



Your Neighbourhood Panel

Neighbourhood Panels are your opportunity to tell agencies working in your area what you would like to see improved and will ultimately make your locality a better place to live. The last South area Neighbourhood Panel meeting was held on Tuesday 28th June and amongst other things, reported back on what we've been doing to address some of your issues of concern including:

Reducing Speeding Offences

- Support given to Community Speedwatch to carry out speed checks.
- Speed enforcement checks conducted by Police officers from reactive shifts resulting in 15 tickets and 25 verbal warnings.
- Speed enforcement checks conducted by headquarters based police staff resulting in 24 tickets and 15 verbal warnings.
- Speed enforcement checks conducted by officers from the neighbourhood policing team (NPT) resulting in 17 tickets and 20 verbal warnings.
- An NPT project involving children's comments sent to speeding drivers outside their school has been launched.

Reducing Parking Offences

- 142 thirty pound fine tickets issued within this period.
- S59 warning given to a driver who was wheel spinning.
- Vehicle seized for not having any insurance cover.
- Numerous road tax offences reported to the Revenue Office.

Some of the other issues that were addressed were:

Problems with Anti-social behaviour at a car park at Bottisham Village College, which has resulted in improved signage, the installation of CCTV and Police Patrols. More work is required over the coming weeks to further reduce the incidents of ASB at this location.

The re-surfacing of a footpath in Jenyns Close, Bottisham had covered a soakaway, causing nearby garages to flood. Sanctuary Housing has carried out the required works to resolve this.

There are falling levels of Anti-Social Behaviour in Burwell, and the ASB Project Group has been meeting regularly to ensure this remains the case. The Police and Wherry Housing have met to discuss an ASB issue in a small part of Burwell, resulting in an ASB Survey has being conducted for the period 13 – 26 March. Approximately 50 properties were contacted and happily the findings were that the overwhelming majority of residents were not experiencing any anti-social behaviour.

Fly-tipping was raised as an issue by Reach Parish Council and clarification has been provided explaining that priority is given to fly tips on public land, but where time allows those on private land will be investigated. The fly tip at Hurdle Hall was investigated, but sufficient evidence was not found to support enforcement action.

Following a query from Chippenham Parish Council, the County Council has confirmed that it is actively exploring opportunities for communities to have a greater

involvement in winter service arrangements. Interested Parishes are invited to contact Claire Robson in the Highways Team: claire.robson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The issue of securing road safety improvements to minor roads, especially reductions in speed limits, has been raised many times at many Panel meetings across the District. The County Council have taken this on board and have revised its speed limit policy. Under the new policy, where the county council is unable to respond to a request for a change in speed limit in a settlement, because it does not meet the criteria, local communities will be able to decide on the setting of speed limits in their settlements, provided that they are willing to cover the costs involved. The new policy can be seen in full on this link: <http://tinyurl.com/3ym7ahk>

What you have asked us to address next

- Explore the reason for the increased number of low flying aircraft over the Bottisham area.
- Explain the recycling facility changes at Brinkley.
- Obtain information about the operational changes at the Newmarket Household Water Recycling Centre.
- Comment on the size of the PCSO beat area around Burwell.
- Address speeding and parking offences across the Panel area.

Priorities for Action

The Panel agreed that the policing priorities for the 3 months to the end of September should be:

1. Tackling speeding offences across the Panel area
2. Addressing driving and parking offences across the Panel area

The Panel agreed that the other priority should be

1. Investigating the low-flying aircraft in the Bottisham area.

If you would like to raise an issue of concern, but are unable to come to the next Panel meeting, please contact your local Neighbourhood Panel representative or contact Julie Cornwell, Partnerships Officer, on 01353 665555.

The next Panel meeting is on

Wednesday, 5th October at 7.00 – 9.00pm in Burwell Village College

And the following meeting is on Tuesday 10th January 2012 – venue to be confirmed.

For further up-to-date information on the East Cambs Neighbourhood Panels and the current Neighbourhood Profiles, use N in the A-Z section of the East Cambridgeshire District Council website: www.eastcambs.gov.uk