

## Crowthorne Community Neighbourhood Action Group (CCNAG) notes

Meeting Thursday 16 June 2022 at 7.30pm at the Morgan Centre, Crowthorne

Attendee	Organisation
Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle	CPC / BFBC
Katy Hughes	Clerk, WWPC
Barry Bailey	Churches Together in Crowthorne
Cllr Cliff Thomson	CPC
Mel Saville	Clerk, CPC
Cllr Janet Rogers	WWPC
Peter Wood	Crowthorne Conservatives branch chairman
Gerard Barber	Parliament
James Sunderland MP	Parliament
Sharon Gardner	HopeZone
Andrew Mitchell	HopeZone
Tom Ross	Local Resident
Cllr Simon Butterworth	CPC
Mike Harding	WBC
Chris Long	WBC
Mark Tomkinson	WBC
Stephen Beasley	CVAG
John Lindsay	CVAG
John Middlemiss	Speedwatch
Cllr Pauline Jordan	WWPC
Cllr Pauline Helliard-Symons	WBC
Alison O'Meara	BFC
T/Super Intendent Helen Kenney	TVP
PCSO Beth Bawer	TVP
PCSO Patrick Glenister	TVP
PS Paul Bentley	TVP

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Bob Wade – CPC/BFC  
Cllr Richard Price – CPC  
Cllr Simon Sever – CPC  
Patrick Kelleher – local resident  
Cllr Janet Cannon – WWPC  
Sgt Daniel Surridge – TVP  
PCSO Kayleigh Matthews – TVP  
Chippy McLeod – Crowthorne Rugby Club  
Mike – Sandhurst Youth  
Louise Truscott – Crowthorne Summer Activities/Sandhurst Youth

### 2. Election of chairman and vice chairman for the CCNAG

Cllr Janet Rogers was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

### 3. Presentation from T/Supt. Helen Kenny – Thames Valley Police on Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS)

T/Supt. Kenney gave a presentation on the CSAS scheme. The notes from the presentation are appended to the minutes. The following notes expand on the content of the slides:-

- CSAS gives targeted police powers to community/organisations to tackle core issues
- Accreditation for organisations is possible
- There is a strict application process – personnel are vetted and trained
- There is a framework to enforce powers for low level offending
- The powers are contained in the Police Reform Act 2002 – there are 40 powers available, however it is possible just to choose a few that are relevant
- CSAS personnel have the power to request names and addresses and can issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for offences such as littering and dog fouling and to enforce Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)
- Lexicon security staff are accredited in Bracknell for anti-social behaviour enforcement (ASB) they must have a black and red logo and a TVP card to evidence their powers
- Wokingham local authority are looking into CSAS, and the business improvement areas are also looking at it
- Wokingham Borough ASB and Environment protection team have statutory powers but not CSAS. CSAS would be useful for them

T/Supt. Kenney updated the meeting on the current policing provision and structure.

The previous structure has been reviewed as it was not working effectively.

There are now 4 geographical teams and a problem solving team.

Bracknell has a north and south teams and Wokingham has a north and south teams. All follow the same shift pattern.

There are 4 lead PCs, 12 PCSOs in the geographical teams.

The problem solving team has 2 sergeants and 6 PCs.

Nationally the Police uplift program is presenting challenges. The scheme is leading to the loss of experienced PCSOs who are applying for PC roles.

Bracknell is still recruiting for PCSOs and have never experienced such a high attrition rate.

Bracknell south team which includes Crowthorne is struggling to deliver the service it used to. Summer events and fetes can no longer be covered. The policing team is having to prioritise high level ASB and gangs.

There are plans to deliver police cadets and specials – creative thinking is being used to try and assist with the recruitment and personnel difficulties.

The problem solving team is working well – they are not doing enforcement work, however. They work with partners to try and tackle issues.

There are lots of issues with missing children, social care issues – when the police 'get it right' by following a new protocol it decreases demand in other areas. They are rarely in a public place, so the police have to check known associates.

A new social media strategy is being used to feedback results – an 'engage' system.

