

Crowthorne Community Neighbourhood Action Group (CCNAG) notes

Meeting Thursday 10 February 2022 at 7pm at Crowthorne Village Hall

Attendee	Organisation
Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle	CPC / BFBC
Cllr Richard Price	CPC
Matthew Barber	Police and Crime Commissioner, Thames Valley
Katy Hughes	Clerk, WWPC
Carole Doran	CVAG
John Baster	CVAG
Cllr Michael Brossard	BFC / STC / NAG
Cllr Angus Ross	WBC
Phil Hart	NMI Men's Shed WW
Riyaz Dhalla	Resident
Yasmin Dhalla	Resident
Barry Bailey	Churches Together in Crowthorne
Cllr Cliff Thomson	CPC
Andy Holley	CVAG
Patrick Kelleher	Pine Ridge Residents' Group
James P Gibson	Resident
Mike Gower	Sandhurst Youth worker
Peter Kiegan	NMI Men's Shed WW
John McNab	CVAG
Cllr Pauline Jordan	WWPC
Cllr Lesley Foxwell	WWPC
John Middlemist	Resident
Cllr Nicholas Martin	WWPC
Cllr John Harrison	BFBC
PCSO Aaron Pearce	TVP
PC Ryan Murphy	TVP
PCSO Patrick Glenister	TVP
PC Pete Gilbert	TVP

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Bob Wade - CPC
Melanie Saville - Clerk, CPC
Cllr Simon Butterworth - CPC
Cllr Janet Cannon - WWPC
Cllr Janet Rogers - WWPC
Alison O'Meara - BFC
Louise Truscott – Hopezone

2. Election of chairman and vice chairman for the CCNAG

Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle was elected as Chairman for the meeting. Cllr Richard Price was elected as Vice-Chairman for the meeting.

3. Presentation from Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner, Thames Valley

Matthew Barber reported that the Thames Valley area is the fourth largest policing area in the country. He reported that his give priorities for policing in the Thames Valley are:

- Strong local policing
- Serious organised crime
 - This includes tackling issues such as county lines drug gangs, child exploitation and organised gang burglary
- Cybercrime and fraud
- Improving criminal justice
 - This includes reducing re-offending rates and tackling incidents of domestic abuse, which make up around 20% of calls received into TVP.
- Illegal encampments

Matthew Barber spoke about the Community Safety Fund, a fund available to local authorities to tackle issues such as:

- fly tipping, including the funding of a pilot program in Oxfordshire to enable authorities to clear fly tipping on private land.
- Speeding, including the Community Speed Watch program

Matthew Barber spoke about current recruitment and reported on a Home Office funded uplift that should deliver 600 more police officers for the Thames Valley, 365 of whom will be in place by the end of March this year.

He reported that TVP are working to recruit more PCSOs and more Special Constables.

Matthew Barber reported on other initiatives:

- Victims First – a program supporting victims of crime with a fund of £3m to provide support
- Violence Reduction Unit – a program working to reduce violent crime, which has seen a 11% drop in the last two years in the most serious offences. This program is also working with local schools
- Thames Valley Together – a data project to identify concerns raised about individuals by other agencies to ensure that this information is known to TVP.
- Community Fund – £100K is available to support any project that promotes crime reduction, and particularly local initiatives.

Q&As:

- Michael Brossard asked about the loss of visible police on foot in the local community. Matthew noted that whilst there is a place for foot patrols in terms of community reassurance, this does not work for response officers. Police presence can be improved in other ways, such as a higher profile on social media and improving the response times on 101 calls. PC Pete Gilbert reported that foot patrols are predominantly a PCSO role, but that 'hot spot' areas are generally targeted for foot patrols so that resources are focussed on the areas with the most issues.
- John Baster asked why the new Crowthorne Fire Station, which was designed to provide space for all three emergency services, was not being used by police officers. Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle noted that this issue was covered in the report circulated from Nathan Hollis to Mel, distributed after the main agenda pack (*and below in section 6C*). There will be officers stationed at the site going forward, with a marked car parked outside so that there is a visible presence. Mike Gower reported that he had held a meeting with police officers in the building that day.
- Cllr Price asked why PCSOs for Crowthorne are not seen locally and are based in Sandhurst. PC Ryan Murphy introduced new PCSO Aaron Pearce and reported that the former PCSO, Anne-Marie has moved to a new role in training new officers. He noted that some PCSOs are using unmarked cars because of a shortage of marked cars, which PCs have priorities over. Matthew Barber noted that some improvement could be made to ensure that more unmarked cars are more clearly marked, so that the community are more aware that the police are active in the local community.

