

## **Chichester County Local Committee**

**4 July 2012**

### **Local Neighbourhood Policing Update**

1. Inspector Clare McKnight has joined the Horsham District Neighbourhood Policing Team. Based at Horsham she takes over from Acting Inspector Ian Cooke. She has a foundation of Neighbourhood Policing in the Bognor area and has more recently been working on a Force project to optimise the use of Special Constables in the Force.
2. Crime figures continue to be encouraging for the Horsham South policing area. Recently produced figures for the area in the year ending 31st May 2012 show that for the entire area the number of reported crimes have reduced by 127 fewer crime a total of 1872. Most significant reductions in crime have occurred in the Pulborough area and also Storrington and Sullington which have a reduction in the same period of 68 and 75 fewer crimes respectively. Nearly all crime types for the area have also shown a reduction apart from burglary dwelling which has increased 14 over the year to 100 instances.
3. Burglary arrests have recently been made in the Partridge Green area by local officers working on information which identified three local persons with connections to Henfield and Partridge Green. The offenders were stopped driving away from the area and found in possession of stolen jewellery and other items. The investigation continues but it is anticipated that this will have a positive effect on the burglary figures outlined above and specifically the increases shown in the Henfield, Shermanbury and West Grinstead parish areas.
4. Storrington Community Speed Watch is very close to going live. This is a Sussex Police community based scheme which supplements road safety initiatives specifically in the Storrington area. This is in response to the concerns of the community in relation to traffic related issues and mainly those of speeding traffic. Organisers, notably Peter Herbertson, David Wright, Bernie Iles and David Fellowes have worked within the confines of Sussex Police Policy and agreement of the Parish Council to form a group of local residents who will arrange to conduct speed checks at approved locations within Storrington. Equipped with a laser speed device and supported by Storrington NPT officers PC John Burt and PCSO Carol Boniface speeding vehicles will be recorded and repeat offenders will be identified in order actions can be taken to prevent continued offending. To date 25 volunteers have been identified and trained to be involved in this scheme.
5. The forthcoming months will be bringing a number of demands for the local policing teams as it will for the West Sussex Division and Sussex Police as a whole. There has been significant planning and arrangements put in place to ensure that local policing is maintained during the summer months. Already there have been the issues of the Jubilee and currently the Euro Football

Championships where adjustments in policing levels have been made to meet these demands. These have taken into account issues such as licensed premises, drink driving and also domestic violence. Later in the Summer further demands will be placed in supporting the policing of the Olympics which has implications beyond the actual weeks of the events and also London. Local Policing Team levels have been maintained as a result of the planning.

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