Berkshire is running a new trial which is based in Bracknell Police Station with a local team. Issues will come straight to the area team and be allocated locally. The new trial starts on 5 September 2022.

CPC raised a query about processes for reported case, in particular those that are closed without follow up event where CCTV and still images have been captured. T/Supt. Kenney offered to follow up via email after the meeting.

Helen was thanked for the helpful presentation.

4. Presentation from on local initiatives, including Speed Watch, by James Sunderland MP – followed by a short question and answer session

James Sunderland MO apologies for his late arrival as he had been out campaigning in Tiverton for the local by election there following the resignation of the MP there.

James Sunderland MP stated that Berkshire is a good place to live and work. Bracknell is statistically the 21<sup>st</sup> safest town to live in nationally. Crowthorne has a crime rat of 60/1000 people compared to 75/1000 Berkshire wide.

There are good roads, great schools, the borough council balances the books, it has one of the lowest rates of council tax.

Crowthorne has outstanding statistics of only 43/1000 crime rate –lower than the Berkshire rate.

The most common crime in the area is offences against the person and sexual offences.

This government is passing new law and order legislation and investing in crime and disorder prevention.

There are now 135,000 more police officers than in 2019. TVP has 368 more officers now compared to 2019. There will be a further 233 officers in TVP for 2022.

When 999 calls are received officers can be deployed out of area. Cases have to be triaged.

County lines crimes are decreasing, and drug seizures have increased.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and driving are issues in Bracknell. Government and the Police will not allow 'hooligans to do donuts. Unfortunately, residents who went to challenge this behaviour were assaulted. Sainsbury's at Birch Hill is installing new gates and CCTV.

Government/MPs will challenge police about noise nuisance and ASB from cars/drivers. There will be zero tolerance to these offences.

James Sunderland congratulated the Crowthorne resident who has set up a local Speed Watch group. This activity helps with police gathering data and allocating police resources. Radar gun training is required for operatives. Once data has been gathered and there is a proven need for speed reduction measures then these can be deployed

The government/James is proud of the broadband roll out and connectivity locally.

It is accepted and agreed that the local plan house building is an issue for residents. In this part of the UK the housing is in inappropriate locations. This is impacting quality of life. Green spaces should be protected and preserved in Crowthorne. James will seek to influence the borough councils and parliament. He is elected o serve across the whole area. The difficulty is under the legislation, developers can challenge where the local authorities are not delivering enough houses under the local plan. Michael Gove is the minister responsible.

Locally other issues are emerging. More people are using Foodbanks than ever before due to steep increases in the cost of living. James abhors the fact that Foodbanks are even necessary and praised two excellent borough councils for 'picking up poverty' and ensuring people's needs are met where they are in difficulty.

GP's surgeries are under pressure.

James encouraged people to email him as he responds to all communications.

He explained that there is always a limit on what can be done however as the country is £2.2 trillion in debt and must prioritise what it can afford.

A query from the public about issues with passports was directed accordingly.

James confirmed he was enjoying his role as an MP but that it had been a 'torrid time' to embark on the challenges of the role.

5. Approval of minutes of 10 February 2022 meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 10 February 2022 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 10 February 2022 meeting

The matters arising were covered via updates from the various stakeholder's verbal and written reports this evening.

7. Reports from stakeholders

**a) Bracknell Forest Borough Council**

A written report from Alison O'Meara, Head of Community Safety for Bracknell Forest Council, on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership had been pre-circulated and is appended to the minutes.

**b) Wokingham Borough Council**

A written report from WBC's anti-social behaviour and environmental protection team had been pre-circulated and is appended to the minutes.

The team members opened up to question from the floor and were asked 'how many incidents have you been out to in WWPC to date?'

Chris Long ASB team for WBC replied that the new service commenced on 1 April 2022. The service was a shared service before.

The ASB team work 7 days a week, including until 2am on Saturdays and Sundays. Their email inbox is also constantly monitored. It is [asb@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:asb@wokingham.gov.uk)

The borough wide data is that the ASB team has dealt with:-

92 environmental issues  
47 ASB issues  
51 housing issues  
34 animal issues  
15 pest/nuisance issues  
239 general enquiries

The ASB team were not sure how this number compared to the old Public Protection Partnership service. The ASB team reported that they have a good relationship with the local Police Neighbourhood Team.