- Cllr Lesley Foxwell asked about the current numbers for police officers and PCSOs in the area
Matthew Barber noted that he was unable to answer this question immediately but that he would provide this information after the meeting.
- Barry Bailey asked about the knife crime awareness event that the Churches Together had supported PCSO Ann-Marie to hold, which was very successful, and whether more of these sorts of events were planned. Is the Community Fund money the same money as a fund that Cath Marriot manages?
Matthew Barber noted that he is unaware of whether this particular project will be run again, but there will be other similar sorts of initiatives being planned.
MB noted that Cath manages the Community Partnership Fund which is for local authorities and this Community Fund money is different and is aimed at charitable and community organisations.

Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle thanked Matthew Barber for attending and presenting.

4. Approval of minutes of 16 September 2021 meeting

Minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr Richard Price, seconded by Carole Doran and all those present voted to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16 September 2021 meeting

- Peter Keigan enquired about whether a monthly TVP, local authority and residents' liaison forum for Bigshotte Park was still running.

PCSO Patrick Glenister reported that there has been an issue with ASB for Bigshotte Park, particular in the summer months, but that good progress has been made on the ASB issue. He noted that patrols in the area that started last year will increase as we approach the summer.

PC Pete Glenister reported that a police 'Have Your Say' meeting would be held there before the summer and noted that the issues were predominantly alcohol related ASB from youths and young adults. This was particularly bad in 2020 but a focus in the summer of 2021 saw a significant improvement. He noted that the issue is highlighted more because of the proximity of residents but that the ASB is not generally worse than in other local parks.

John Middlemist noted that the installation of a kissing gate has resolved an issue with the exercising of a pony and trap on the park. He recognised that the situation in 2021 was better and that the visible police presence was very positive.

Cllr Angus Ross noted that the issue has been ongoing for many years but that the joint working of the local authorities, police and parish councils was a positive approach to the issue and he hoped that this would continue.

- Cllr Richard Price reported on ongoing concerns about the use of E-Scooters and cyclists on pavements around Copehagen Walk and Alcot Close, particularly at night, and heading towards Chaucer Woods. He reported that the council had asked whether the police could cover this area more regularly to clamp down on this issue but that resources had limited this. He noted that the council had been required to evidence to BFBC that these areas were in fact proper footpaths.

PC Ryan Murphy reported that those caught using E-Scooters are issued initially with a warning, which records the incident on the police database. If they are caught again, the police have greater powers to cease the scooter or issue a S59 for the scooter. He noted that it is a difficult task to track usage but noted they are becoming very popular, and are difficult to catch, given the speed at which they can travel. He noted that the police are aware that usage is a growing issue for Crowthorne High Street also.

- Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle noted that had been no update received on issues relating to the Rugby Club SANG raised at the previous meeting. Cllr Price reported that there is still an issue with car meetings in the car park and expressed concern that this might related to the county lines drug issue. Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle noted that this was also a concern for a layby in Fielding Gardens.
- Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle noted that the speed limit for Brookers Row has now been reduced to 30 MPH.
- John Middlemist reported that he has chased up Wokingham Borough Council regarding the Speed Indicator Device on the southbound direction of New Wokingham Road. The device failed and a new replacement device also failed. It was inoperative for a number of months and had been removed. Mr Middlemist has received a confirmation from Volker Highways that the council is preparing to procure a new device for New Wokingham Road which should be provided and installed in the new financial year.

John Middlemist reported concerns about vehicle speed on New Wokingham Road and enquired about the Community Speed Watch program. Cllr Harrison offered to provide information on the Community Speed Watch program.

