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# Newhall Area Forum

Wednesday  
October 23, 2019  
6:30pm

*Stanton Village Hall  
161 Woodland Road  
Stanton  
Burton on Trent  
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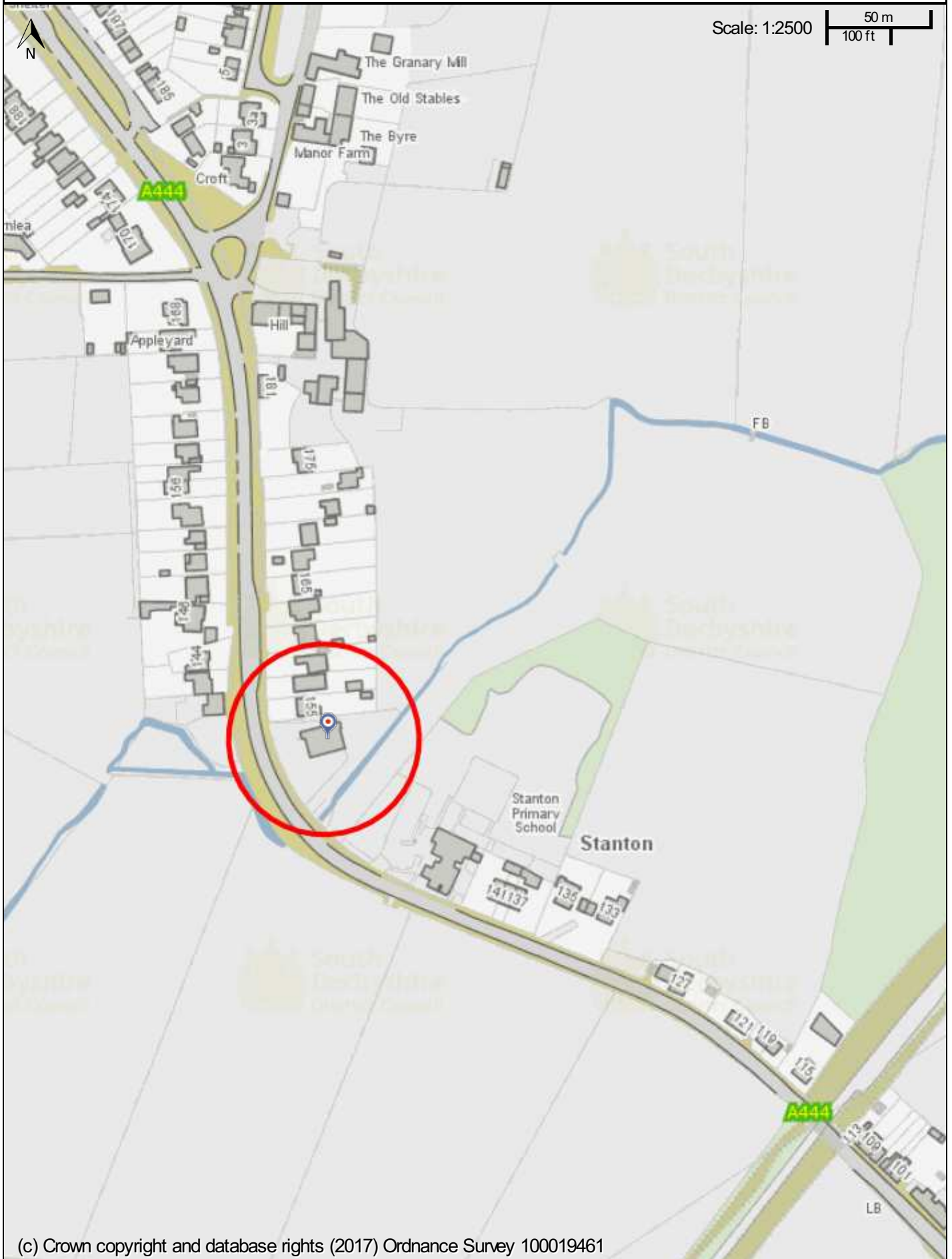
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## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019/20

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16.05.19</b>
<b>CIVIC COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23.05.19</b>
Audit Sub-Committee: Special	Wednesday	29.05.19
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	30.05.19
Planning	Tuesday	04.06.19
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	06.06.19
Finance & Management	Thursday	13.06.19
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	19.06.19
Planning	Tuesday	25.06.19
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27.06.19</b>
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	10.07.19
Planning	Tuesday	16.07.19
Audit Sub-Committee (Special)	Wednesday	24.07.19
Finance and Management (Special)	Thursday	25.07.19
Planning	Tuesday	06.08.19
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	15.08.19
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	22.08.19
Finance & Management	Thursday	29.08.19
Planning	Tuesday	03.09.19
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	04.09.19
Audit Sub-Committee	Wednesday	18.09.19
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19.09.19</b>
Planning	Tuesday	24.09.19
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	25.09.19
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	26.09.19
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	03.10.19
Finance & Management	Thursday	10.10.19
Planning	Tuesday	15.10.19
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	16.10.19
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17.10.19</b>
Planning	Tuesday	05.11.19
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	14.11.19
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	21.11.19
Planning	Tuesday	26.11.19
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	27.11.19
Finance & Management	Thursday	28.11.19
Audit Sub-Committee	Wednesday	11.12.19
Planning	Tuesday	17.12.19
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Monday	06.01.20
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday	07.01.20
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	08.01.20
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday	09.01.20
Planning	Tuesday	14.01.20
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	15.01.20

