Incorporating the parishes of:

WADDESDON LOCAL AREA FORUM

DATE: 17 December 2008	
TIME:	7.00 pm
LOCATION:	Westcott Cricket Club

- Ashendon
- Dorton
- Edgcott
- Fleet Marston
- Grendon Underwood
- Kingswood
- Ludgershall
- Marsh Gibbon
- Nether Winchendon
- Quainton
- Upper Winchendon
- Waddesdon
- Westcott
- Woodham
- Wotton Underwood

AGENDA

Item		Page No
1	Apologies for Absence / Changes in Membership	
2	Declarations of Interest To declare any personal or prejudicial interests	
3	Action Notes To confirm the notes of the meeting held on	1 - 6
4	Question Time There will be a 20 minute period for public questions. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions in advance of the meeting to Madeleine Howe by email on mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk or telephone 01296 383406 to facilitate a full answer on the day of the meeting. Questions sent in advance will be dealt with first and verbal questions after.	
5	Petitions None received	
6	NAG Update	7 - 14
7	Bucks 50+ Presentation from Lynne Kuschel, Bucks 50+ Co-ordinator.	
8	Extended Services Presentation from Nic Brennan, Extended Services Co-ordinator.	
9	Traffic Calming Measures An overview including Vehicle activated signs and village gateways – Ann Marie Davies. (suggested by Ludgershall PC)	
10	Delegated Budget	
11	Items of interest Consultation on proposed traffic calming in Edgcott http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/content/index.jsp?contentid=-1894409362	

Consultation on school place planning 'Aylesbury Area Plan' - item for information

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/content/index.jsp?contentid=1323595362

Review of Buckinghamshire and Aylesbury Vale Sustainable Community Strategies

http://www.bmgsystems.co.uk/bucksccp/UploadedFiles/bsp 2026 4pp.pdf and

http://www.bmgsystems.co.uk/bucksccp/UploadedFiles/bsp%20aylesbury202 6%20insert.pdf

12 Date of Next and Future Meetings

The next meeting of the LAF will take place on 18 March 2009 at 7pm at Ludgershall Village Hall.

17 June, Waddesdon Primary School

16 Sept, Quainton Village Hall

16 Dec, Grendon Underwood Combined School

Democratic Services Contact: Katy MacDonald, Tel 01296 383604, Email kmacdonald@buckscc.gov.uk

Please contact me if you have any special requirements e.g. hearing loop

Partner Agencies: Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire PCT, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Waddesdon Local Area Forum
DATE:	24 September 2008 7.00 pm to 8.45 pm
LOCATION	Grendon Underwood Village Hall

Present:	B Clapp (Westcott Parish Council), Michael Edmonds (Bucks County Council) (Chairman), Craig Essam (Thames Valley Police), Nick Heirons (Quainton Parish Council), Paul Jackman (Buckinghamshire County Council), Sheila Knox (Quainton Parish Council), Ian Metherell (Marsh Gibbon Parish Council), Margaret Morgan-Owen (Aylesbury Vale District Council) (Vice-Chairman), Gareth Morley (Thames Valley Police), Susan Polhill (Aylesbury Vale District Council), Mr G B Rowles (Grendon Underwood Parish Council) and David Vick (Waddesdon Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Karen Adamson, Elaine Bedford, Nic Brennan, Ann-Marie Davies, Janette Eustace, Madeleine Howe, Katy MacDonald and David Smith
Apologies:	John Cartwright, Joanne Loftus and Jackie Phipps

Item	ISSUES RAISED			
1	CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN			
	RESOLVED			
	That Michael Edmonds be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.			
2	APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN			
	RESOLVED			
	That Margaret Morgan-Owen be appointed Vice – Chairman for the ensuing year.			
3	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP			
	Apologies were received from John Cartwright, Jackie Phipps and Joanne Loftus (VAHT).			
4	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST			
	There were no declarations of interest.			
5	NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING			
	The notes from the previous meeting were confirmed.			
6	MATTERS ARISING			
	Update on Youth Cafes in Waddesdon and Quainton.			
	Members were informed that a Youth Café in Waddesdon will be starting in October on Mondays after school until 6pm in the Village Hall. A flyer to advertise this will be going into the next newsletter.			
	The Youth Café in Quainton will be opening towards the end of September in the Baptist			

Church. It will be open on Thursdays from 6.30-9pm and is aimed at 11-18 year olds.