6. Reports from stakeholders

a) **Bracknell Forest Borough Council**

Executive Member John Harrison is head of the Public Protection Partnership (PPP) which covers Bracknell Forest, West Berkshire and Wokingham.

He reported that the PPP has purchased signs and cameras to cover areas where there are issues with fly tipping, which is starting to show very positive results.

He reported that the PPP has recently recruited a new Environmental Crime Officer who will focus on fly tipping and work to track down culprits.

He encouraged everyone to report incidents of fly tipping. He encouraged everyone to check for a waste carrier's license if you are paying for the removal of waste.

Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle asked what BFBC was expecting to do with funds from the Community Safety Partnership. Cllr John Harrison reported that the money would be used to fund projects that reduce crime and raise awareness.

He noted that BFBC has budgeted for environmental works such as improved lighting and cutting back vegetation in areas where there is a fear of crime.

Phil Hart asked whether it is too easy to obtain a waste carrier's license. John Harrison reported that he was unable to confirm what checks are made.

Andy Holley asked when the Air Quality Report for 2021 will be issued. John Harrison noted that the draft report was with the ministry and that it hasn't been returned as yet, though other boroughs in the partnership have received their reports. Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle noted that Charlie Fielder, project manager for air quality for Bracknell Forest, will be invited to a future Crowthorne Parish Council meeting to report on the issue of air quality.

Patrick Kelleher would like to know more about the cross-service group to deal with ASB in open spaces that the report from Alison O'Meara covers. John Harrison noted that the group's purpose is communicating between partners that have a role in resolving ASB issues. He noted that it is not a formal body with formal targets.

Patrick noted that the issue of ASB migrates around the community. He urged the cross-service group to work closely with counterparts in Wokingham to ensure the issues are tackled and not just moved from one area to another.

The following written report from Alison O'Meara (XX) was also submitted to the meeting:

Partnership Problem-solving Group

This joint meeting continues to take place monthly and is well-attended by partners such as police, housing, youth services and a number of others to tackle persistent and complex cases of ASB and crime where one agency/partner has been unable to resolve it themselves or where a multi-pronged approach is needed. The group is particularly effective at resolving such cases and referrals are received by partners. The public and Members should continue to report incidents or issues through to the lead agency first to enable them to respond with their specific expertise and powers. To provide clarity on which agency is the lead, full detail is provided on our webpage:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/crime-and-emergencies/crime-and-community-safety/antisocial-behaviour>

By going directly to the lead agency as shown on the webpages, this will help reduce any delays in getting the issue addressed. BFC Community Safety have also prepared an ASB FAQ to help explain how we respond to ASB in Bracknell Forest and these can be found below:

What is anti-social behaviour (ASB)?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines anti-social behaviour as acting in a manner that has "caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household" as the perpetrator.

ASB can be several different things. Low-level ASB can be a one-off argument with a neighbour e.g. location of a refuse bin on refuse collection day or an over-hanging tree. On the other end of the spectrum, high-level ASB could include criminal ASB such as harassment, drug use or drug dealing.

It is important to note that the nature of the ASB will determine which agency will lead on resolving it (explained further below). Also, some ASB can involve more than one type of ASB and can also escalate from a low-level situation to medium or high-level, impacting more than one person or household.

How can it affect the community?

ASB can impact people very differently. For example, household noise at a reasonable hour may go unnoticed by some households whereas it could have a considerable impact on others where they feel significantly distressed.

For this reason, we consider each case individually and we undertake a full risk assessment to ensure we prioritise high-risk cases where there are vulnerabilities. At times, we do unfortunately receive unreasonably persistent and vexatious complainants and these cases are dealt with in line with BFC policy.

What can we do to assist and support?

