



Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter February 2010



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News from Brickhill

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Brickhill Community Safety Forum

This Forum is your voice and the way forward for Brickhill. The Forum needs your input to ensure that everyone in Brickhill has the Policing that is required for the area. Do not rely on someone else coming forward. This Forum selects the 3 top priorities to be worked on in Brickhill by all Agencies for the next 3 Months. **The next meeting is 7.30pm Thursday 15th April** at Sir William Harpur House with free Tea, Coffee and Biscuits. Please come along because your opinion is important to us.

These are the Neighbourhood Priorities that were set at the Community Safety Forum on Thursday 21st January 2010:

- Brickhill area Car Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour Rooksmead and surrounding area
- School Parking

Anti-Social Behaviour Rooksmead

The SNT is receiving complaints regarding the behaviour of a small group of young adults in Rooksmead, Mallard Hill, Brickhill Drive Shopping Precinct and Merlin Gardens. High Visibility Policing, together with other measures will be put in place to combat this issue.

Brickhill area car crime

The Parish is now being targeted by Criminals who are attacking cars. 15 cars have been targeted from 1st January 2010 until 10th February 2010, this is unacceptably high. If anyone has any information regarding these crimes please contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

School Parking

The issue of inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside all 4 schools in Brickhill is considerably worse than our normal expectations. A young female was run over on Tyne Crescent on Thursday 5th February. This is not something any of us wish to see repeated, and the outcome could have been much worse. The Brickhill SNT together with the Parking Shop and the Borough Council have already started work to tackle this problem. In one swoop 3 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued and the misuse of a Disabled Badge was reported for action. Yellow lines indicate 'No Waiting' and you could receive a penalty if even you are sitting in your vehicle. Arrive a little earlier, park lawfully, and walk to the school gates. This priority is led by Peter Martin of Bedford Borough Council.

Brickhill Burglary Dwellings

Brickhill Burglaries are at a more reasonable level, and the Brickhill Community Safety Forum has removed this item from their list of priorities. Brickhill Safer Neighbourhood Team has introduced a number of measures to help reduce the number of burglaries. These include high visibility patrols with Operation Cocoon and the introduction of 'Smartwater' to the victim's address. This action will continue. If you see anyone or anything which looks suspicious please report it to Bedfordshire Police so that we can make sure it is dealt with promptly.

Ashmead Road Anti-Social Behaviour

BPHA and Bedfordshire Police have produced a great deal of work at his location. This now appears to be much better. People within the location have been warned about the possibility of losing their tenancy.

Making neighbourhoods safer, together

Goldcrest Way Anti-Social Behaviour

The issues of anti-social behaviour in Goldcrest Way have greatly reduced, and this priority has also been removed from the top 3 list. Richard Garnham, the Housing Officer for BPHA, has, and is still, reviewing several tenancies. Bedfordshire Police have placed High Visibility Policing in place. Be mindful that if *crime* can be proven to a Social Housing address then the occupant may well lose their tenancy.

Criminal Damage to Windows

Some people in Brickhill think it is great fun to terrorise older members of the community by randomly smashing their windows. This is a terrible crime, making the elderly feel unsafe in their own homes. If anyone has any information regarding these incidents, please contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Good News

Following the great success of last year, the 5-A-Side Tournament will again be held on Waveney Green this year. Meetings are underway and funding is being sought. All four of our local Schools have received the Extended schools accreditation mark. Shikoll Akhtar has done superb work, carrying this forward, and this will be good news for all the residents of Brickhill once the planned events come online. The survey for NEET (Not in Employment Education or Training) has been completed and the results from this Partnership will enable the use of facilities for local Young Adults to become involved in various activities.

Web Site

A briefer version of this Newsletter is now available on the Bedfordshire Police Website, complete with pictures of your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Telephone the SNT for details 01234 349179

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If you have any issues that you would like to discuss or you would just like to meet your local Safer Neighbourhood Team please drop by.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is here to make where you live safer, and to give you a better quality of life by reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour.

New Police Surgery

A Police Surgery commenced on Sunday 24/01/10 near Bramley Way on the Woodlands Estate. The next three surgeries are between 11:30am and 1:30pm near Bramley Way on the Woodlands Estate. The first 3 dates are 28/02/10, 04/04/10, and 09/05/10. I look forward to meeting you.

BEDFORD CREDIT UNION

Bedford Credit Union operates a weekly collection point in Brickhill.

Brickhill Baptist Church, Brickhill Drive
Opening hours are Wednesday 2-4pm

If you want to make a donation, join, volunteer or just want more information about the scheme then please come along.

Bedford Credit Union 01234 346352 email
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Local Police Surgeries:

NEW!

Woodlands Estate (mobile police station near Bramley Way) 11.30am to 1.30pm on the following Sundays : 28 February, 4 April and 9th May 2010

St Mark's Community Centre:

Wednesdays 2:00pm to 5:00pm (with bpha)
Thursdays 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Places for people flat at 6 Leven Walk:

Last Friday monthly 10:00am-1:00 pm

Sir William Harpur House:

Every alternate Wednesday 10.00am-12:00noon

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