• It was not possible to get an update on Local Access in time for the meeting, but it was agreed that an update would be attached the minutes.

ACTION: Madeleine to obtain an update to be attached to the minutes.

Service Excellence Event

The report on the Service Excellence Event was attached to the Agenda. Madeleine advised the Forum that she had some updated notes on the actions highlighted in the report and will send out with the minutes.

ACTION: Madeleine to obtain an update to be attached to the minutes.

7 FUTURE OF LOCALITY WORKING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The Chairman asked the Forum to note the report regarding the County Council resolution made on 10 July 2008 and advised that the link for the report had been distributed for background information. Members were asked to consider the 11 resolutions passed by Council. A discussion took place on the membership on the Local Area Forum (LAF) and the Chairman noted that members of the Waddesdon Local Area Forum (the Forum) comprises of representatives of the County, District and Parish Councils and the key partner representatives include Thames Valley Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and the Primary Care Trust. Members were advised that it is open to the Forum to decide whether they should invite other local organisations to join.

Members were advised that the Forum will hold four meetings a year.

Members were invited to ask questions and the following points were made:

- A member asked what the process was for adding an item to the agenda. Madeleine Howe suggested that Parishes contact either herself mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk or Katy Macdonald kmacdonald@buckscc.gov.uk.
- A member queried who was representing each Parish Council and enquired how voting rights were determined. The Chair advised that each Parish Council had been invited to send a representative whom should ideally be a named representative. With regards to voting it would be one Parish Council, one vote.

The Forum was asked to consider the Terms of Reference and membership issues and these were approved unanimously.

8 PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF FORUM

It had been proposed to change the name of the Forum from Waddesdon LAF to Waddesdon and Winchendons LAF to better reflect the geographical spread of the area covered. After discussion it was agreed to leave the name as Waddesdon LAF but to put a list of the names of all the Parishes included at the top of the agenda.

ACTION: Madeleine Howe

9 QUESTION TIME

The Chair clarified that Question Time is a 20 minute period for public questions. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions in advance of the meeting and these questions will be dealt with first and any verbal questions thereafter.

There were no public questions.

The Chair asked members if they had any questions. The following points were made:

• A Parish Council representative asked how the Local Area Forums will be publicised. Madeleine Howe (Local Area Co-ordinator) reported that as this was the inaugural meeting of the Local Area Forum, constitutional issues were still being considered. However, future meetings would be advertised through a poster, previously used at the Waddesdon Local Committee, which relied on Parish Clerks putting them on their noticeboard and in addition local newspapers and community/parish newsletters. Members were also advised that ensuring all members of the public can attend the forums is considered very important and a hearing loop has been purchased and venues will be fully accessible. Janette Eustace (Area Lead Officer) reminded members that they also had a key role in promoting the LAFs through their own networks.

Action: Madeleine Howe

• The representative from Grendon Underwood explained that parents of children attending the village school use the village hall car park during school dropping of and collection times. The village hall car park is in need of repair/upgrading. A bid to the Delegated Budget scheme had been applied for unsuccessfully. The village hall committee are keen to know whether there are other sources of funding. Madeleine and Ann-Marie Davies will help the village hall committee to look at the options.

Action: Ann-Marie/Madeleine/Paul Jackman

 A Parish representative asked about Local Committees and whether they were still continuing. The Chair confirmed that Local Committees have now finished.

10 PETITIONS

There were no Petitions.

11 | FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A presentation was given by Paul McShane for the Bucks Fire and Rescue Service and covered the following issues:-

- Vision
- Organisation
- Understanding community risks
- Pressures and realities
- Proposed objectives
- Potential prevention schemes
- Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP)
- Summary and contacts

Their website can be found at www.bucksfire.gov.uk

The Fire and Rescue Service highlighted how they could contribute to LAFs by addressing priorities identified and working together to try and resolve them. After discussion the following points were made:-

- There was a leaflet on home fire safety checks and smoke alarms, which are provided free of charge.
- Domestic Sprinklers can be installed in houses where the occupants were disabled or would have difficulty getting out of the house quickly in the event of a fire.
- Posters on inconsiderate parking were available and show how some fire engines find it
 difficult to reach their destination because of poor car parking along narrow roads. The Fire
 Service had no enforcement powers and had to rely on the goodwill of the public. This
 leaflet has been circulated to Local Area technicians, highlighting partnership working.
- Youth Diversion Scheme, which targets young people and aims to educate children, young people and their families in fire safety skills and divert them from fire crime and associated antisocial behaviour.
- Members asked what the Fire and Rescue were doing regarding road safety. Paul McShane informed members that they currently work in partnership with the police, for example by providing Biker Drop-Ins held in villages where friendly advice and information is offered.