We are unlikely to be able to support with certain issues e.g. children playing, cooking smells and people staring as these are either considered to be normal, everyday behaviour or outside our control. Where there is a civil dispute e.g. over a property boundary, we would also direct the complainant to a solicitor as this comprises a legal issue. There are, however, several pieces of legislation that can be used where appropriate to tackle ASB and the Community Safety Team will explore all options where we are the lead agency for a case. At times, the complainant and the person with whom they have the dispute are best placed to resolve the issue and we would always encourage this route to be taken as a first step. To aid with this, please see the adjacent link for some helpful advice on how to address issues with neighbours:

https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/media/1428/res_mr_002_10-tips-on-speaking-to-your-neighbours.pdf

In certain circumstances, mediation for neighbour disputes is also available and you can find out more information on the following link:

<https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/environmental-health/neighbourhood-concerns/mediation/#:~:text=The%20Public%20Protection%20Partnership%20%28PPP%29%20considers%20all%20tools,prescribed%20under%20the%20Environmental%20Protection%20Act%201990-Section%2079.>

How can people report ASB?

Different types of ASB are handled by different agencies and we have created an easy-to-use guide on where to report them to. This is to ensure residents can reach the right place first time. This guide can be found at: Antisocial behaviour (bracknell-forest.gov.uk).

Some examples are:

- Criminal incidents or serious ASB, such as damage to property, harassment, ASB involving groups and gatherings and drug-related activities must be reported to police on 101 or using their on-line form Home | Thames Valley Police (in an emergency 999 should be called).
- Where ASB is being carried out by a tenant of a housing association, this needs to be reported directly to them as they have the powers to address it. Links to all the housing associations in Bracknell Forest can be found on our web page: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/crime-and-emergencies/crime-and-community-safety/antisocial-behaviour>
- Environmental ASB is handled by our Public Protection Partnership (PPP). Examples include nuisance neighbours, noise nuisance and bonfires. Further information on Environmental ASB can be found on our web page: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/crime-and-emergencies/crime-and-community-safety/antisocial-behaviour>

If the ASB falls outside the above types, it can be reported to the Community Safety Team using the Report antisocial behaviour (ASB) button on our web pages.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept anonymous reports. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their online form at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

ASB in Parks and Open Spaces

This cross-service and cross-organisational group was set up in 2020 to deal with persistent ASB that was being experienced in the borough's parks and open spaces during the warmer months. It reconvened over the summer of 2021 and also met at key dates i.e. October half term/Bonfire Night/Halloween and also prior to New Year's Eve. It will reconvene in Spring 2022 to jointly tackle any problematic locations.

b) Wokingham Borough Council

Cllr Angus Ross reminded those present that around half of Crowthorne residents reside in Wokingham Without.

Regarding Wokingham's partial withdrawal from the PPP, that WBC felt residents were not receiving the service they deserved in terms of reacting to issues. From April, WBC will be providing a 24/7 service to react to issues that are reported in.

He reported on a domestic abuse strategy that WBC is working on.

He reported that WBC is also working to reduce fly tipping with the use of cameras but noted the need for residents to report issues such as fly tipping, potholes, graffiti etc that they see using the borough council's website reporting tool.

He reported that residents on the west-side of Old Wokingham Road are still concerned about the speed limit and safe crossing points. He noted that many people are trying to cross at Ellis Road where both the bus stop and the entrance to Buckler's Park SANG is located.

Cllr Price noted that CPC had chased this up with BFBC highways team who noted that there is a safe crossing some 200m further up the road near the main entrance to the Buckler's Park development, and that the width of the road at Ellis Road is too narrow for a crossing. He noted that speed monitoring had not shown that there was not a significant issue with speeding. Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle noted that there are seven safe crossing points along that road but noted that issues are reviewed based on their risk and there have been no fatalities on this road over nine years. Cllr Price noted that the issue will continue to be monitored by BFC and that the situation may be different when more homes on Buckler's Park are occupied.

c) Neighbourhood Policing Team

The following written report was submitted for the meeting:

Notes from a pre Crowthorne NAG meeting between Mel Saville (CPC Clerk) (MS) and Sgt Nathan Hollis (Reg) (NH) of Bracknell South Neighbourhood Policing Team on Friday 4 February 2022 at Crowthorne Parish Hall

Background and changes to Crowthorne Neighbourhood Team/South Bracknell Neighbourhood Team

NH has been in the Police force for 11 years. The last 3 years have been spent in a neighbourhood team (Wokingham). He was redeployed to cover for Marcus Burrows (now a Detective Sgt) for a month in December but now understands his posting to cover the Bracknell South Neighbourhood Team (of which Crowthorne Neighbourhood Team forms a part) will last until at least April/June 2022.

