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Eddisbury Feedback News

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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Eddisbury Community Forum Newsletter.

This newsletter gives you an update on items discussed at the Community Forum meeting on Tuesday 1st June 2010.

Role of Your Community Forum

Your Community Forum is an integral part of Cheshire West and Chester Councils commitment to listening and responding to those issues and concerns within local communities. Your Community Forum also enables residents, community groups, town and parish councils to find out more about what Cheshire West and Chester Council are doing locally, what priorities are being focussed on for action and how residents can get involved in making a difference within communities.

Community Forum Update

Sophie Baxter, Police Community Support Officer for Sandiway, Cuddington, Oakmere and Delamere updated the forum on current initiatives and highlighted that the Police and Fire Service are working together to support vulnerable people by conducting home safety checks in light of concerns over the increase in door to door sales in the area. She also highlighted a number of initiatives involving local young people.

Question: Concerns raised over anti-social behaviour on Norley Road Playing Fields and what is being done to tackle these problems?

Answer: Police fully aware of the situation and over the weekend were able to seize alcohol from a number of young people and inform their parents. Those in attendance were encouraged to report incidents such as this so that the Police and local agencies can take action.

To report an incident, use the following numbers:

- **Police: 0845458 0000**
- **In emergencies dial: 999**
- **Anti Social Behaviour Hotline: 0300 123 7033**



Question: What's the difference between Community Safety Wardens and Police Community Support Officer?

Answer: In June 2010 Cheshire West and Chester Council will be launching a Community Enforcement Team comprising of officers with expertise in tackling anti social behaviour, litter and dog fouling. This team of more than fifty officers will provide a visible presence where hotspots have been identified.

To report a problem to the team please contact:

- Tel: 0300 123 7033
- Via email: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk Report It

Ian West from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service gave a brief update. He stated that there are no real issues relating to fire safety in the area and that incidents of home fires have reduced due to the proactive community work undertaken by the Fire Service. The Service is able to identify vulnerable people within the community and visit them to ensure their homes are safe.

Question Time

Question: Norley Road/Delamere Park – there used to be a beech wood. This has recently been cut down for timber. What's stopping this happening again? How can local residents have a say on these issues?

Answer: Unless there is a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), the owner of the land is able to cut them down.

Question: Thank you for organising a separate forum. Currently we are having difficulties getting through to the right officers at the council.

Answer: A Parish Council hotline has been created should you have difficulties with the existing published Call Centre numbers 0300 123 7049.

Question: Please can we get all the potholes filled.

Answer: There is a huge backlog of roads that require repair. This amounts to £110m over the next 10 years to bring our roads up to standard. Local communities can assist the Council in tackling this problem by reporting road defects and potholes in their community through the following:

Website: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 7036

Email: engvr@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Question: Street Signs are in a poor condition (Weaverham Road Stop Sign). Can they be cleaned or replaced? I've reported it, but nothing has been done.

Answer: Street Signage that is in poor condition should be reported to the Highways Department and the contacts are provided above.

Question: What can be done regarding the number of vehicles outside of Cuddington Primary School during pick up/drop off times? Why are there no parking facilities?

Answer: Cheshire West and Chester try to encourage parents/carers and their children to walk to School. The School also develops its own travel plan and have tried to address the problem. The local police have been working in partnership with the school, writing to the parents and sending warning letters to those that park inconsiderately. The other option available to the local police is to issue Fixed Penalty Notices in the area.

Home Watch

Liz Biddle from Cheshire Constabulary attended the meeting to raise awareness of the Home Watch Scheme in Cheshire West and Chester.

Home Watch has been established in Cheshire for 30 years. The scheme is now moving forward and the first Cheshire Association is being formed. A particular task for the newly formed group will be to look at signage across Cheshire for the Home Watch Scheme.

Home Watch can create a valued sense of community by:

- Getting to know your neighbours, especially the elderly
- Helping to reduce local crime such as burglary, vandalism and car theft by keeping an eye out for each other
- Providing a positive approach to combating doorstep callers and rogue traders
- Making your property less attractive to burglars by increased security measures and appropriate property marking

Attendees were asked if they would like to receive regular updates about the scheme and a handout was passed around in order to sign up.

Attendees agreed that this was a scheme which provides many benefits, particularly for neighbourhoods and vulnerable people.

Question: How do we get new Home Watch signs in Utkinton as they are in a poor state of repair.

Answer: The newly formed Association will be looking at this as a piece of work or the signs can be purchased directly for around £39.

For further information on Home Watch:

- Contact the Home Watch Officer on 01244 614291
- Via email western.watch@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
- Visit the Home Watch Website www.mynhw.co.uk

Waste Collection Strategy Consultation

Helen De Lemos, Waste Strategy Manager for Cheshire West and Chester Council attended the meeting to update the Forum on the forthcoming consultation on the future plans for the delivery of a new waste and recycling service from 2012.

There are currently three different schemes in operation across Cheshire West and Chester which were agreed by the legacy authorities prior to April 2009. Whilst indications are that these schemes are working well with good satisfaction rates from residents there is a need to align the different schemes to ensure a consistent service across Cheshire West & Chester.

The Council is seeking through the alignment and introduction of a new single scheme to achieve the following:

- Improved customer satisfaction
- Increase in recycling rates
- Reduction in carbon omissions
- Consistent collection service across Cheshire West & Chester
- Reduction in overall costs through increased efficiencies

To ensure that these objectives are achieved the Council would like the views of local residents to assist in the development of the new service. The consultation will comprise of the following:

- A series of consultation road shows are taking place throughout Cheshire West and Chester
- Senior Waste Collection Officers attending Community Forums to answer any question or queries
- Have Your Say Consultation Leaflet is being sent to all households in Cheshire West and Chester

Question: Are bins being micro chipped?

Answer: There are no plans in place to do this in West Cheshire, although instead of identifying people who are not recycling, it can identify issues which we can tackle.

Question: Is community composting possible?

Answer: Previously this has been looked at, but the main focus now is on home composting. However, if local residents are interested, then I will be happy to investigate.

Question: What is the carbon footprint of community composting schemes.

Answer: Home composting is a much more efficient process.

Question: What happens to Cheshire West & Chester Council compost? Can it be bought?

Answer: It is used by local companies on their land and currently cannot be bought.

Question: You are trying to reduce waste, but you need waste to power the incinerator in Lostock. How does this work?

Answer: We need to reduce recycling and collection costs.

For further information, please contact Helen De Lemos on 01244 973502 or via email Helen.delemos@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Member Budgets

Attendees were reminded that each member has a budget for supporting local community projects to find out more, please contact your local community champion.

Possible Topics For Future Forums

- Presentation by Cheshire Against Rural Turbines (CHART)

Topics for Next Meetings

- Introduction to the Community Enforcement Team
- Planning for Housing in Cheshire West & Chester

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Drugs Line:	0800 854181
Home Watch:	01244 614291
All Services:	0300 123 8 123

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Council information is also available in Audio, Braille and Large Print formats. If you would like a copy in any of these formats or in another language, please email us at equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. We are also able to provide a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter to support customers with accessing Council services.

Tel: 0300 123 8 123

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Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 14th September 2010,
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starting at 7pm.

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