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Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	23.01.20
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	30.01.20
Planning	Tuesday	04.02.20
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	12.02.20
Finance & Management	Thursday	13.02.20
Planning	Tuesday	25.02.20
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26.02.20</b>
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	05.03.20
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	12.03.20
Finance & Management	Thursday	19.03.20
Planning	Tuesday	24.03.20
Audit Sub-Committee	Wednesday	25.03.20
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	01.04.20
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	08.04.20
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16.04.20</b>
Planning	Tuesday	21.04.20
Environmental & Development Services	Wednesday	22.04.20
Housing & Community Services	Tuesday	28.04.20
Finance & Management	Thursday	30.04.20
Planning	Tuesday	05.05.20
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14.05.20</b>
<b>CIVIC COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21.05.20</b>

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM  
NEWHALL**

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Meeting to be held at:**

**Stanton Village Hall  
161 Woodland Road  
Stanton  
Burton on Trent  
DE15 9TJ**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:30pm**

**Members:**

**District Councillors:** Paul Dunn (Chair), Sean Bambrick, David Angliss, Robert Pearson, Kevin Richards and Linda Stuart

**County Councillors:** Sean Bambrick and Gary Musson

## **BUSINESS**

1. (a) Introductions and apologies  
(b) Declarations of interest  
(c) Chair's announcements  
(d) To receive the minutes of the last meeting  
(e) Matters arising from last minutes/ comments from report back
2. Police Safer Neighbourhood report and Police Q&A
3. Safer South Derbyshire Partnership update and Safer Neighbourhood grants
4. Local authority update and Public Q&A
5. Local community & voluntary sector projects/ update: -  
*CVS update*
6. Summary of agreed priorities/ actions
7. Close and date of next meeting

### **Future meeting dates**

Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Midway Community Centre

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**NEWHALL – AREA 5**

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Newhall Old Post Centre

**PRESENT: -**

**South Derbyshire District Council representatives**

Councillor Paul Dunn (Chair), Councillor Sean Bambrick (Vice Chair),  
Councillor Kevin Richards, Councillor Linda Stuart

Allison Thomas – Strategic Director, Service Delivery  
Chris Smith – Communities Manager  
Debbie Ward – Service Assistant

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Sean Bambrick, Councillor Gary Musson

**Derbyshire Police representatives**

PCSO Karen Coldicott  
PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite

**Parish Council/ Meeting representatives**

Councillor Jim Seaton (Hartshorne Parish Council)  
Cathy Miles (South Derbyshire CVS)

**Members of the public**

Pat Bambrick, Ian Bottrill, Lucy Felthouse, Pam Foy, Jill Goodall, Ian Haynes, Paul Hedges, Alan Hillier, Richard House, David James, Mary Richards, Barry Woods, Joan Woods

NA/1 **Open meeting**

**a. Introductions and apologies**

Councillor David Angliss, Councillor Mick Mulgrew, Councillor Robert Pearson



**b. Declarations of interest**

None

**c. Chair's announcements**

Councillor Paul Dunn proposed Councillor Sean Bambrick as Vice Chair, all were in favour.

The new Summer Activities leaflet has been launched to promote Active South Derbyshire's summer holiday programme.

The Festival of Leisure 2019 takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Maurice Lea Park.

Heritage Trail pavement plaques – Kate Allies from Rosliston Forestry Centre has updated that the Council is still awaiting the permit from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) but have been advised informally that the plaques have been approved in principle.

If people have other ideas about celebrating their local heritage we are happy to assist them to develop further funding applications.

**d. To receive the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**e. Matters arising from last minutes**

Councillor Sean Bambrick updated that Scott Clayton was hoping to try and obtain funding to turn the land opposite Chrysanthemum Court into a community garden so that the residents could take ownership of it. Chris Smith advised that the response from DCC is that the land in question is currently included in the Homes England programme as a site suitable for affordable housing so there is reluctance for too big a project to be situated there.

NA/2 **Police Safer Neighbourhood report**

PCSO Karen Coldicott reported: -

- PCSO John Beard who previously covered the Newhall Area had left the police force two weeks ago.