The Bracknell South policing team covers Sandhurst, Crowthorne, Great Hollands and the southern town centre/Birch Hill areas.

TVP understand the difficulties of Crowthorne being split between 2 parish, 2 boroughs and 2 police neighbourhood teams. The Bracknell South and Wokingham teams will both therefore 'drift' into each other's areas is required. NH previously worked in the Wokingham Team so is very aware of this resourcing requirement.

The government's policy commitment to uplift policing numbers has had serious consequences with community/neighbourhood policing in the Bracknell South Team as 4/6 of the PCSOs have applied for and been appointed as PCs. This has had an impact as there is now a shortage of PSCOs and new recruits are being actively sought.

PCSO Kennedy has been redeployed to a teaching role and the 2 Sandhurst PSCOs have both been appointed as PCs.

PCSO Aaron Pearce is the new PCSO for Crowthorne. He was previously based at Jennett's Park.

The team are supported by a group of special constables, one of which works locally at Broadmoor so has a strong interest in the area.

Previously there were 3 policing teams in the Bracknell area, but there has been a restructure with 2 teams now covering the area with one team in the north and one in the south of Bracknell. The third team is now a 'problem solving team' that works set days and hours each week. Overall, there are four 'geographical' teams which cover Bracknell North/South and Wokingham North/South, one team is always on shift at any point in time and can redeploy to 'fire fight' in the other areas if required.

The Crowthorne Tri Service Station

NH has discovered that no one has been using the police point at the Tri Service station in Crowthorne. There is a desk shortage at the Bracknell Police station so in future he intends that the Bracknell South (including Crowthorne) team will attend their briefing at Bracknell in the mornings and then drive down to base themselves at the Crowthorne Tri Service Station. A marked car will be parked outside the building too to demonstrate a very clear Police presence. The Police will be able to deploy quickly to any incidents in Crowthorne if they are on shift.

NH has a meeting planned with Tony Jell at the Fire Station to finalise the arrangements for the Police to use the office space in the Police section of the Tri Service Station. The police have all the entry codes they need to gain access to the building.

Other stakeholders such as youth workers will be able to go in and meet with the Bracknell South Police team at the Tri Service station.

Crowthorne Neighbourhood Action Group

NH explained that the Bracknell South/Crowthorne Neighbourhood policing team will be at the NAG meeting on 10 February and at all future NAG meetings. They will no longer be expected to attend in their own time and will have a shift change to facilitate attendance or be paid overtime to cover their time attending NAG meetings.

PCSO Aaron Pearce will attend the NAG on 10 February but won't be able to deal with Q & A as is new in post in Crowthorne so will need time to familiarise himself with the concerns here. His former role at Jennett's Park was quite different to the issues/role in Crowthorne. Another PCSO/PC – Ryan Murphy – may also attend the NAG meeting.

ASB/school/council and policing

The local community resolution issues for the ASB were discussed. PCSO Marie Kennedy worked with the council, Edgbarrow and youth families of those identified as perpetrators of a series of events at the Morgan Centre/Rec whereby damage and ASB occurred. The families agreed to pay informal community fines to offset the cost to Council of dealing with damage and staff time.

The Clerk received a phone call from the TVP HQ at Kidlington to say that the police are now operating a one strike rule and that any further breaches by the same offenders would result in immediate referral to the youth criminal justice system.

An incident also occurred on Thursday 3 February where 3 youths climbed on the roof at the Morgan Centre and were reported to the Clerk via Facebook. Images captured were shared with the school who have identified the pupils (in uniform) and agreed to deal with in school and with the families concerned as one is a child with additional needs who has also been 'climbing' at school the same day and Mr Matthews had already spoken to them.

The Clerk has offered to meeting with the Police, pupils, school safeguarding lead and Police in future to talk through the dangers and cost of ASB issues, as PCSO Kennedy had advocated such an approach.

MS explained that the Crowthorne PCSO's always put the Edgbarrow end of term dates in their diaries and came to the Rec. at 12.05 on those days in order to help ensure no ASB and also to engage with the pupils in a positive way and not in response to any ASB reported. NH will look to continue this engagement.