Those present were reminded that fly tipping should be reported to the borough councils and not the Police – TVP will not respond to reports of fly tipping.

The team were asked if they covered car meets – they responded that they are in consultation about this, particularly about seeking a public space protection order in Wokingham Borough to prevent these gatherings.

**c) Neighbourhood Policing Teams**

i) Wokingham neighbourhood

The team reported that Bigshotte Park had been quieter and any previous ASB issues there were under control. The Have Your Say meetings which ran there were well

attended. The Police reported having lots of help from the ASB teams and parish councils.

There had been lots of car thefts and the Police were keen to raise awareness about how these crimes can be prevented/

There had been changes to personnel with 2 PCSOs and 1 PC.

ii) Bracknell south neighbourhood (incl. Crowthorne)

Dan Surrige has been appointed as the new substantive Sgt. Following two fairly short term predecessors in this role. Dan has progressed from PCSO to PC to Sgt. Bracknell is really pleased to have him on board. Despite this the team has several vacancies particularly for PCSOs. PCSO Anne Marie Kennedy has been redeployed on a training role and PCSO Kayleigh Matthews is leaving her post to train as a PC. A new PCSO (Armina) has been appointed but will take some time to be trained.

**d) Crowthorne Parish Council**

A written report from CPC had been pre-circulated and is appended to the minutes.

**e) Wokingham Without Parish Council**

WWPC provided a report which is appended to the minutes.

8. Update on youth activities

HopeZone reported that they have recruited a new youth worker, but she will be based in the Church and is not trained and does not have sufficient hours to provide detached youth work in the community. There are difficulties recruiting detached youth workers. HopeZone is focused on the youth club for year 6 primary aged children and supporting with the transition to secondary school.

CPC is currently exploring youth work models as is aware that there is a lack of provision for older youths' year 7 and above in the village at present.

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

None.

10. Matters of concern raised at the meeting

No other matters were raised.

11. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 19 October 2022 and will start at 5pm as it is an outdoor roadshow style event. It will be held at two venues, Bigshotte Park and the Morgan Recreation Ground with one meeting straight after the other. Further details to follow.



# CSAS

Community Safety Accreditation Schemes

T/Supt Helen KENNY

# What is a CSAS?

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

Legislation: The Police Reform Act 2002

Community Safety



## Relevant offences

Littering

Dog Fouling

Breach of PSPO

Traffic management

## Examples of current TVP CSAS

5 active schemes within Thames Valley Police with a total of 102 accredited persons.

3 Traffic management schemes

Cherwell District Council - Community Safety Team Leader & Community Wardens

Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead - Community Wardens

# Considerations

Cost/set up

Staff safety

Necessity

FPNs and court processes, evidence gathering

Role of the Environmental Wardens

Public perception

## Next Steps

Please Contact Maria Hepworth  
CSAS & Community Resilience Support Officer  
[Maria.hepworth@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Maria.hepworth@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Local Authorities with successful schemes

## Report to the Crowthorne Neighbourhood Action Group: Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Updates 16 June 2022

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### 1. Community Safety Key Focus Areas 2022/23

As required in law, the CSP is required to review its crime and disorder priorities each year. A CSP workshop took place in January 2022 which was followed by a public consultation and the below comprise the key focus areas that were agreed for 2022/23. It is noted that this is not the only work that the CSP will be focussing on but is a list of areas where we need to pay specific attention due to threat, harm and risk:

**CSP Focus Areas– 2022/23**

- Exploitation and serious violence across all ages
- Town Centre antisocial behaviour and crime
- Domestic abuse:
  - Management of perpetrators and enforcement
  - Delivery of the safe accommodation action plan

\*All to consider prevention and early intervention, cyber and hate crime



The CSP will continue to monitor and respond to borough-wide crime and ASB hotspots, residential burglary and vehicle crime.

