

# **Leverstock Green** **Neighbourhood Meeting**

**2015 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Leverstock Green Village Hall**

## **Panel**

**NWLO Andy Reynolds**  
**PC 1407 Johanna Stuart**  
**CPP Bernard Gronert**  
**PCSO 6654 Richard Barnes**

## **Apologies**

**Cllr Graham Sutton**  
**Cllr Hazel Bassadone**  
**Cllr Margaret Griffiths**

1. Introductions by the panel and acknowledgement and thanks for a positive turn out, the biggest yet. Apologies given for those above who were attending a pre-arranged important council meeting.
2. PC Jo Stuart went through the previous meeting minutes back in July, below are the key concerns covered.
  - The Cable box on pancake lane would not be re-cited unless it there was evidence to support this move after liaising with Alan Cartmel from Hertfordshire Highways and the Traffic Management Unit. Jo appealed for all incidents to be reported to build up evidence and a claim for re-citing.
  - Jo had been patrolling the Pancake lane area in response to the drink driving from the football club but has come across no issues to date.
  - The Benches in Westwick field will not be re-cited until sufficient evidence has been collated with regards to reports of nuisance and anti-social behaviour linked directly to their current positioning, as a result of a meeting with the Anti-social Behaviour Team Dacorum.
3. Crime figures explained by Jo. It was mentioned by a resident that praise should be given to the police as the bottom line is that crime was down in the area based on the same period against last years figures.

- A resident raised concerns that now the M1 was up and running there was more opportunity for criminals to infiltrate the area due to its location close to the M1 and now ease of access to and from the area.
  - Andy Reynolds spoke of a new initiative currently being proposed at Police HQ regarding information sharing and improving communication of crime figures on a larger scale, in addition to the current offering of sharing at the Locality Meetings.
  - Jo was asked to expand on abbreviations of certain types of crime including DV = Domestic Violence, Bilking = Theft of Fuel, Hate Crime = Racial, Homophobic, Sexist and explained that Hate Crimes are officially recorded even if it is just suspicion which is why the figures seemed quite high. Jo also talked about the type of crimes committed under the heading Drugs.
4. Andy gave a presentation on Smartwater. Andy explained that all residents had the opportunity to purchase Smartwater and those as part of a NHW could get a special reduced rate. He also explained that Dave Mahon the Crime Prevention Officer could be consulted about Smartwater on 01442 271045 for more information or to contact Smartwater direct if preferred.
  5. Jo talked about burglaries being a current issue and particularly the time of year to be vigilant and prepared for such activity, Jo requested that anyone or any vehicle seen acting suspicious that anyone notices then to take as much details as possible and call the police with their suspicions immediately or if received retrospectively then to contact Andy with the information. Residents can consult the Hertfordshire Constabulary website and click on the link for Operation Guardian for more specific crime prevention information about securing your property.
  6. Jo talked about Dippers (persons who steal wallets and purses from another person) and spoke of what to watch out for and how to deter these opportunists.
  7. Jo also explained that if you live near or know any vulnerable people that have unexpected visitors then to challenge them or take details and report immediately as this is the time of year for bogus callers and distraction burglaries.

## **8. Questions**

- Andy responded and expanded on the removal of the custody cells in Hemel Hempstead in the future as residents had seen an article in the local paper and had concerns over this.
- Jo explained in response to a request for contact details that she can be contacted through the link on the Hertfordshire Police webpage via the link for the area of Bennetts End and Leverstock Green.
- Question asked when the postponed meeting for the Leverstock Green Football Club will be, Jo explained that hopefully we would soon be getting a

confirmation date from the Club and would be rolling it out to locally affected residents.

- Question regarding an alarm company claiming to offer police approved alarms. Andy responded. There are no alarm systems that will be police approved on sale from a cold caller at your door, he feels that they are confusing potential customers with the police monitored alarms which are genuinely monitored by the police but come with a yearly subscription cost. Andy reiterated under no circumstance should you deal with cold callers or even open the door to unexpected visitors day or night without an pre-arranged appointment, and under no circumstance to hand over card or account details of any kind whether the sales person is on your doorstep or cold called you via your home phone.
- Issue was raised of a local alleged window cleaner asking for money off people for his electric bill. Details were taken for the OWL distribution as well as local distribution to all officers in Dacorum via tasking documents. Anyone who has had or continues to have any dealings to try and get contact details, descriptions, vehicle registrations then call the police immediately. Current Description 5'8", weasley, slim build, 27 -30 years old, occasionally has a small dog(staffy style), claims to live at the flats, occasionally asks for petrol money as well. Possibly drives an old style Sierra/Cavalier Hatchback.
- Andy finished off with saying beware of scams, there has been a few lately including specifically people pretending to be your water metre reader and require access to your home, pretending to be from your utilities and that if you do not pay an amount of money there and then they will be shut off. Be aware that these scams can be in over the phone, through letters and email, not just in person.

### **Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

1930 at the Leverstock Green Village Hall, Main Hall

1. Matters arising from the minutes on the 11th November 2009
2. Report on local incidents/crimes
3. Current crime trends
4. AOB