The Clerk and PCSO Marie Kennedy had always tried to have a weekly meeting to share information/stakeholder updates/ABS/CCTV images etc. and CPC would like to continue this with PCSO Pearce.

Social Media and email

NH explained that the Bracknell South Teams wants to be more visible and accountable. Operating out of the Tri Service station is one way this will be achieved but they also wish to raise their profile on social media.

The Police do have a Twitter feed but understand there are more active members of the community on Facebook (We Love Crowthorne has 21k members). CPC may be able to link the Bracknell South Twitter feed to Facebook and will see how to do this. NH will also speak to the comms team at TVP about this.

MS said that the Yateley Police Team (Hampshire) post images of their walking/cycling patrols of the day from Strava to Facebook so that the community know where the Police have patrolled which helps to deal with the types of feedback that 'you never see a Police Officer' – by sharing the patrol routes at the end of a shift the public know the police are active and patrolling even if they haven't seen them.

The Crowthorne Neighbourhood Policing Team email account has been closed but NH is seeking to set up another dedicated email account as recognises it was a very helpful way to gather intelligence locally. All the NAGs have been asked to promote this email account previously. At present, all crime reports which are not phoned in via 101 or 999 in must be made on the TVP website portal which is very time consuming. The internal systems do not always result in the information then making its way to the correct team. NH stressed that any crime reports/intelligence is dealt with in confidence and the source is not shared.

Cross border work

TVP do undertake cross border work with Surrey and Hampshire i.e. the gang/knife crime dispersal orders for Crowthorne, Sandhurst and Yateley were based on shared intelligence. All the forces then cooperated in a response.

Some of the high-profile operations are cross border or even nationwide with things like Operation Sceptre to tackle knife crime.

Catalytic convertor thefts are also a nationwide issue with a dedicated operation for this.

Traffic and speeding

Various traffic related operations are underway.

Catalytic convertor thefts have a targeted response. Any theft in progress should be called in on 999 in order that a rapid response can be put in place. It is helpful if the vehicle registration number of perpetrators can also be reported as this can trigger ANPR tracking and help with gathering intelligence on where the gangs of thieves are travelling from and to.

Recent traffic offence operations on Bagshot Road, Bracknell, with TVP, VOSA and the DVLA resulted in convictions for drink driving, carrying waste without a licence and overweight vehicles. Similar operations are planned in Spring in the local area.

Speeding and road safety is frequently raised as a concern by residents. NH explained that Speed watch is now community/volunteer led. If a local speed watch group does not form, train, capture data on actual rather than perceived speeding then the TVP speed vans are not deployed to an area. It is therefore important that if residents want to tackle alleged speeding they form and operate a Speed watch group to gather the information for this.

MS explained that WWPC/CPC's parish liaison group had requested permission from BFC to install a SID on existing highways infrastructure but been informed by BFC that it was not its policy to permit these. BFC does have SID on Duke's Ride and Waterloo Road. NH suggested that CPC should ask BFC why they will not permit a SID as the data from the Waterloo Road and Dukes Ride cameras is leading to visits by the Police speed van and is a direct example of data gathered directing police resources. If CPC/WWPC were permitted to install as SID they could use the data to support requests for visits by the speed detection van.

d) Crowthorne Parish Council

The following written report was submitted for the meeting:

Road safety

- Dukes Ride Zebra Crossing – a new zebra crossing is being installed in the vicinity of Crowthorne C of E School half term week commencing 14 February.
- Road markings – CPC has lobbied BFC for urgent and longer-term improvements to the road markings and surfaces in Crowthorne High Street and nearby roads and has secured a commitment to the following from BFC:-

Interim measures

'We have identified some options for repair material we can use to at least level-up these crossing points and make them more useable, plus enable some refreshed zebra white-lining to adhere better. The other carriageway potholes will be plugged where we can, and the mini roundabout repainted.'

Longer term measures

BFC are still awaiting the 2022/23 funding confirmation from the DfT, but we remain hopeful.