Further research will be undertaken in 2 areas: Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and street drug-dealing

### 2. ASB in Parks and Open Spaces: Sub-Group of the CSP

This cross-organisational group was started after the first lockdown of 2020 following an increase in ASB and crime in the borough's parks and open spaces. Work included increased patrols and presence by police and rangers, youth outreach and support and the set-up of a WhatsApp group to respond more quickly to issues as they were occurring. In Sandhurst and Crowthorne, there were some incidents involving assaults and knife possession and police invoked Section 60 (dispersal powers) on two occasions. Joint working took place with schools, police and the BFC Youth Justice Team which saw a significant reduction in the incidents.

The ASB Group continued its work in the summer months with the aim to respond to problematic locations and it is currently running again for summer 2022. Meetings take place monthly to set the work plan against problem locations for the next 4 week with informal discussions taking place in between to check on progress. We are currently working on the facilitation of police report data through to the group so that we have an accurate picture of issues and can respond accordingly.

### **3. Operational Incidents and Partnership Work**

RBFRS have attended two fires in recent weeks, one in Chaucer Woods and the other in Wildmoor Heath. Both incidents were believed to be deliberate acts and subsequently reported to TVP as arson. The incident in Chaucer Woods is currently being investigated by TVP and the officer in charge has advised they have been unable to identify the persons involved at this time. No further update is available in relation to the incident at Wildmoor Heath. In the meantime, the Bracknell South Team have increased their patrols around the wooded areas.

RBFRS and TVP have also liaised with the Head of Year from Edgebarrow School and obtained permission from parents to carry out a 1 to 1 Fire-Setters course. RBFRS are planning to attend an assembly for the whole school to discuss fire safety. They have also offered to work with Sandhurst School on the topic of fire safety to further raise awareness.

### **4. ASB Bid to the Home Office's Safer Streets 4 Fund**

The government released its Safer Streets 4 Fund in March 2022 and this round included an invitation for bids to address ASB. A bid, supported by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was submitted on behalf of Bracknell Forest, Wokingham Borough Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. We are due to hear in June/July if we have been successful. The basis of the bid is as follows:

- Detached youth work - The Thames Valley OPCC has previously funded a youth support service in Berkshire which involved detached youth work in the community after school hours with the aim of bridging the relationship between young people and others using community spaces, including outside shops and the town centre. The funding applied for as part of this bid would be used to replicate this activity across Bracknell, Wokingham and RBWM. Specialist intervention, including engagement with the community, would be provided for a total of 20 hours per week across the three local authority areas for 12 months from September 2022-September 2023
- Mentoring and diversion activity for young people - One of the local authority areas involved in the bid has been running a youth diversion programme, engaging with 14 of the most vulnerable young people who have been involved in ASB, criminal damage and assaults, to disrupt this activity. Twice a week, for 6 months after school between 16:00-18:00 the young people were invited to take part in a variety of bespoke activities including boxing, football, mechanics, brick laying, gym workouts, cooking, bowling, laser quest and more. The funding requested would enable this project to be carried out across the three local authority areas for 6 months between January and July 2023
- Participatory budgeting for the creation of safe and inclusive spaces for young people - consultation with stakeholders has identified a lack of activities for young people and it has been suggested that vacant retail units across all 3 areas could be used to create safe pop-up spaces. In response to a successful bid, consultation activity would be undertaken with young people to inform thinking on the activities that would be of the

most interest for each of the three local authority areas. The funding requested includes funding for consultation with young people, funding for setting up these spaces and for youth workers to support the provision.

**Alison O'Meara**  
**Head of Community Safety**  
**Bracknell Forest Council**

## **Introducing Wokingham Borough Council anti-social behaviour and environmental protection team.**

We're launching a new service to tackle anti-social behaviour and other issues that affect residents' quality of life across the borough. From 1 April, this new in-house team will offer a visible presence throughout the week to address a range of concerns.

These could include noisy neighbours, fly tipping, nuisance bonfires, abandoned vehicles or bothersome vehicle use including car meets, noise and dust from building sites, unauthorised advertising, mismanagement of waste and unlawful encampments.