Action: Parish Councils/Fire Service Partnership

12 ADULT SOCIAL CARE

A presentation was given by Karen Adamson and Elaine Bedford for Adult Social Care.

They highlighted how Adult Social Care could contribute to LAFs by working in partnership with local communities and other agencies to ensure local communities receive the services needed locally. Adult social care surgeries are held locally and aim to bring adult social care services closer to residents by offering support and advice to those who may not be able to get to the main social care offices. After discussion the following points were made:-

- Elaine Bedford is the local Adult social care representative for Waddesdon LAF and will be attending the LAF.
- Elaine asked that if anyone had any concerns about any vulnerable people in the community to contact herself <u>ebedford@buckscc.gov.uk</u> 01494 475202 or Karen Adamson <u>kadamson@buckscc.gov.uk</u> 01296 383847.
- The last surgery resulted in 12 people joining the in-touch programme which is a free call four times a year to see how people are getting on and whether they might like to receive any help. Clients who have received calls have commented favourably about the programme mentioning that the caller might have been the only person they had spoken to that day.
- The next surgery will be at Quainton Memorial hall on 20 January 2009.

Action: Parish Councils/Adult Social Care Partnership

13 NAG

A presentation was given by PC Gareth Morley from Waddesdon Police Station. Gareth made the following points:

- Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) were originally set up under neighbourhood policing and they were set up to be separate from the Police, with the intention that the NAG was to give information to the police.
- Thames Valley Police can no longer hold a committee post on the NAG.
- Peter Stray is Chairman of the Waddesdon NAG and will be attending Waddesdon LAF representing the NAG in future.
- Thames Valley Police will attend Waddesdon LAF in future regarding policing roles.

Gareth provided members with a report 'Waddesdon with Quainton, Grendon Underwood and Marsh Gibbon District Neighbourhood' – Neighbourhood Profile 2008. After discussion the following points were made:

- The priorities for the NAG and Neighbourhood Policing team for 2008/2009 are:
 - 1. Excess speed offences three areas have been identified to address speeding issues. Station Road, Quainton where the average speed was 44 mph. Station Road, Marsh Gibbon where the average speed was 50 mph and Blackthorn Approach, Marsh Gibbon where the average speed was 50 mph.
 - 2. Parking –Lower Street in Quainton where there is a time specific problem (school times) with parking and Baker Street, Waddesdon where short term and long term solutions such as double yellow lines are being considered.
 - 3. Criminal damage/vandalism/graffiti following visual audits Waddesdon and Westcott will be targeted. A clear up day has been arranged and ways of engaging younger children in this day are being looked at.
- A member commented that the improvements in the Neighbourhood Policing have been amazing.
- A member asked if NAG would get involved in school travel plans. Gareth advised that it is part of Neighbourhood Policing responsibility to support travel plans.
- Gareth advised the Forum that if Parishes wanted a speed check completed anywhere to contact him and he could arrange this.
- A member asked how night time speeding was tackled. Gareth advised that a traffic officer
 has been assigned to tackle speed offences committed day and night. He will initially be
 looking at identified areas.
- A member asked how they could ensure that intelligence gets through. Gareth informed the forum that all intelligence goes through Aylesbury and highlighted the need for members to continue to report any problems as it helps to build up a local picture.

14 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the LAF will take place on 17 December 2008 at 7pm at Westcott Cricket Pavilion.

The suggested dates of future meetings were confirmed as:

2009

18 March - Ludgershall Village Hall

17 June – Waddesdon Primary School

16 September – Quainton Village Hall

16 December – venue to be confirmed.

Neighbourhood Policing

Autumn 2008



Neighbourhood Policing lies at the very heart of how we work in Thames Valley Police, and it is our aim to work in partnership to make our community safer.