- Pavement edge bollards – Wellington Road – CPC is working with BFC on a scheme for the installation of bollards on the edge of the pavement on the corner of Wellington Road/High Street to prevent dangerous parking on the pavement and roadside in the vicinity of the Turkish Barbers after several near misses and complaints about dangerous parking in this location. The scheme will be delivered by BFC engineers but funded by CPC out of CIL.
- Dukes Ride - Speed Indicator devices – the replacement SIDs have now been installed and are operational on Dukes Ride in the vicinity of Wellington College main gates.
- Speed watch – TVP's Bracknell South Neighbourhood Team is urging volunteers to form a Speed Watch group if there are concerns about speeding in the Parish. Data gathered from speed watch volunteers' SID devices is then used to inform road safety strategies such as deployment of the TVP speed vans.

Anti-social behaviour

- CCTV – additional CCTV and ANPR has been installed at the Morgan Recreation Ground and car park to deter anti-social behaviour.
- Resolution of recent ASB – Morgan Rec. – Late in 2021 CPC's facilities and staff were subject to a series of ASB incidents which were all reported to TVP. The incidents included deliberate littering, obscene graffiti and attempts to flood the public toilets. The Police worked with Edgbarrow school to identify the culprits culminating in the Police carrying out family liaison visits and implementing community reparation with letter of apology and fines to compensate the Council for the cost of the clean-up works and staff time. TVP's Kidlington HQ have confirmed that they now operate a 'one strike' rule and that if further incidents occur involving the same youths, they will be subject to the criminal justice system.
- Further ASB has occurred at the Morgan Recreation Ground in October (cars splattered in ketchup and baked beans on Halloween) and in January (glass bottles smashed against equipment with shards of glass left in the play safety surface below, 3 youths photographed on the Morgan Centre roof and lewd graffiti on trees at Circle Hill woods). These matters have been followed up with the Police and/or schools as appropriate.

Youth work

- Anti-drugs and knife crime workshop - CPC funded the guest speaker – Dr Mark Prince of the Kiyon Prince Foundation, as a special anti-knife crime and anti-drugs event staged as a collaboration between Crowthorne Parish Council, Thames Valley Police, Sandhurst Town Council and various local sports teams in Autumn 2021. The event was attended by over 80 youths from 3 local secondary schools who the schools felt would benefit from early intervention and education on these subjects.
- Extension of youth provision and outreach services - CPC has also provided grant funding via the Crowthorne Educational Charity to enable the outreach youth provision at the Morgan Rec. to be extended and to enable a greater number of secondary school age children to attend the Hope Zone activities run by Churches Together in Crowthorne.
- Work experience - placements have been offered to Edgbarrow students and a year 12 pupil has applied for a placement in Summer 2022.
- D of E Scheme funding - CPC has also assisted Edgbarrow with the provision of a grant to enable an entire year group to participate in the D of E Award scheme – this grant is to fund a non-curriculum, extra-curricular extra activity, and will enable everyone in the year group who wishes to seek their bronze award to do so. Several of the scheme participants have applied to CPC to become 'litter pickers' under the voluntary element of the scheme.

Parish/Police Liaison

- Regular Parish/Police meetings – CPC's Clerk has continued to meet regularly with the PCSO for Crowthorne to ensure strong and effective stakeholder engagement. Further update in the TVP report.
- Have Your Say Meeting – Following a series of incidents involving damage to property and other ASB in the Alcot Close/Chaucer Woods development, Cllr Mrs McKenzie-Boyle and PCSO Anne-Marie Kennedy hosted a Have Your Say meeting on December 30th at the 5-bar gate at the entrance to Chaucer woods. Circa. 30 residents attended. The following action was agreed by the Police by way of follow up: -
 - leafletting houses in Chaucer Rd, Fielding Gardens and Alcot Close tonight 24/12
 - ensuring that more patrols will occur around the area and at times when criminal damage may occur
 - sending messages on social media
 - If the incidents continue the neighbourhood Police will 'beef up' patrols

e) Wokingham Without Parish Council

Katy Hughes, Clerk at Wokingham Without Parish Council reported on a number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for unauthorised use of bins and fly tipping at the Pinewood site following the installation of new CCTV at the site.

