

News from Shefford and Rural SNT



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Neighbourhood Priorities

- Speeding
- Criminal Damage
- Anti-Social Behaviour

These are the priorities that have been identified through consultations with members of your local neighbourhood.

Surgeries

A public surgery was held at the Council Chambers, Shefford on Thursday 14th July, however it was not well attended by the public. The times had been changed from the last surgery through public consultation to make it later for those who are not available in the daytime.

These events were to be held on a regular basis in order for the community to raise their issues or concerns and meet their SNT, but there may not be any need to if the attendance is low.

We are looking to start some surgeries in the rural villages - look out for the posters with the times, venues and dates!

Priority Targets

Speeding - PC Busby has been out and about in the area with the speed gun to detect such offences and he will continue to do so. In addition, the Road Traffic Department are assisting us with this issue and patrol vehicles are visiting the area, beware sometimes plain vehicles!

Criminal Damage - There has been several complaints coming forward from residents in the Churchill Way / Spitfire Close area of Shefford regarding criminal damage to vehicles and dwellings. The SNT are keen to identify those responsible and investigate all aspects of anti-social behaviour. If anyone has any information we would urge you to speak to the SNT.

Anti-Social Behaviour - The SNT has received reports that anti-social behaviour is an on going issue at Greenfields, Shillington. Regular hi visibility patrols will be carried out in the area and details of those responsible will be obtained. If you have any information on this issue please contact the SNT.

Promoting Ringmaster and Neighbourhood Watch

Everyone would like their neighbourhood to be a safe and secure environment. Bedfordshire Police are committed to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, with a view to working with the public to reduce crime and the fear of crime. You may be interested in joining a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, there are several successful schemes within Shefford and the Rural villages already running.

What does Neighbourhood Watch do?

Neighbourhood Watch aims to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and by fostering a community spirit. It is a partnership where people come together to make their communities safer and encourages people to keep a watchful eye on the more vulnerable residents.

Ringmaster

Ringmaster is a computerised messaging system, which sends its members out regular information about crime trends, crime prevention etc. which is relevant to their local area. This can be via e-mail, fax or phone and is a free service.

If you are interested in joining one of these schemes please contact us by one of the methods detailed above.