- ASB reports at Midway Community Centre were lower than the last Area Forum meeting.
- Nuisance motorbikes have been an issue throughout the District – operation BRESCO had been set up in order to try and tackle the problem. Members of the Public are encouraged to get in touch with Crime Stoppers and a £1000 reward is on offer for information which leads to a successful conviction. The campaign also invites motorists to upload dash-cam footage of nuisance motorbikes to the Derbyshire capture website (<https://snap.derbyshire.police.uk/>).
- There had been a couple of reported burglaries in the area during recent weeks.
- Hate and knife crime talks had been going on in secondary schools across the District.
- Most anti-social behaviour is currently located in the Swadlincote Town Centre vicinity.
- There had been x10 Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's) issued in the last week in order to try and tackle ASB behaviour.
- There was a Bike Marking & Van Alarm event due to be held at Sainsbury's in Swadlincote on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 10:00am.
- There was a Safer Together event planned for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 between 10:00am – 1:00pm to be held at The Delph in Swadlincote.
- There had been a few secondary fires in the local area recently. Fire awareness talks were happening in partnership with the Fire Service at local schools to educate young people about the dangers of fires.

Councillor Sean Bambrick enquired about a Community Speedwatch scheme that was mentioned during the last Area Forum meeting. PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that the Police were in the process of recruiting a dedicated Community Speedwatch Coordinator and that she would get in touch with Councillor Sean Bambrick when everything has been finalised.

A member of the public asked whether the Police had any powers to ticket a vehicle which has been parked half and half on the pavement/ road on the corner of Bramblewood and Alma Road when it doesn't possess a valid MOT. PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that this would only become a Police matter if the car was being driven on the road without an MOT but the driver of the vehicle would need to be caught in the act.

Councillor Jim Seaton raised the ongoing issue of excessive speeding on Sandcliffe Road. He was struggling to generate enough interest through local

Volunteers to organise a Community Speedwatch and asked whether the Police could provide a presence and start doing some random checks.

Councillor Jim Seaton also mentioned that the portable speed sign that flashes when you are approaching too fast has now moved back to Ticknall as there is only one in circulation.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that speeding should be reported to CREST via its website as the more reports received the more chance there is of something being done about it.

A member of the public asked whether there was a Facebook Group for the area which may assist in getting the word out regarding Community Speedwatch and possibly increase the number of volunteers.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite advised that it isn't something that the Police would set up but would be a good idea if residents wanted to set something up themselves.

Councillor Paul Dunn said that he would get in touch with Councillor Robert Pearson in connection to Community Speedwatch to see if there was anything that he could do to assist. Councillor Kevin Richards also suggested that a solution may be to get volunteers from different wards together and operate at various hot spot locations on a rotational basis.

**ACTION: Councillor Paul Dunn to speak with Councillor Robert Pearson regarding pooling volunteer resource in respect to Community Speedwatch and report back.**

Chris Smith added that he would also raise the issue of excessive speeding on Sandcliffe Road again with DCC Highways.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to raise the ongoing issue of excessive speeding on Sandcliffe Road with DCC Highways and report back.**

Cathy Miles expressed an interest in the discussion around a joined up approach and would welcome the opportunity to help explore this suggestion further.

A member of the public raised concerns in respect to dangerous parking at the corner of Willow Drive and Bretby Road. Vehicles are being parked on the verge/ pavement which seriously obscures the view on the approach to Wood Lane. Another member of the public mentioned that it is a particular issue when the schools come out.

PCSO Karen Coldicott advised that the Police has limited powers in respect to parking since it was decriminalised but would make a note to look into it and distribute warning leaflets on offending vehicles.

Another member of the public raised concerns in regard to the building works currently going on at the end of The Lees. Numerous building lorries are reportedly parked up at any one time and are causing a dangerous obstruction when trying to pull around the corner.

**ACTION: PCSO Karen Coldicott to investigate obstructive parking issues at the corner of Willow Drive/ Bretby Road and also at the bottom of The Leys.**

**ACTION: Chris Smith to investigate whether the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers can assist.**

A member of the public asked if the Police could give a talk at 1<sup>st</sup> Newhall Scout Group.

PCSO Karen Coldicott advised that yes this is something that could be arranged.

NA/3 **Safer South Derbyshire Partnership update and Safer Neighbourhood grants**

Chris Smith provided the following update: -

- The contacts page had now been reintroduced in the Area Forum Agenda Packs and contained lots of useful contact information including that of CREST (to report speeding).
- ‘Your Choice’ events had been taking place in secondary schools across the District, coordinated by Derbyshire Police. Talks around gangs and knife crime are given by Jason Farmer who was on the verge getting into gang related trouble as a youngster in Liverpool and had since joined the Police and Dr Manny Barot who is a hate crime expert and had previously worked with right-wing extremists. These events had been well received by the schools involved.
- Safer Homes scheme – South Derbyshire Community Voluntary Sector (CVS) provide this valuable service and can carry out home checks free of charge. Leaflets are available if this is of interest. You can also self-refer.
- A Fire & Ambulance Station Open Day was planned for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June between 11:00am - 3:00pm.