Katy noted that the town and parishes are working closely with WBC to identify fly tipping hot spots as the borough council has mobile CCTV cameras that are deployed to capture incidents.

f) Community events

- I. Possible CATS Pop Up Pantos Early May Bank Holiday weekend. Following the success of the outdoor pop-up pantos in 2021 CATs are hoping to stage further vents this summer including 1 and 2 May 2022 at the Morgan Rec.*
- II. Jubilee activities (Churches Together in Crowthorne concerning street party initiative) - see page below for full details of the Crowthorne Churches Together jubilee events program*. Full guidance on organising and running street parties is available via the link below on the BFC website:- <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/businessinformation/licensing/planning/event-bracknell-forest/street-parties>
- III. Crowthorne Carnival week – 2-9 July

2 July – Float parade and carnival day

9-10 July – Flower Festival at St. John's Church

9-10 July - possible CATS pop up pantos at the Morgan Rec. TBC *

- IV. Churches' summer activities

CTC have confirmed that they intend to run their summer activities program on the Morgan Rec. on the following dates from 3-5pm *

July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, August 19th

- V. BFC summer activities (Morgan Rec)

All parishes and town councils within BFC borough have indicated they will resume their Summer of Fun events this summer – dates TBC. *

(*) indicates that date or event is pending final approval or confirmation from the organiser or venue

The following written report was submitted for the meeting:

Churches Together in Crowthorne

Planned Events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022

At the CTC Meeting on Tuesday January 18th the following was agreed. After discussion, it was agreed that rather than CTC host a large community event to mark the Queen's Jubilee, we would, instead, encourage and equip the community to host their own Street Parties throughout the Village.

➤ Crowthorne Methodist Church – will have a picnic lunch in their Garden on Sunday June 5th

➤ Crowthorne Baptist Church – will have an "Open House" with activities on June 5th

➤ Vineyard Church – are staging a Jubilee Party for people to bring their own lunch followed by entertainment (live music) Sunday 5th from lunchtime at Edgbarrow 6th Form Campus.

- St John's are considering having 'open doors' to watch the various National Programme events on their BIG Screen - e.g., Trooping of the Colour / Thanksgiving Service etc
- St James' Finchampstead – are considering using their Church gardens and facilities to host a "Village Street Party"
- CTC Members will stage several Street Parties around the Village (a 6-week course entitled "The Art of Neighbouring" by Jay Pathak will be offered to equip street party hosts to prepare a professional and fun event and to build community and neighbourhood networks. This will also include Safety Aspects of hosting Street Parties – as provided by Thames Valley Police)
- CTC Churches are also considering a combined "Thanksgiving Service for the Queen's 70th Jubilee" to be staged at one of the Churches in the Village.

We also discussed that we would like to have an opportunity to have an 'official' Thanksgiving Celebration Service/ Event to pray for, and to honour, the Queen and the 70th Anniversary – so that we would 'not lose sight' of what the true purpose of the Celebration weekend was recognising.

The above 'menu of events' will be advertised throughout the Village on posters and Social Media enabling the community to choose their preferred option.

7. Update on youth activities

The following written report was submitted for the meeting from Louise Truscott, HopeZone:

HopeZone continues to work in a way that Covid will allow. Working with schools has scaled back slightly. We are in the process of employing 2 staff to add to the work. This will allow HopeZone to do more.

Summer Activities are now in the planning stage as the Morgan Rec can be used following permission from CPC.

As part of Sandhurst Youth under Mike Gower a small team aim to attend the Morgan Rec Wednesday, Thursday when able, Friday. This allows the Youth Workers to engage with the local young people. Conversations are had and advice given and making sure they are ok generally, allowing them to discuss any problems they have

8. Matters of concern raised to the NAG prior to the meeting

Cllr Richard Price raised concern that the NAG had not yet been official registered. Katy Hughes offered to take this up with the CPC Clerk after the meeting.

8. Matters of concern raised at the meeting

No other matters were raised.

9. Next meeting date

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 16th June at the Morgan Centre, Crowthorne, where the guest speaker is James Sunderland MP.