

Boughton Heath Vicars Cross & Overleigh : Community Forum Report 2010 -11

The year commenced with one meeting being held covering the whole of the Ward with all 6 members attending. 4 meetings were held in this format with the location changing at each meeting allowing all areas to be covered. The Police, Fire Service, Community Safety Wardens, Street Scene and Waste Management attended all meetings to provide updates were appropriate and take concerns raised by individual residents during the coffee shop sessions. An average of 25 residents attended these meetings.

Several residents raised concerns that they felt the area was too big and diverse for the meetings to be effective. As a result it was agreed from November the meetings would be split into:-

- Boughton Heath & Vicars Cross including the Pulford area
- Overleigh Area including Lache

One meeting has been held in this format with a second meeting scheduled for February / March 2011. The November meeting for Overleigh was held in Lache and was scheduled for as a day time meeting to see if this would improve attendance. While the pre meeting survey indicated that people were happy to attend a day time meeting the attendance was low so the February meeting will be an early evening meeting to see if this improves attendance. Residents had also requested an opportunity to raise concerns in an open forum and a session to accommodate this is now included in the agenda. Police, Fire Service, Community Safety Wardens, Street Scene and Waste Management continue to attend the split meetings.

Information on the following topics was provided and discussed at the meetings:

▪ Love Food Hate Waste	▪ Homewatch
▪ Recycling and Waste Collections	▪ Everybody Benefits
▪ Trading Standards	▪ Credit Union
▪ Drinking Alcohol in Public Places	▪ Highways

Member budget support has benefited 29 community projects including:

- 8 Community clean up / skip days across the area
- Church projects and events
- Community events such as fun days and pantomimes
- Children's play equipment
- Bus stops / fencing / landscaping / benches
- Sports Equipment for several groups
- Allotment projects
- Community Notice Boards
- Safe Crossing
- Highways – Drop kerbs