

Wallingford Area Neighbourhood News



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Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) focus on Wallingford Market Place



In the Wallingford neighbourhood (Wallingford town, Little and Long Wittenham, Ipsden, Brightwell cum Sotwell, Crowmarsh and Nuffield) residents'

priorities set in 2006 were underage drinking and anti-social behaviour, lack of youth service provision and vandalism.

The additional activities included outreach work and extra sessions at the youth club where Police Community Support Officers helped the youth workers. South Oxfordshire District Council together with the police carried out test purchasing to ensure that alcohol was not being sold to people under 18 years old. Imran Lokhon, the NAG Chair visited the local senior school to talk to the headmaster and the school council about the issues.

Actions speak louder than words

The NAG focused their attention on the Market Place, Wallingford where groups of young people were gathering in the evenings and causing concern to residents. The NAG agreed a list of actions to address this issue, which included targeted police patrols, more effective use of the CCTV system and additional activities.

Problems have decreased

There has been a considerable reduction in reported anti-social behaviour in the Market Place and in a recent consultation over 40 per cent of those responding thought the problem of underage drinking and anti-social behaviour had got better.

See overleaf for the next top priority

Safer South Oxfordshire

The South Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership has prepared a plan for the next three years to make sure South Oxfordshire continues to be a safe place to live and work. The partnership undertook research and asked people's views (including NAGs) to decide the priorities for its plan.

Our priorities

The plan covers 2008-2011 and has seven priorities:

- reducing antisocial behaviour
- improving road safety
- reducing burglary and thefts
- reducing drug and alcohol problems
- tackling domestic abuse
- behaviour management
- supporting and engaging communities.

Projects in your area

The Partnership will be running many projects including:

- bringing together different generations to break down barriers
- helping vulnerable people make their homes secure
- supporting victims of domestic abuse



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Tackling YOUR Priorities

Speeding — Wallingford neighbourhood's new top priority



Residents of the Wallingford neighbourhood have been asked for their top community safety issues. Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and the police community support officers carried out face to face surveys. The NAG also put a questionnaire in the Window

on Wallingford magazine.

The top three issues that the NAG will now be focusing on are speeding, parking and anti-social riding and driving.

Residents tell NAG where speeding problems are

Residents identified several key areas and the NAG will carry out further work to find out if there are speeding issues or some are people's perceptions before beginning the problem solving process.

The key areas residents identified are the A4130 ring road around Wallingford, the A4074 and several roads in the villages of Brightwell cum Sotwell, Long Wittenham and Nuffield.

Benson and Berinsfield neighbourhood

This neighbourhood includes the parishes of Ewelme, Brightwell Baldwin, Berrick Salome, Warborough, Shillingford, Dorchester, Berinsfield, Benson, Clifton Hampden, Culham and Nuneham Courtenay. The top issue was anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

The NAG is working on the main hot spot area which is the parish hall at Benson. So far:

- the police have issued three Section 59 warnings to drivers (this means if they carry on using their car in an anti social manner it can be seized and if a fine isn't paid it will be crushed)
- the police prohibited three cars from being driven on the road until serious defects were rectified
- the NAG has carried out publicity in the village to raise awareness of the problem and encourage the reporting of incidents
- the police have carried out extra patrols on foot and cycle.

Cholsey and Moulsoford neighbourhood

As well as Cholsey and Moulsoford this neighbourhood includes the parishes of East and West Hagbourne, Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe, North and South Moreton. The top priority set for this neighbourhood by local people in 2006 was speeding and the NAG has done a considerable amount of work on this priority.

To view the last newsletter which has details of these actions and more go to www.southoxon.gov.uk/nag

Vandalism is top priority

Over the last few months the NAG has asked over 400 people across the neighbourhood what the next top priority should be. The top issue is vandalism and further work is going on to establish where the top hot spot is. The NAG will then focus their efforts on that area.

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