- Safer Neighbourhood Grants – £4000 was available for the community to spend on projects which help to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area. People Express had made an application for £2500 to provide a continuation of an existing arts project for an additional 26 week duration to be held at Midway Community Centre. All were in favour of approving this project.
- Chris Smith provided a brief explanation about what the Communities Team does and how it has a dual responsibility around community safety and anti-social behaviour working together with the Police and other partners in order to help reduce crime. The Team also work closely with CVS on community development.

Councillor Sean Bambrick enquired as to whether there would be any funding available in respect to the purchase of equipment for the Army Cadets for people that are less fortunate and cannot afford to buy it themselves.

Chris Smith advised that he would look into possible funding schemes and Allison Thomas added that there may be funding available via alternative channels such as Youth Action Grants offered by DCC.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to look into what funding might be available in respect to the purchase of necessary equipment for use by the Army Cadets and report back.**

A member of the public wanted to extend their thanks to Safer Neighbourhoods for funding received during the last financial year in respect to security doors for Newhall Scout Group.

#### NA/4 Local authority issues

Allison Thomas provided the following SDDC update: -

SDDC had appointed a new Community Safety Enforcement Officer (CSEO) with specific responsibilities and duties for Swadlincote Town Centre and the surrounding area, making a four strong Team. This would allow the other three wardens to focus on issues reported across the rest of the District.

Green Space Strategy – The Council had just submitted a Local Green Spaces Plan for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. Local Green Spaces are areas of land that are of value to the local community; they can be located in rural or built up areas. Once allocated, a local green space would have a policy designation similar to that of green belt, and therefore would restrict future development. The examination is expected to take place in the late summer/ autumn time.

Litter bins in Newhall Park – a comprehensive review had been completed. Bins to be replaced/ removed/ installed were as follows: -

1. To replace a small bin in the play area with a larger capacity bin
2. To remove two small green rusty bins next to the fencing adjacent to Orchard Street car park
3. To install a new large capacity black bin next to the notice board by Orchard Street car park entrance
4. To replace a vandalised black bin by the skate park
5. To install a new large capacity black bin adjacent to the nearest bench on the footpath adjacent to the older children's play area

It was expected to take 4-5 weeks in which to complete the above works after which time the situation will be monitored over the summer. Feedback was welcomed.

Summer Activities programme and South Derbyshire Active Communities Directory – leaflets are available if of any interest.

Allison Thomas reminded people that there is now a nice 9 hole golf course available in Swadlincote and that the Council was expecting an application for an Adventurous golf facility by the end of June. There were also plans underway to open an Urban/ Forest park for the Town as part of that major development.

Councillor Paul Dunn suggested that a good idea for the land opposite Chrysanthemum Court would be to include it in the Local Green Spaces Plan and turn it into a community orchard.

Allison Thomas responded to say that DCC had said it's a no at the moment due to the land in question being on the list for development for affordable housing.

A member of the public added that the site in question is currently subject to lots of fly-tipping and not just from Chrysanthemum Court residents.

Another member of the public asked whether there would be access to the proposed Country Park from Newhall side or would it just be from Swadlincote side.

Allison Thomas explained that there are two elements; the Urban park (to be maintained by SDDC) and the Forest park (which the developer will be responsible for as part of the Golf Course complex). In terms of Forest park,

there will be footpaths and bridges constructed to further encourage sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling.

Councillor Sean Bambrick added that the footpaths are now under construction with access from Newhall round to the Country (Forest) park. Councillor Kevin Richards reiterated that the people of Newhall will have access and that it will not be restricted for anyone.

A member of the public responded to say that many of the existing footpaths are not being maintained and are overgrown. Allison Thomas advised that overgrown footpaths should be reported directly to Peter White, Public Footpaths Officer at DCC.

A member of the public raised an issue regarding a badly damaged bin situated outside of Wellwood Stores located on Wellwood Road, Newhall and queried whether SDDC would maintain the bin in question.

Councillor Sean Bambrick also mentioned a bin that is not adequate in size and is constantly overflowing situated outside of Kang's Mini-Market located on Orchard Street, Newhall. Allison Thomas advised that the bins in question need to be reported so that the Council.

A member of the public asked who the best person was to report overflowing bins to. Allison Thomas advised that overflowing bins etc. should be reported to [waste.cleansing@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:waste.cleansing@southderbyshire.gov.uk) via email or the Council's website.

