

Dear All,

I start with a brief apology, having not sent my update last month... There is a simple explanation for this; and no I didn't forget... I had taken annual leave during the last week of February and first few weeks of March. This was in preparation for a promotion exam which I subsequently failed... :(however I didn't really want to advertise that I would be off work for a few weeks just in case any less desirable individuals would seek to take advantage of this fact.

Of Course Jenna and Emily were both keeping an eye of the area in my absence and I have to admit there has been less crime in the area whilst I was on leave than we might normally expect... so I have to wonder if I'm really needed... :) Anyway, to make up for the lack of contact last month I have included the statistics for both February and March below.

Speed Awareness

Those of you who read the Wrexham Evening Leader may have noticed an article featuring PCSO Jenna Owen and the Children of Ysgol Saint Dunawd (Bangor on Dee) I have copied the article below for your information. We hope to run similar projects across the area during the future months. The project was aimed to raise awareness and educate drivers, however we also been conducting speeds checks in "Community Concern" areas and offending motorist may well be prosecuted...

Pupils help Police keep Speeds Down



PCSO Jenna Owen works with Ysgol Sant Dunawd pupils Beatrice Gascoigne and Ben Barnwell. MOST motorists received a happy face from local children taking part in a crackdown on speeding in Bangor on Dee.

Ysgol Sant Dunawd pupils from years two and six joined forces with Bronington ward police community support officer (PCSO) Jenna Owen and Arrive Alive officer Paul Williams to monitor speeds on the village's Station Road.

The speed enforcement day was organised after PCSO Owen was approached by several residents who felt that too many drivers were breaking the speed limit on the stretch of road near to the school.

The team has a board at the side of the road showing a happy face to motorists keeping within the speeds limit and a sad face to those exceeding it and kept a record as each car passed.

"Most drivers stuck to the speed limit," said PCSO Owen.

"The day went really well. The children noted whether it was a smiley face or sad face on their charts and had a go at using the speed gun too and used it to mark their charts.

"They seemed to enjoy it and Paul Williams from Arrive Alive did tests with them using the speed gun.

"The kids will take this stuff back to class for math's and drawing graphs and hopefully go back to tell their parents not to speed.

"Seeing us there stopped people speeding, people tend to slow down when they see a yellow jacket."

PCSO Owen has plans to carry on using the speed gun in the area during random spot checks throughout the year.

Head teacher of Ysgol Sant Dunawd Julia Whitby said: "We found the day particularly useful in making the children aware of the function of speed enforcement and they've brought a lot of data back which we're using in math's lessons to help with IT work.

"It was a very practical and useful experience and enhances the rapport we have with the local community too."

BBC Regional News

Overton was featured on BBC Wales Tonight on when PCSO Jenna Owen, leader of Wrexham Council Aled Roberts and Street Scene Engineer Kevin Edwards were filmed conducting an Environmental Audit in the village, this was broadcast on the evening of 31st March 2008 and formed part of a Local Election story explaining how the borough Council now work with a number of agencies to identify community issues, broken street lights, poor road surfaces, missing signs etc, since starting these audits in mid 2007 I believe we have made a number of improvements across our area.

Crime

With the weather now slowly improving we may be turning our attention to the garden, and you may be considering purchasing new equipment, including tower tools, mowers etc... Can I ask that if you do find yourself making such purchases can you make a note of the serial numbers and record details of make / model / colour. I ask this as power tools are often stolen from insecure or poorly secured garages, sheds and outbuildings and any information you can provide may aid its recovery.

Statistically if you have Chainsaw and live in Bronington.... please take extra care. :)

Next month I will circulate a detailed crime prevention bulletin focusing on how you can protect yourself from becoming a victim.

Crime, Anti Social Behavior and Collisions : What happened in your area?

February 2008

Crime*

Overton = 1

Penley = 1

Bettisfield = 1

Hanmer & Horsemans Green = 0

Cross Lanes = 5

Bangor on Dee = 2

Worthenbury & Tallarn Green = 1

Bronington = 3

*Most incidents are theft related, however on occasions some are of a sensitive nature and as such I can not elaborate.

Anti-Social:

Overton = 2

Penley = 0

Bettisfield = 0

Hanmer & Horsemans Green = 0

Cross Lanes = 0

Bangor on Dee = 0

Worthenbury & Tallarn Green = 0

Bronington = 0

Collisions:

Overton = 3

Penley = 1

Bettisfield = 0

Hanmer & Horsemans Green = 2

Cross Lanes = 0

Bangor on Dee = 1

Worthenbury & Tallarn Green = 2

Bronington = 1

March 2008

Crime*

Overton = 2

Penley = 1

Bettisfield = 0

Hanmer & Horsemans Green = 1

Cross Lanes = 1

Bangor on Dee = 0

Worthenbury & Tallarn Green = 0

Bronington = 1

*Most incidents are theft related, however on occasions some are of a sensitive nature and as such I can not elaborate.

Anti-Social:

Overton = 1

Penley = 1

Bettisfield = 1

Hanmer & Horsemans Green = 0

Cross Lanes = 0

Bangor on Dee = 1

Worthenbury & Tallarn Green = 0

Bronington = 0

Collisions:

Overton = 1

Penley = 0

Bettisfield = 0

Hanmer & Horsemans Green = 0

Cross Lanes = 1

Bangor on Dee = 1

Worthenbury & Tallarn Green = 0

Bronington = 1

Area Priorities

As a community based policing team, I am keen that we deal with the issues that the community believe effect them the most, these don't always match what the home office or police authority priorities, but are the issues that effect the community in which we all live and work and if we are able to deal with these then we improve the quality of life for all those involved , The current priorities area listed below.

Bronington Ward

Op Vardon: Pro- Active Operation set up to deal with Rural Crime and to encourage the reporting of suspicious incidents.

Speed Enforcement: Operation to deal with vehicles exceeding the speed limit and/or driving dangerously in our remote villages.

Environmental Audit: Partnership Initiative to enhance the environment that we live and work in.

Littering and Dog Fowling: In particular in the High Street Bangor on Dee and along the River Bank.

Overton Ward

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our remote villages.

Environmental Audit: Partnership Initiative to enhance the environment that we live and work in.

Littering and Dog Fowling: In particular in the High Street Overton and School Lane.

Marchwiell Rural Ward

Op Vardon: Pro- Active Operation set up to deal with Rural Crime and to encourage the reporting of suspicious incidents.

Speed Enforcement: Operation to deal with vehicles exceeding the speed limit and/or driving dangerously in our remote villages.

ASB: Anti Social Behavior in the area of Crosslanes.

Environmental Audit: Partnership Initiative to enhance the environment that we live and work in.

The above priorities are updated regularly and if you are of the opinion that they do not accurately represent what is effecting your community please raise this at the next neighbourhood policing meeting, or contact one of the team.

Neighbourhood Policing Meetings

Due to the large area that we cover it hasn't always been practical to run a physical Neighbourhood Policing meeting and as such I have relied on the feedback given at many council meetings that we attend on a monthly basis and the feedback provided in response to my regular e-mail updates, however I do feel the need to try and run a physical meeting and all dates and times will be published as and when they have been confirmed.

Feedback: Is there anything you would like to know or anything you would like included in this bulletin? Please let me know by reply.

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