

# You said, we did

....your local voice

## **Boughton Heath, Vicars Cross & Overleigh Community Forum Feedback News**

**Edition 1**

# Welcome

**Welcome** to the first edition of your Community Forum newsletter.

This newsletter provides an update on the issues discussed during the first two Community Forum meetings held in June and September 2009.

### **Your Community Forum**

The Community Forum is a place for you to have your say, to find out what's happening in your local area and to meet and talk with your local Councillors, Council Officers, Cheshire Police, Cheshire Fire & Rescue, other organisations and residents.

The meeting is supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council and is open to all local residents living within Boughton Heath, Vicars Cross and Overleigh wards, including Handbridge, Lache, Westminster Park, Curzon Park, Great Boughton, Huntington, Pulford, Poulton, Alford, Dodleston and Lower Kinnerton.

By listening and responding to local residents, the Council and its partners wish to provide better services, facilities and activities, making the area an even better place in which to live, work and enjoy.

Other public organisations and local community and voluntary sector groups are encouraged to come to meetings and to consult about their plans and seek your views and involvement in making your local area a better place.

Each Community Forum takes place regularly from 6pm and gives you a chance to discuss matters of importance to you on both one to one basis and as a community.

### **First for Boughton Heath, Vicars Cross and Overleigh**

The first two Community Forums held on 26th May at Queen's Park High School, Handbridge and 15th September at Caldy Valley Church Centre were very well attended.

Residents had an opportunity to speak with the local Police Officers and the Council's Community Safety Wardens who responded to concerns about a range of issues including crime, littering, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. Professor Tim Wheeler, Vice Chancellor of University of Chester also attended the September meeting and gave a presentation on the proposed student village development at Parkgate Road and the University's proposals for County Hall.



## Focus on New Waste Collection Service

Barry Davies from Cheshire West & Chester Council's Waste Management Service and his colleagues have been to each meeting to deal with any concerns relating to the introduction of the new waste collection system and to make sure the system is working for all residents, especially older residents or those with particular needs.

Please download a form from the website to report any problems you are experiencing with the new waste collection service in Chester or contact the Council's Waste management team on Tel: 0300 123 7026 or email:  
chester.waste@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

## Your Councillors

Your six local ward councillors will attend each meeting to hear your views and discuss local issues with you. This will enable them to be more fully informed about your community's needs and priorities when taking part in the Council's decision-making about your local services and facilities.

### Your Six "Community Champions"



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## Your Issues

During the meeting, local residents raised a number of issues including:-

**You said....** Why were there three contractors cutting the grass on verges on Circular Drive in the Overleigh ward?

**We did....** The three contractors all have different responsibilities. Chester and District Housing Trust maintain the enclosed gardens of their properties, TWS BAM Nuttal cut the grass verges previously for the former County Council and Vale Contract Services have the contract to maintain the open spaces which was issued by the former City Council. The new Council is aiming to rationalise these arrangements when new contracts are issued.

**You said....** What can be done about youths riding mini motors and causing a general nuisance in Queen's Park and The Groves?

**We did....** This was pro-actively targeted on the run up to and during the summer holidays, 1 youth has since been prosecuted and we have recovered a number of motor bikes suspected as being involved in these complaints. A combination of local officers, traffic enforcement specialists and the Police's Air Support Unit were deployed in solving this problem which has greatly diminished.

**You said....** The bus lane approaching Overleigh roundabout from Wrexham is often used to jump the traffic light queue; what are Cheshire Police doing about this?

**We did....** Cheshire Police are aware of this problem which has been passed onto their traffic management unit to monitor. Any persons caught committing this offence are and will be dealt with.

**You said....** Were the Police aware of the activities taking place on the playing fields of Bishop's High School?

**We did....** Yes, Cheshire Police are aware and through the Neighbourhood Policing Team have been targeting a small number of individuals who frequent that area and who are known to use cannabis. However, there is no evidence to support a specific drug problem at the school.

## Future Community Forum Topics

- Community Safety
- Preventing Domestic Abuse
- Facilities for children and young people

## Want to know more?

If you would like a local community matter to be considered at a future Community Forum or would like to go on the mailing list or simply want more information regarding Community Forums please contact **Sonja Booth, Democratic Services Support Officer** or **Michelle Talgam, Chester Area Manager**

## Date for your Diary

Join us at the next Community Forum on 24th November 2009 at Pulford Village Hall, Pulford where you will be able to speak about local issues in both the urban and rural parts of the area with your local ward Councillors, Council officers and other agencies. There will also be a presentation on how to report a highways problem or fault to the Council

**Date of future meetings - 16th February 2010 at Lache Community Centre, Lache**

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