



**Introduction**

This newsletter is to update everyone with the activities of your Safer Neighbourhood Team in the Pateley Bridge and Washburn Wards since the last meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 particularly in relation to the issues raised.

**1. Anti-Social Behaviour in Pateley Bridge**

The issue regarding the youths at the bottom of the High Street is now being dealt with as part of our routine patrols in the area as the number of complaints received have fallen markedly over the summer months. All such complaints are being dealt with promptly and appropriately by the officers who attend.

The violent disturbance outside the Royal Oak Public house in Pateley Bridge which resulted in nine people being arrested and interviewed before being released on Police bail. The enquiries are continuing into this incident and should reach a conclusion shortly after consultation with the CPS.

**2. Rural Licensing**

Following our last meeting when the issue of licensing hours for the pubs in our area was raised, specifically their closing times which was of concern. The opening hours for each individual pub are those that were granted by Harrogate Borough Council's licensing office. The Pateley Bridge team ensures that all pubs receive regular visits from officers which means any matters / concerns can be dealt with promptly by all concerned.

**3. Safer Roads**

In conjunction with North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service we will be running an Operation Siren day in the Summerbridge / Dacre / Darley area on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The Pateley Bridge officers are to be trained in the use of the speed gun and I will be liaising with colleagues in the Fire Service to arrange more such dates around the Pateley Bridge and Washburn areas. Alongside these initiatives the team will be using the speed detection equipment around the area to enforce the speed limits on our roads. If you would like the Fire Service to deploy their matrix board to monitor the speed of traffic through your

local area then this must be raised at a Parish Council meeting who can then take the request to the appropriate forum.

**Local crime update**

**4. Crime Trends**

	Pateley Bridge	NiddValley	Lower Nidderdale	Washburn
Auto crimes	3	2	1	9
Burglary dwelling	1	1		4
Burglary other	2	6	7	9
Damage	10	4	5	3
Other crimes	3	5		3
Theft	7	2	5	18
Violence	5	10	3	6
Total crimes	31	30	21	52

When the figures for each Ward are compared against the same period for last year, i.e. 01/04/09 to 27/08/09 against 01/04/08 to 27/08/08 this shows that the Wards of Pateley Bridge, Lower Nidderdale and Nidd Valley all show an increase in recorded crime whilst Washburn Ward shows a decrease in recorded crime. The increases when expressed as percentages are large, however, the actual difference is small e.g. for Pateley Bridge the difference is 9 reported crimes or a 40.91% increase. The comparison for Nidd Valley is 17 crimes or 130.8% increase and for Lower Nidderdale it is 5 crimes or 23.53%. for Washburn the decrease is 7 crimes and a decrease of 11.86%.

The reason for the massive increase in the number of crimes reported within Nidd Valley is mainly due to the large scale disorder outside the Royal Oak public house which has had a disproportionate effect on the figures.

Currently, the main crime trend that we are seeing is occurring predominately within Washburn is the theft of stone or slate plus thefts from sheds and other out buildings. Over the coming weeks in conjunction with our colleagues in traffic, the neighbourhood support teams and Knaresborough we shall be looking to address this issue with high profile patrols in the area adjoining the A658 and B6161.

**5. Community Initiatives**

Currently, we have a number of community initiatives which we are working along side our partner agencies specifically under

the banner of 'Safer Nidderdale'. Safer Nidderdale will again be attending the Nidderdale Show at the end of September and during that weekend you will notice an increase in the numbers of police officers in the area of Pateley Bridge to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the Fair and the Show in safety.

Last week saw the Chief Constable, Mr Grahame Maxwell, visiting Pateley Bridge when he was able to walk around the town speaking to residents and visitors alike. I am sure that everyone who saw and spoke to him found this to be a useful exercise.

**6. Events and Parades**

I am sure that everyone is aware of the current position of North Yorkshire Police in relation to events and parades. To be clear to everyone, under the legislation of this country the police have no authority to stop traffic on the highway for a pre-planned event or parade, although, we do have our powers to deal with emergency incidents on the highway such as road traffic collisions. This means that for traffic to be stopped on the highway to allow for a parade or other pre-planned event to take place then the organisers have to apply for road closure orders to the local highways authority plus ensuring that all the relevant health and safety measures have been put in place. However, even though North Yorkshire Police will not undertake traffic management duties at events or parades it does not mean that there will not be a police presence as the police present at such events will be there to carry out their primary policing roles. For those who are organising this year's Remembrance Day parades and other events, will be aware that Mr Maxwell has said that we will support such events. However, this does not mean that we will manage the event for you as that is not our role but we are available to advise and assist on the day.

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