A member of the public advised that there used to be three bins situated in the alleyway between Bretby Road (opposite the entrance to Sunnyside) leading through to Hawthorne Rise and on to High Street and now there are none which has led to a significant increase in littering. Another member of the public added that the alleyway in question is also becoming very overgrown and required attention.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to visit alleyway between Hawthorne Rise and on to High Street around bins and overgrown issues.**

There was also mention of a jitty between Roseleigh Crescent and Parliament Street which has no bin and is another site prone to excessive littering. Allison Thomas advised that SDDC spend half a million pounds each year on litter collection and that the CEO has written to 1400 businesses across the whole District to try and help combat excessive littering by taking a more concerted and collaborative approach.

Allison Thomas also advised that litter picking equipment/ bags/ gloves are available and can be lent out by the Council should any volunteer groups wish to organise their own community litter picks.

A member of the public mentioned that he has previously taken part in a community litter pick on the footpath that goes around the perimeter of the William Allitt School and generated nine large bags full of rubbish and queried what should be done with the rubbish bags once collected.

Allison Thomas advised that Alan Grist in Operational Services would be the correct person to contact in order to arrange collection of any rubbish collected.

Councillor Paul Dunn advised that he is a Governor at The William Allitt School and would feedback the comments to see what can be done by the school to help improve the situation.

**ACTION: Councillor Paul Dunn to put littering issues to Youth Forum at The William Allitt School with a view to setting up a project to promote less littering (Litter Hero Initiative?).**

A member of the public relatively new to the area asked whether there is any future intent to publicise what SDDC is doing by way of a quarterly newsletter.

Allison Thomas advised that there were no plans to send out a newsletter by post however as a Council every opportunity to publicise what the Council does is considered through the use of the SDDC website, area forums, community organisations such as CVS, social media (Facebook/ Twitter) and leaflets go out to schools and community groups. Press releases are also prepared to publicise upcoming events and the local media attend Council committee meetings.

Another member of the public suggested email distribution of a newsletter to which Allison Thomas replied that we are in the process of appointing a new Head of Customer Service and that potentially it may form part of their remit to look further into this but couldn't give any commitment at this time.

**ACTION: Allison Thomas to raise idea of potential SMS with new Head of Customer Service when appointed.**

A member of the public raised issues of sending emails to certain officers at SDDC to which they have received no response.



Allison Thomas advised that she was sorry to hear that and would take a note of the officers in question from the member of the public concerned at the end of the meeting. It was also suggested to copy in a local Councillor on any future emails.

Allison Thomas advised that 110 staff have just completed Customer Care training therefore a response or at the very least a curtesy acknowledgement email should have been provided.

A member of the public raised an issue regarding a 9MB email limit which prevents more than around three photographs being sent to SDDC in one go.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to look into the 9MB email limit issue raised with IT and report back.**

A member of the public raised a point regarding email to say that not everyone wants or has access to email and that the turn-out to the meeting is very disappointing considering the number of people who live in the area.

#### NA/5 Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update

Cathy Miles provided an introduction to CVS and the services it offers and explained that there have been some recent organisational changes and funding cuts within CVS. Cathy explained that the CVS was there to help communities to help themselves. If anyone knew of any specific areas that need help or volunteering support to get in touch. More details of the services provided by South Derbyshire CVS can be found on their website.

Councillor Kevin Richards asked where the CVS food drops off points are and whether CVS has a clothing bank. Cathy advised that CVS did not have a clothing bank but Hill Street Baptist Church does which is really successful. Also on a Friday any excess food donations and fresh produce from the Community Fridge is being used to provide a café downstairs at the Hill Street Baptist Church which provides an opportunity to signpost and get to know people a little better.

**ACTION: Cathy Miles to circulate a list of foodbank drop off points.**

A member of public asked whether The Old Post Centre advertises the requirement for foodbank donations and reiterated that a list of drop of points would be useful. Another member of the public asked whether CVS accepted fresh produce.

Cathy advised that it only accepted tins and packets at the food bank drop-off points and that any fresh produce goes into the Community Fridge which is located at CVS Offices, 46 - 48 Grove Street, Swadlincote, Derbyshire. DE11 9DD.

A member of the public registered interest in joining the befriending scheme.

NA/6 **Summary of agreed priorities/ actions**

- Councillor Paul Dunn to speak with Councillor Robert Pearson regarding pooling volunteer resource in respect to Community Speedwatch and report back.
- Chris Smith to raise the ongoing issue of excessive speeding on Sandcliffe Road with DCC Highways and report back.
- PCSO Karen Coldicott to investigate obstructive parking issues at the corner of Willow Drive/ Bretby Road and also at the bottom of The Leys.
- Chris Smith to take up issues raised in respect to dangerous parking with Matt Holford as this is a civil enforcement issue.
- Chris Smith to look into what funding might be available in respect to the purchase of necessary equipment for use by the Army Cadets and report back.
- Chris Smith to visit alleyway between Hawthorne Rise and on to High Street around bins and overgrown issues.
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NA/7 **Close and date of next meeting**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

**Councillor Paul Dunn**  
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 8:00pm

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**NEWHALL AREA FORUM**

(Covering: Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

**REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Newhall Area Forum held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Newhall Old Post Centre, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

