented on the NAG (we have members from parish, district and county councils) we would like to hear from you. You could help to represent residents, particularly of some of the smaller villages, for example Stoke Row, Checkendon, South Stoke or Kidmore End. Please get in touch by contacting Alison Smith the NAG Co-ordinator in the first instance:

- e-mail :alison.smith@southoxon.gov.uk
- tel: 01491 823054

What kind of person is needed?

We are particularly looking for people who have some experience of working with young people and/or communication or problem solving skills. However a "can do" attitude and an open mind are the most important attributes you could bring to the group.

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NAG targets 1,000 speeders a day in Shiplake

Speeding is the top priority set by the residents of the Shiplake area for the NAG to deal with. The NAG asked Oxfordshire County Council to measure data on the A4130 through Shiplake. This showed that over

65 percent of people driving through Shiplake each day were speeding. Over 1,000 people a day are driving at over 40mph in a 30 mph limit. **If you hit a child when driving at 40mph you are probably going to kill them - at 30mph a child has an 80% chance of surviving.**



The NAG is taking the following steps to deal with the issue:

- raising awareness of the problem locally
- working with the local school and college
- carrying out education with a speed indicator device
- supporting the police in an enforcement campaign.

Stamping out hate crime

Have you been a victim of verbal or physical abuse or has your property been damaged because of your ethnicity, your sexuality or because you have a disability? The district council, police and partners are encouraging people to report these kinds of incidents so they can be stopped.

There are a number of ways you can do this:



- in an emergency always call 999. It is an emergency when a crime is being committed, there is a risk of injury, or a risk of serious damage to property
- you can report racist incidents yourself on line at www.reportracisimoxon.com
- homophobic incidents can also be reported to the Homophobic Awareness Liaison Team (HALT) on 01865 243389

Meet your local policing team

The neighbourhood policing team are holding surgeries at the following times and locations:

Wednesday 22 April 2009

Goring 10am - Orchard Car Park
South Stoke 11am - outside the primary school
Woodcote 12noon - outside the village hall
Whitchurch 1pm - Manor Road

Wednesday 29 April 2009

Shiplake 10am - outside the post office
Binfield Heath 11am - outside the post office
Sonning Common 12noon - outside the village hall
Mapledurham 1pm - Rokeby Drive

Wednesday 6 May 2009

Nettlebed 10am - church car park
Stoke Row 11am - outside the general stores
Checkendon 12noon - village hall car park

These surgeries are an ideal opportunity for you to speak to members of your local policing team about any issues. No appointment is necessary just turn up.



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