Neighbourhood policing is a truly local policing style, working with local people, partners and voluntary organisations to identify and tackle issues of concern in their neighbourhood. It seeks to increase contact between the police and the public in order for us to be more responsive to the needs of local people and therefore improve the quality of service we give. By tackling local priorities with our partner agencies and making use of the specialist skills within the organisation we can increase public confidence in the police and make a real difference to people's lives. Key to improving public confidence is ensuring we keep our communities up-to-date with the work we are undertaking to address the priorities in our area.

Every neighbourhood now has its own dedicated neighbourhood policing team made up of Neighbourhood Specialist Officers, Inspectors, Sergeants and Police Community Officers supported by Special Constables, Police Staff and Volunteers.

Sara Thornton
Chief Constable





Introduction

Neighbourhood policing is about putting the 'local' back into policing. It's about making sure that the police, working with other agencies, provide the service that people want by tackling those issues that are important to local residents.

Your neighbourhood has its own team made up of police officers and police community support officers whose entire focus is on your area.

Thames Valley Police has led the way to the introduction of neighbourhood policing. It was one of a small number of forces which took part in the Government's national reassurance policing programme which was the precursor to neighbourhood policing.

The Neighbourhood policing team is led by the Neighbourhood Action Group, which is set up to deal with key issues identified by public consultation. This may happen in the form of a public meeting, through surveys done face-to-face or by mail, or a combination of methods.

The Action Group is a volunteer working group made up of representatives from the community. It includes residents, the police, local authority and other organisations, such as local businesses and schools.

This group is key to the success of neighbourhood policing as it is this group who will plan on behalf of the community and organise for tasks to be completed. In effect, they are the 'doers' accountable locally for responding to problems a community wants to tackle.

The group is always open to new members and fresh ideas on how to tackle the priorities. If you wanted further information on the Action Group please contact us at Waddesdon Police Station.

The public consultation survey for 2008/2009 identified that the priorities for the NAG and Neighbourhood Policing team are:

- 1. Excess speed offences,
- 2. Parking, and
- 3. Criminal damage/va-falism/graffiti

Neighbourhood Team



Sergeant Bryn Scott

As the Neighbourhood Sergeant I am responsible for the line management of the NSO and PCSOs. I also act as a quality controller for the work of the team, agreeing tactics and strategies for dealing with locally set neighbourhood priority issues.



Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO) PC Gareth Morley

As the NSO I am dedicated to this area and not removed for any other duties. This enables me to forge close links with the residents and traders in the neighbourhood and with partner agencies such as the Local Authority, Youth Services, Social Landlords, the Fire Service to name just a few. The informed knowledge that I develop from my work not only enables me to target local offenders and bring them to justice, but to deal with those important quality of life issues that affect everybody in the community from low level incivility to anti-social behaviour and disorder.



PCSO Craig Essam PCSO Antony Hurd

As PCSO's we play a vital role by complementing the work of police officers. We provide a highly visible, accessible, familiar, knowledgeable and accountable, patrolling presence within the neighbourhood. We contribute to community safety by tackling quality of life issues such as anti-social and nuisance behaviour, alcohol abuse, anti-social driving and dealing with abandoned or unlicensed cars.

Priority 1:

Excess Speed Offences

through Speeding our villages is problem а experienced by residents in many of the villages across neighbourhood. the Neighbourhood Action has decided Group concentrate though on three specific areas. These are:



1. Station Road in Quainton

The speed limit on the road is 30mph however the average speed is 44mph.

2. Station Road in Marsh Gibbon

The speed limit on the road is 30mph however the average speed is 50mph.

3. Blackthorn approach in Marsh Gibbon

The speed limit on the road is 50mph however the average speed is also 44mph.

So far our efforts have been focused on enforcing the speed limits and on education. Several schemes are underway which have involved the use of a speed indicator device that shows a smiling or frowning face to drivers depending on whether they are speeding. We have also made use of new laser speed guns issued to stop motorists and issue penalty tickets.

Consideration is being given as to the purchase of the community speed watch equipment which will mean local residents enforcing their own speed limits in their villages. For more information on this please contact the Neighbourhood team at Waddesdon Police Station.

We will measure the average speeds in April next year to see if we have made a difference to these areas.