**1. Community Speedwatch**

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*Councillor Paul Dunn to provide a verbal update.*

**ACTION: Chris Smith to raise the ongoing issue of excessive speeding on Sandcliffe Road with DCC Highways and report back.**

*DCC Highways provided the following email response: -*

*We have now completed our investigations, which has included liaising with the Traffic Management Unit and Roads Policing Unit at Derbyshire Constabulary.*

*Firstly, we would like to assure you that the safety of Derbyshire's road users remains of paramount importance to the County Council as the local highway authority. Indeed, it is a fundamental remit of all highway authorities to take effective action to reduce the number of people being killed and injured on the roads they are responsible for.*

*Speeding in general is a problem on many roads throughout the County and the Government is trying to address this issue nationally*

through education. This Authority supports this initiative with local campaigns and works in close partnership with the Police to identify other methods of reducing speed. Whilst we can appreciate the concerns you are reporting it should be acknowledged that as vehicle ownership rises, so do traffic volumes and unfortunately this scenario is something that exists on many miles of country roads across the county.

Given this unsustainable demand, a system of prioritisation must be employed which includes the interrogation of pertinent data, such as the number and severity of collisions which may have occurred at any requested location. Prioritising our much reduced resources in such a way helps to ensure that they are firstly used in locations where there is the greatest need and where most benefits can be achieved in terms of road safety. Funds must therefore be directed to those roads where there is a history of reported injury collisions and where there is a trend in those collisions which allows us to identify a highway improvement scheme which will effectively reduce the number of collisions occurring. This use of identifiable known 'hard' facts and figures is a methodology adopted by highway authorities across the country and provides a robust basis and justification for the use of funds. An investigation of the police database for recorded injury collision shows that thankfully there are two recorded for the last three years (the standard assessment period) neither of which has speed recorded as a causation factor.

We are very conscious that some residents may perceive this approach as meaning that a death or serious injury has to occur before action will be taken. However, we trust you will appreciate that it would be irresponsible of this Authority to commit additional funds (Sandcliffe Road currently shares mobile vehicular activated signage with Ticknall village) to a location where few or no injury collisions have occurred, whilst there remain very many other sites with known collision histories, and trends in those collisions, which could be resolved through the introduction of safety measures. This may appear reactive rather than preventative but we do have a dedicated Road Safety Team where officers work closely with Derbyshire Constabulary on a co-ordinated programme of road safety training, education and publicity campaigns with the objective of raising awareness with the motoring public and reducing road traffic casualties.

A copy of DCC's Speed Management Protocol Report which gives the criteria for highway improvements and to ensure that all requests are dealt with in a consistent manner can be found at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/council/meetings-decisions/meetings/cabinet/2017-11-16-speed-management-plan.pdf>

Speeding vehicles is a responsibility of the Police to enforce as the law still classes such offences as a moving traffic offence and therefore the County Council under civil parking enforcement powers is unable to address this. Information Governance Regulations prevents us from being able to forward the details onto the Police and therefore they would need to be contacted directly regarding concerns over vehicle speeds and its associated enforcement. They can be contacted in the first instance on the non-emergency telephone

number of 101.

Alternatively the link below can be used to report speeding concerns to CREST (Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team) <https://www.crestderbyshire.org/about-us/report-a-speeding-concern/>

CREST is the enforcement arm of the Derby and Derbyshire Safer Roads Partnership (**DDRSP**) and also contribute to the operations that Derbyshire Constabulary perform. They also have their own Twitter account (**@CRESTDerbyshire**) so that they can inform as many people as possible about their locations, operations and general road safety information.

We hope that the above will prove useful and reassure you that the Authority listens very carefully to all feedback and is committed to reducing collisions and road improving road safety.

Kind regards

Traffic and Safety Team

## **2. Obstructive Parking**

A member of the public raised concerns in respect to dangerous parking at the corner of Willow Drive and Bretby Road. Vehicles are being parked on the verge/ pavement seriously obscuring the view on the approach to Wood Lane. Another member of the public mentioned that it is a particular issue when the schools come out.

Concerns were also raised by another member of the public in regard to the building works currently going on at the end of The Lees. Numerous building lorries are reportedly parked up at any one time and are causing a dangerous obstruction when trying to pull around the corner.

**ACTION: PCSO Karen Coldicott to investigate obstructive parking issues at the corner of Willow Drive/ Bretby Road and also at the bottom of The Leys.**

*PCSO Karen Coldicott provided the following update: -*

*"I have been paying attention to the area whilst on patrols. I have only witnessed a couple of vehicles, and on each occasion I have checked the vehicle details and issued a form 78, which is an advisory notice regarding the manner of their parking, highlighting the rules of the highway code and the danger their parking is causing to other road users. This is the only action I can take regarding this problem as it comes under rule 243 of the highway code which is only advisory not illegal"*

*The Highway Code, **Rule 243 states: -***

**DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank

- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

**Except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

However the above is an advisory rule not a legal requirement as per the wording of the Highway Code:

Many of the rules in the Code are legal requirements, and if you disobey these rules you are committing a criminal offence. You may be fined, given penalty points on your licence or be disqualified from driving. In the most serious cases you may be sent to prison. Such rules are identified by the use of the words '**MUST/MUST NOT**'. In addition, the rule includes an abbreviated reference to the legislation which creates the offence.