Officers will also attend disturbances in public places like drinking, barbecues or out-of-control dogs and will focus on 'hot spots', including parks and open spaces, where problems are most frequently reported.

The new service includes an animal warden to handle stray dogs, tackle animal neglect and promote responsible ownership.

The team will also work closely with food safety officers who in turn work with retailers, pubs and restaurants, and will have licensing officers overseeing alcohol sales, betting shops, arcades and taxis as well as a housing team supervising landlords in the private rented sector.

### **Fly tipping**

Dumping rubbish anywhere except a recycling centre is illegal and carries significant penalties. The council will continue cracking down on this and the new team will clean up fly tips, look for evidence of the culprit and prosecute or issue fines. Last year alone, nearly 250 tonnes of waste was cleared from the borough's roads and footpaths and 37 penalties were issued.

### **Car Meets**

The noise from revving engines and dangerous driving in car parks is upsetting to neighbours and, in partnership with the police, the council has successfully reduced the number of car meets in the borough by warning drivers and installing CCTV cameras. The new team will help the police by gathering information, which could lead to car seizures if owners ignore warnings and handing out fines.

### **Construction sites**

Noisy building work shouldn't happen early or late in the day during the week, on Saturday afternoons or on Sundays and bank holidays. Residents are encouraged to approach the builders first if they're having a problem but should let the council know if this continues at anti-social hours.

### **Parks and open spaces**



The borough's parks and open spaces are there for everyone to enjoy, so residents should inform the council if this is being spoiled by rowdy, nuisance or upsetting behaviour.

### **Contact information**

If a crime is being committed and people are in danger, call the police on 999 or 101 if it isn't an emergency.

For any other nuisance, contact the team at [asb@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:asb@wokingham.gov.uk) during business hours. The out of hours service is available on 0800 212 111 from 5pm until 02.00 am on Fridays and Saturdays and during the daytime at weekends and bank holidays.

The service is available from 1 April onwards.

We recognise that antisocial behaviour (ASB), can have a negative impact on the quality of life to both residents and visitors. We are committed to working in partnership with residents and agencies, to ensure a positive approach is taken to tackle and not tolerate issues of concern.

As we are not able to deal with every issue but we will respond to and investigate complaints from the public and determine and implement effective courses of action about the following issues - these are examples and not an exhaustive list

### **Anti-social behaviour team aims**

Domestic noise nuisance, such as loud music

Noise and dust from construction sites, including large scale DIY such as extensions

Unauthorised street trading or charity collections

Unauthorised distribution of leaflets and flyers

Burning of rubbish (either trade or domestic bonfires)

Littering and fly tipping

Breaches of waste management by commercial premises

Poor management of domestic waste, such as bin stores and refuse accumulation in rented premises

Pests causing a public nuisance

Abandoned vehicles, bicycles, shopping trolleys, caravans

Nuisance vehicle use, eg car meets, car repairs or sales

Fly posting and unauthorised advertising (eg banners and A Boards)

Premises which should have a licence but are unlicensed, eg HMOs and other premises (as a result of information gathered whilst undertaking duties)

Breaches of conditions attached to licensed premises (when tasked by licensing team)

Unauthorised encampments

Neighbourhood nuisance where there is an impact on the wider community (or when tasked by Housing Services)

Anti-social behaviour team

Speak to and liaise with members of the public to change behaviour by persuasion

Invoice for the recovery of costs where possible in relation to clearance of dumped items or rubbish

Conduct investigations aimed at detecting non-compliance with legislation

Enforce legislation in relation to anti-social behaviour, by collecting evidence, preparing reports and attending court, where necessary, in particular in relation to complex cases which may require financial penalties or prosecution, premises closure orders or other statutory powers available

## **Crowthorne Parish Council (CPC)**

### **Report to Crowthorne Community Neighbourhood Action Group (CCNAG)**

**16 June 2022**

#### **Road safety**

1. Road markings – CPC has lobbied Bracknell Forest Council (BFC) for urgent and longer term improvements to the road markings and surfaces in Crowthorne High Street and nearby roads.

The flat top speed bumps at the Lidl/Prince end of the High Street have been relevelled and remarked, pot holes infilled and the mini roundabout repainted. Spring 2022.