Priority 2: **Parking**

The Neighbourhood Action Group decided in April as a result of the survey to focus on the following areas:

1. Baker Street in Waddesdon

2. Lower Street in Quainton

When people park their vehicles on road junctions, block driveways and park on the narrow pavements they hinder access for wheelchair and pushchair users. Also parking on both sides of the road can hinder emergency service access and slow response times.

The Neighbourhood policing team in conjunction with local residents have setup a system of reporting illegal parking. As a result of these reports we distribute letters to car owners who have parked inconsiderately. We have so far distributed over forty letters.

Our partners in Waddesdon Parish Council are also exploring the possibility of providing alternate parking spaces.

So far we have seen a vast reduction in illegal parking down Baker Street. Some repeat offenders have either been spoken to over the telephone or spoken to in person. In one extreme case a ticket was issued as the male driver had received a number of letters.

In Quainton the Neighbourhood team are in consultation with the primary school about the best way to tackle the school parking problem.



Priority 3: Criminal Damage

The Neighbourhood Action Group decided in April as a result of the survey to focus on the following areas:



1. Waddesdon

2. Westcott

The problem in Waddesdon appears to take place at various locations throughout the village. Main areas include; the skate park, Baker Street and the Football Pavilion. Waddesdon had the highest number of recorded offences last year (46) with the damage being spread evenly between damage to buildings, vehicles and other items.

The largest amount of illegal graffiti found in the neighbourhood was at Westcott. Despite this Westcott residents have reported a low number of recorded criminal damage offences.

So far as a result of patrols carried out at the hotspots at key times, we have arrested and interviewed several youths in relation to various forms of criminal damage, vandalism and graffiti.

We are actively supporting initiatives for young people in the villages in an attempt to tackle some of the boredom issues. One example is the Youth Café in Waddesdon Village Hall and the Youth Club in Waddesdon.

We strongly encourage the reporting of damage in the villages to get a greater understanding of when and where the damage occurs.

So far as a result of our efforts criminal damage has dropped by 50% in Westcott and 18% in Waddesdon on last year.

Schools Liaison

The NSO and PCSO's for the Neighbourhood actively liaise with all the schools, their staff and their pupils. We provide a friendly, accessible face in schools and help with more serious issues of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. The initiative essentially adds reassurance to school children, parents and supports educational staff with the difficult work we carry out.

As part of this liaison we tackle truancy issues, share information on youths causing anti-social problems in the villages and educate the children through lessons about personal safety, internet safety and other relevant topics.

The schools are very supportive of this intervention and we will continue to work hard with the schools to tackle and change the behaviours and beliefs of children acting in an anti-social or criminal way.

Police Surgeries

The team regularly conducts Police Surgeries in the villages. This is an opportunity to speak to your 'village bobby' and the PCSO's.

At the Police Surgeries you can raise any issues or questions with the team, ask about the work we are doing, ask about how to get involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or the Neighbourhood Action Group, you can also seek crime prevention advice. The Police Surgeries are scheduled as follows:

 Marsh Gibbon 	18/01/2009	09:00 am to 03:00 pm
 Ludgershall 	01/02/2009	05:00 pm to 10:00 pm
• Grendon Underwood	15/02/2009	09:00 am to 03:00 pm
 Ashendon 	01/03/2009	05:00 pm to 10:00 pm
 Quainton 	15/03/2009	09:00 am to 03:00 pm
 Westcott 	29/03/2009	05:00 pm to 10:00 pm
 Waddesdon 	12/04/2009	09:00 am to 03:00 pm

Look out for the posters in your village advertising the event.

Summary

The Waddesdon neighbourhood policing team aims to put your communities – needs, issues and priorities – at the heart of local policing. This is achieved through active collaboration between police, partners and the public to solve local crime and disorder problems, improve the quality of life for residents across the neighbourhood and increase feelings of security.

Contact Details

Visit or write to us at Waddesdon Police Station, our address is:

Waddesdon Police Station High Street Waddesdon Buckinghamshire HP18 0JB

At present our opening hours are as follows:

Monday	10am	to	1pm
Wednesday	10am	to	1pm
Thursday	4pm	to	7pm
Friday	10am	to	1pm

You can email the team by writing to:

waddesdonstation@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You can also call the team on the following number:

0845 8 505 505