Although failure to comply with the other rules of the Code will not, in itself, cause a person to be prosecuted, The Highway Code may be used in evidence in any court proceedings under the Traffic Acts (see The road user and the law) to establish liability. **This includes rules which use advisory wording such as 'should/shouldn't' or 'do/do not'.**

PCSO Karen Coldicott reassured that the Police will continue to keep an eye on the area as they do with other junctions when out on patrol but there is nothing they can do to stop the problem as it is ultimately up to drivers to park considerately.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to investigate whether the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers can assist.**

Civil Parking Enforcement Officers can only enforce in areas where there are parking restrictions in place and 'Special Enforcement Areas' where there are no restrictions. This includes obstruction of dropped kerb accesses (i.e. for driveways or tactile dropped crossing points) and also for the offence of double parking, which is where a vehicle is parked more than 0.5m from the kerb edge. For more information on the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers, visit: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/parking/parking-enforcement/civil-parking-enforcement-cpe.aspx>

### **3. Funding for Army Cadet Equipment**

Councillor Sean Bambrick enquired as to whether there would be any funding available in respect to the purchase of equipment for the Army Cadets for people that are less fortunate and cannot afford to

buy it themselves.

Chris Smith advised that he would look into possible funding schemes and Allison Thomas added that there may be funding available via. An alternative channel such as Youth Action Grants.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to look into what funding might be available in respect to the purchase of necessary equipment for use by the Army Cadets and report back.**

*Liz Gumbly from South Derbyshire CVS is linking in with the Cadets to assist with identifying possible funding streams.*

#### **4. Overgrown alleyway**

A member of the public advised that there used to be three bins situated in the alleyway between Bretby Road (opposite the entrance to Sunnyside) leading through to Hawthorne Rise and on to High Street and now there are none which has led to a significant increase in littering. Another member of the public added that the alleyway in question is also becoming very overgrown and requires attention.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to visit alleyway between Hawthorne Rise and on to High Street around bins and overgrown issues.**

*A visit was made; officers didn't feel it was overgrown however one of the street lights was being covered by a tree which has been reported to DCC for cutting back.*

#### **5. William Allitt School - Littering**

A member of the public mentioned that he has previously taken part in a community litter pick on the footpath that goes around the perimeter of the William Allitt School and generated nine large bags full of rubbish.

Councillor Paul Dunn replied that he is a Governor at The William Allitt School and would feedback the comments to see what can be done by the school to help improve the situation.

**ACTION: Councillor Paul Dunn to put littering issues to Youth Forum at The William Allitt School with a view to setting up a project to promote less littering (Litter Hero Initiative?).**

*Following a Governor's meeting held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Councillor Sean Bambrick updated that The William Allitt School Head, Jackie Cooper suggested implementing a Litter Hero Initiative via a year 7 group as part of their charity events.*

#### **6. Newsletter**

A member of the public suggested email distribution of a newsletter Allison Thomas responded by saying that we are in the process of appointing a new Head of Customer Service and that potentially it may form part of their remit to look further into this but couldn't give any commitment at this time.

**ACTION: Allison Thomas to raise idea of potential SMS with new Head of Customer Service when appointed.**

*Allison Thomas updated that the new Head of Customer Service hasn't started yet but will raise it with her when she does.*

### **7. 9MB Email Limit**

A member of the public raised an issue regarding a 9MB email limit which prevents more than around three photographs being sent to SDDC in one go.

**ACTION: Chris Smith to look into the 9MB email limit issue raised with IT and report back.**

*The matter was raised with IT and whilst it is technically possible to increase the email limit for specific email accounts it is not feasible to implement across the board for the whole of the Council. It has therefore been suggested that members of the public make contact with the relevant officer/ department in the first instance to discuss the best way of providing any images you wish to send.*

### **8. Food bank drop off points**

Councillor Kevin Richards and also a member of the public asked where the CVS food drops off points are and whether a list of drop off points could be made available.