BFC are expected to undertake road resurfacing throughout the High Street later in the year with DFT capital funding.

2. Pavement edge bollards – Wellington Road – CPC has approved CIL expenditure 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 road side 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. Other parking restriction infrastructure further along Wellington Road is being explored to ensure a longer stretch of road is covered by restrictions to prevent people simply parking beyond the bollards.
3. Motor cycle and electric scooter usage – Copenhagen Walk/Wellington Chase. Cllr Price has received several complaints from vulnerable residents of Copenhagen Walk that motorcycles and electric scooters are being used, illegally, on footpaths, endangering legitimate pavement/footpath users. Reports to police are being follow up slowly and in some cases not at all.
4. Speed watch – James Sunderland MP will speak about this initiative this evening.

#### **Anti-social behaviour**

1. CCTV – additional CCTV and ANPR has been installed at the Morgan Recreation Ground and car park to deter anti-social behaviour. High quality footage is being captured and all incidents reported to TVP.

Excellent stakeholder work is occurring in some cases with CCTV footage released to the Police, and perpetrators identified by the local PCSOs and school. This is taking time however due to PCSO workloads; with initial follow up work taking in excess of a month.

Unfortunately, despite CPC reporting all incidents on the TVP portal and providing crystal clear footage and still images TVP are closing some cases without investigating as they are treated as 'low level' (this includes one case on 30 May where a window hinge mechanism was broken, safety/fire signage ripped down and shoved down a toilet and the youths staring directly at the camera and gesturing to it)– the Clerk has phoned 101 to raise serious concerns about this as the youths perpetrating the damage and ASB are acting with total impunity.

## 2. Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage

Recent incidents of ASB and criminal damage include: -

Car park entry barrier bend beyond repair – CCTV captured and shared with Police – youth ID but no update to CPC

Toilet seat smashed at end of term - 1 April – CCTV captured and shared with police – youths ID but no update to CPC

Public toilet window hinge damaged, toilet bowl damage, signs torn down & shoved in toilets, youths goading and gesturing to CCTV cameras – CCTV sent to police – police closed case – Clerk has complained so this has now been re-opened.

Phallic symbol graffiti on Morgan rec fence – reported – no CCTV police did not follow up due to lack of evidence.

Phallic symbol on ground by toddler play area – CCTV captured but low resolution due to distance of incident from camera – Police not following up as could not get an ID via school.

Antisemitic graffiti on basketball court infrastructure- reported to Police – no CCTV.

Teenage shelter graffiti – no close up CCTV – reported to police.

Pony and trap racing on the Morgan rec. – CCTV and mobile video footage captured and reported to Police – no follow up action.

The Clerk has been appointed to an Anti-Social Behaviour in Parks Stakeholders' Group and will be liaising with other stakeholders on effective strategies to combat ASB.

## Policing

1. Neighbourhood policing –There have been several changes to the Crowthorne neighbourhood policing team recently resulting in resourcing shortages meaning it has been difficult for Council staff and Police to meet regularly.

Sgt Nathan Hollis has moved into another role and been replaced by Daniel SurrIDGE. Dan and the Clerk have communicated by email to date but plan to meet in person shortly.

PCSO Kennedy has been redeployed into a teaching role at Sulhampstead. Her replacement, PCSO Aaron Pearce, has now left his role and PCSO Kayleigh Matthews is covering both Crowthorne and Sandhurst. She is due to move on to PC training later this year and CPC awaits news of who the new PCSO and any PC allocated to Crowthorne.

Apologies have been received from PCSO Kayleigh Matthews and Daniel Surridge for tonight's NAG meeting. PCSO Matthews has also confirmed she is unable to attend the Summer of Fun event on 16 August.

