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Neighbourhood News

ABERTILLERY NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM - Abertillery

Summer 2010

YOUR WARD OFFICERS



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999

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101

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TACKLING YOUR ISSUES

The Abertillery Neighbourhood Policing Team is working with partners to tackle the issues that you have raised as a part of PACT.

Following the last Abertillery Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, the Neighbourhood Policing Team has been working with partners to address the following priorities:

YOU SAID: Antisocial behaviour Abertillery Park

YOU SAID: Youth nuisance High Street Bus Stop

YOU SAID: Parking on Junctions - Newall Street

WE DID: The team has continued to patrol the park area during the evenings and also carried out spot checks with the park keepers at differing times. Reports of youth nuisance have reduced significantly and it's been noted that the area is often quiet or empty during our patrols.

Checks on the bus stop area have, to date, shown no further signs of antisocial behaviour and the team continue to monitor this. The area remains clean and free of major litter problems that were experienced previously.

The area of the junction of Newall Street still remains vehicle free and we thank residents for the consideration shown to others in the area. We still ask residents to refrain from parking on the pavement area and utilise parking in other streets where possible.

For your updated PACT priorities, monthly updates on your ward area and further information on your neighbourhood policing team - please visit our website www.gwent.police.uk and enter in your postcode.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR WARD?

A police surgery was held in Davy Evans Court (elderly residents), during their coffee morning. Crime prevention packs and lanyards to prevent purse thefts were given out. Advice on security and stranger danger in the complex discussed. The residents were shown how to security mark their property and a question and answer session took place over a nice cup of coffee and a biscuit.

It's been very busy on the ward with the new PACT priorities and some good results have been achieved. As well as dealing with the day to day calls from local residents, I've been visiting the PUPIL SCHEME two days a week. I carry out my regular patrols of the ward and "do my rounds" of checking with residents and businesses that there are no problems or issues are occurring or any that I need to be aware of. I've also been involved with our ACTION evenings, where we target all known hotspots and ENGAGEMENT days where I'm likely to pop into anywhere. I've also been holding regular Police surgeries all over the ward area.

The whole Abertillery Neighbourhood Team has been busy dealing with ongoing ASB issues. Unfortunately, it's not something that we can solve overnight, but we have achieved some good results. We have involved many different partners to help us, including Licensing, youth workers and the Police Motorcycle team. It's a wide issue, but we are out there tackling it for the community.

As well as the above we have various operations coming up that we will be involved in. The main one for the ward in the next 3 weeks will be Aberfest. I've also planned to take some older school children on a station tour and show them the use and operation of the speed guns.

PCSO Sharron Norman



SHARRON'S TOP TIP

Please, if something is going on in the area that is affecting you – let me know! Unless I'm aware of it I can do little to help. I may not be able to solve the situation straight away and it may take time, but myself and my colleagues will do what we can and keep you informed.

A BIG THANK YOU TO RESIDENTS

The Town team would like to thank the residents around the area of Abertillery Park for the assistance they have been giving in relation to the problems of youths underage drinking in the area. Calls have been received informing us of when the youths are making their way to the area which helps us to be at the right place at the right time to tackle this issue. It's only with your help and working together that we can achieve this.

Eisteddfod

GENEDLAETHOL CYMRU

Top tips for local people attending the event

When leaving home always close and lock external doors and windows. Good home security, such as window and door locks, is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled.

Do not take valuable property with you if you do not need to and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Thieves may try to take advantage of the busy event by stealing unattended property or by picking valuables from bags in crowded areas when people are distracted. Try not to carry keys, mobile phones, credit cards, cash and other valuables all together in one place.

Alcohol can make people more sociable and friendly, but excessive drinking can lead to problems. Binge drinking can be a factor in crime and can increase your chances of being a victim of crime. Drink sensibly and responsibly.

For more information visit: www.eisteddfod.org.uk

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STREET PASTORS ARRIVE IN BLAENAU GWENT



The first ever 'Street Pastors' in Blaenau Gwent have begun helping late-night revellers on the streets of Ebbw Vale and Abertillery this week.

Police hope the street pastors will make Blaenau Gwent a safer place at night by helping people under the influence of alcohol before they can cause trouble or hurt themselves.

The innovative project, which also has the support of Blaenau Gwent Council and local churches, has already been hailed a success in more than 60 other towns and cities in the UK.

16 Ebbw Vale and 10 Abertillery church members in Blaenau Gwent have completed a comprehensive training programme to fully equip them to respond to the needs of people they speak to on the streets. Volunteers from both Ebbw Vale and Abertillery launched the initiatives with their own individual commissioning services.

Local church members who volunteer as Street Pastors will be helping the emergency services in Blaenau Gwent every weekend around the times of 10pm and 1.30am on Friday and Saturday nights. The teams, usually made up of four people each night, can be clearly identified by the high-visibility jackets they wear.

The Street Pastor Scheme was initiated in Jamaica in 2001 as a Christian response to violent crime. Brixton realised the benefits of this initiative and launched the first UK scheme in 2003 to combat the urban problems encountered in towns and city throughout the country.

Coordinator for the Street Pastors venture for Abertillery, Marie Moreton who has taken up the role voluntarily says: 'I really hope we can show the community that there are people who really care. We hope they feel free to approach us and have a chat – we won't bite!'



More information on Street Pastors is available online at www.streetpastors.co.uk

60 Seconds with one of our officers



Name: PC 560 Wayne Roberts

Occupation: CADRO - Crime and disorder reduction officer

Location: Brynmawr and Abertillery

What have you been busy with this month?

This month I have been keeping the ASBO database up to date. Carrying out crime surveys, visiting local hot spot areas and finding ways of target hardening etc. going on the local radio station (BRFM) giving crime prevention advice and overseeing Swimming, fishing and snooker projects which are diversionary activities aimed at keeping youths off the streets at relevant times.

Any advice for the summer?

If you are going away let someone know where you are going and how to get hold of you. Review your security before you go and check that doors and windows are locked. When at home don't be tempted to go to bed on a hot summers evening leaving the windows open for air.

NEW RECRUITS AND MOVES WITHIN GWENT

Abertillery welcomes their new Inspector – Inspector Gavin Clifton to Blaenau Gwent.

FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

Your area has a dedicated information page on our website and contains information about the latest priorities, how to get in touch and when meetings are being held.



You can also follow us on:

twitter.com/gwentpolice or search for us on Facebook



How you can access support

Victim support helps local residents cope with the effects of crime.

If you have been a victim or witness you can contact victim support on their national telephone support line.

0845 30 30 900

How to make a complaint

We want you to be completely satisfied with the service we provide. However, if you're not happy, we'll work with you to resolve things. If you would like to make a complaint, please contact any Inspector or Sergeant at a station of your choice who will take the matter forward on your behalf or you can also dial **101**.

COME AND TALK TO US...

There are lots of ways that you can meet with your ward officers:

Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meetings are intended to give you an opportunity to highlight the community issues that are having an impact on your quality of life and to assist in deciding which issues are dealt with as priorities. It is not a surgery to discuss individual issues or concerns. Your neighbourhood policing team holds Police surgeries separately. The meetings also give you the opportunity to get to know your local officer.

So why do we need PACT meetings?

Despite the good news that overall crime is falling it has been recognised that our fear of crime and how safe we feel isn't falling in the same way. Through the meetings you will see that perceptions of crime often don't reflect the true position. You will also be reassured by witnessing the police and their partners dealing with the issues that matter most to you.

YOUR NEXT PACT MEETING:

Thursday 5th August

Adult Learning Centre at 7pm