**ACTION: Cathy Miles to circulate a list of foodbank drop off points.**

*Food bank drop off points were circulated to everyone on the Newhall and Swadlincote Area Forum email distribution lists and are as follows: -*

- *Sainsbury Civic Way*
- *Sainsbury Glamorgan Way*
- *Co-op Stapenhill*
- *Co-op Hatton*
- *Co-op Willington*
- *Co-op Overseal*
- *Lloyds TSB Swadlincote*
- *Morrisons Swadlincote*
- *Swadlincote Library*
- *Oakland Village*

Debbie Ward  
Service Assistant  
**South Derbyshire District Council**



## **AREA 5 – Useful Contacts**

### **Safer South Derbyshire Partnership**

Chris Smith	01283 595924	chris.smith@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Safer Homes Security Scheme (Provided by CVS)	01283 219761	projectsupport@sdcvs.org.uk

### **Chair of Area Forum Group**

Councillor Paul Dunn (Midway)	01283 552778	paul.dunn@southderbyshire.gov.uk
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### **District Council**

South Derbyshire District Council (General Enquiries)	01283 221000	customer.services@south-derbys.gov.uk
Anti-Social Behaviour Helpline	01283 221000	community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Clean Team (To report an incident of illegally dumped waste or a dead animal); examples of illegally dumped waste include fly-tipping, dog fouling, syringes, litter, graffiti or hazardous substances	01283 595795	waste.cleansing@southderbyshire.gov.uk
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Community Safety Enforcement Officers (To report a person or persons responsible for any of the above)	01283 221000	environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk
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### **District Councillors**

Councillor Sean Bambrick (Newhall & Stanton)	01283 218808	sean.bambrick@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Councillor Kevin Richards (Newhall & Stanton)	07969 145362	kevin.richards@southderbyshire.gov.uk
	01283 212533	
	01283 212305	
Councillor Mrs Linda Stuart (Newhall & Stanton)	07813 976288	linda.stuart@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Councillor Paul Dunn (Midway)	01283 552778	paul.dunn@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Councillor Robert Pearson (Midway)	01283 208346	robert.pearson@southderbyshire.gov.uk
	01283 218646	
Councillor David Angliss (Midway)	07957 645543	david.angliss@southderbyshire.gov.uk

### **County Council**

Civil Parking Enforcement	01629 533190	contactcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk
Highways Department	01629 533190	highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk

### **County Councillors**

Councillor Gary Musson (Swadlincote Central)	07590 277060	gary.musson@derbyshire.gov.uk
	01283 218808	
Councillor Sean Bambrick (Swadlincote North)	07969 145362	sean.bambrick@derbyshire.gov.uk
	01283 200872	
Councillor Stuart Swann (Swadlincote South)	07970 741687	stuart.swann@southderbyshire.gov.uk

### **Police**

EMERGENCY CONTACT ONLY	999	
Non-Emergency	101 or online	<a href="http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/ocr-bridge/report-crime/">www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/ocr-bridge/report-crime/</a>
Non-Emergency SMS Service (for deaf and hard of hearing only)	07800 002414	
Inspector Kate Bateman		south.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
Sergeant Matt Haslam - Safer Neighbourhood Team		south.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
PC Kevin Cassidy - Safer Neighbourhood Team		kevin.cassidy.2921@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Karen Coldicott - Safer Neighbourhood Team		karen.coldicott.4613@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO John Beard - Safer Neighbourhood Team		john.beard.12793@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	<a href="http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a>

### **Websites & Social Media**

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Facebook Page		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SaferSouthDerbyshire">www.facebook.com/SaferSouthDerbyshire</a>
South Derbyshire District Council		<a href="http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk">www.southderbyshire.gov.uk</a>
Safer & Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Application		<a href="http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/crime-and-community-safety/safer-neighbourhoods">www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/crime-and-community-safety/safer-neighbourhoods</a>
Report Anti-Social Behaviour, Fly-Tipping, Littering etc. to SDDC Neighbourhood Watch	Via online reporting form	<a href="http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/crime-and-community-safety">www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/crime-and-community-safety</a> <a href="http://www.ourwatch.org.uk">www.ourwatch.org.uk</a>
Report Vehicles Breaching Weight Restrictions to DCC Derbyshire Constabulary	Via online reporting form	<a href="http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/weight-restrictions/weight-restrictions.aspx">www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/weight-restrictions/weight-restrictions.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.derbyshire.police.uk">www.derbyshire.police.uk</a>
Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team - Area 1) Twitter Page	Via Twitter page	<a href="https://twitter.com/HiltonEtWallSNT">twitter.com/HiltonEtWallSNT</a>
Report Non-Emergency Crime to Derbyshire Constabulary	Via Twitter page	<a href="https://twitter.com/DerPolContact">twitter.com/DerPolContact</a>
Report Non-Emergency Crime to Derbyshire Constabulary	Via Facebook page	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/derbyshireconstabulary/">www.facebook.com/derbyshireconstabulary/</a>
Ask the Police		<a href="http://www.askthe.police.uk">www.askthe.police.uk</a>
Crime Statistics (for your area)		<a href="http://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a>
Report Speeding to CREST	Via online reporting form	<a href="http://www.crestderbyshire.org">www.crestderbyshire.org</a>