2. Police and Crime Commission – Community Fund award—CPC successfully bid to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Fund for measures to deter ASB in its open spaces. Proposals include improvements to the games area, a new walking/running track, CCTV enhancement and anti-climb cars on the Morgan Centre roof are all in scope for the award. The Clerk attended an event in Oxfordshire to be presented with a cheque for £5,000 for CPC.
3. Arson/deliberate fire starting in woodlands – Crowthorne has recently experienced two incidents of deliberate fire starting (Wildmoor Heath and Chaucer Woods). CPC, Royal Berks Fire and Rescue, TVP, BFC and the local secondary school have all been involved in follow up work. Full details are contained in pg. 2 of Alison O'Meara's report.

## Youth work

1. CPC, Crowthorne Hopezone and Sandhurst Youth meeting – CPC's clerk met with Louise Truscott (former Hopezone employee and current Sandhurst Youth employee) and Mike and David from Sandhurst Youth, and has had a lengthy telephone conversation with Sharon Gardener from Crowthorne Methodist Church/HopeZone about youth clubs and outreach work in the parish.

Hopezone are very short staffed as Louise has left and they have struggled to recruit into the two vacancies they have. They are not able to provide outreach work at present although are actively trying to recruit detached youth workers. Hopezone still have unspent Crowthorne Educational Charity grant funding for youth outreach work.

Stakeholders (Hopezone and CPC) acknowledge that the youths who are causing the ASB in the parks and open spaces are not those who would choose to attend a youth club style setting in a church – alternative models with detached work are more likely to lead to engagement with the groups who are causing issues.

Sandhurst Youth have provided some detached youth work at the Morgan Rec. although are commissioned by Sandhurst Town Council and St. Michael's Church Sandhurst and not via a Crowthorne based stakeholder.

Due to the ongoing ASB, CPC is exploring youth work provision in the parish and has authorised the Clerk to look into youth work models locally. The Clerk has met with the Vision4Youth manager in Yateley and also contacted Just Around the Corner to see if their model is one that could be rolled out in Crowthorne or if either of these schemes are available to 'buy in'.

The Clerk has also been in touch with Edgbarrow as they did have an allocated youth worker. Unfortunately, this person has now left but the Clerk has been advised to follow this up with Gareth at The Wayz in Bracknell.

CPC does not have budget provision for youth outreach work and the Crowthorne Education Charity has fully committed its funds until later this year. If CPC is to commission any youth work a funding source will need to be identified – there may be grant schemes which CPC could bid on.

The Clerk wrote to Edgbarrow, the Hopezone/Sandhurst Youth outreach workers and neighbourhood policing teams to ask for personnel to attend at the Morgan rec. on the end of term days when the school ends at 12.05 as this is when a huge number of youths gather in the rec. and when higher levels of damage and ASB have tended to occur. It would be a helpful way to engage positively with the youths and also to deter ASB. PCSO Kennedy had always noted these dates in her diary and sought to be on the Rec. and Edgbarrow SLT had also done the same. It is hoped this system can be reimplemented although most of the stakeholders have indicated they have resourcing issues.

2. Work experience – a placement has been offered to a Year 12 student with CPC over the Summer.
3. D of E Scheme volunteering - CPC continues to assist Edgbarrow with the provision of volunteering opportunities for 'litter pickers' under the voluntary element of the D of E Scheme. Each participant volunteers for an hour per week for a 3 month period.

### **Anti-social behaviour**

- We have had an issue of criminal damage involving youths throwing stones and breaking a window at Pinewood which has been reported to the police, along with CCTV footage.

### **Fly tipping**

- Levels of fly tipping at Pinewood have reduced, though we are still seeing occasional incidents.

### **WBC ASB Team**

- The new WBC ASB team is now up and running. The team is able to provide support to Wokingham residents.
- They can be contacted on 0118 974 6000 or via email at [asb@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:asb@wokingham.gov.uk)

The team's operating hours are:

Monday to Thursday, 8am to 6pm

Friday 8am to 2am (Saturday)

Saturday 10am to 2am (Sunday)

Sunday 1pm to 9pm.

The team can deal with issues such as:

- Noisy neighbours
- Construction noise and dirt
- Licensed premises issues
- Fly tipping
- Littering
- Abandoned cars
- Nuisance car use
- Bonfires
- Unauthorised encampments
- Unauthorised advertising
- Waste
- Neighbourhood nuisance