

Bollington Community Action Meeting

at St John's School on 3rd October 2007

This meeting was the 15th of a series of meetings organised by the Bollington Community Action Team (CAT). It was attended by about 24 Bollington residents, including a number of Town Councillors. PC Tim Berry introduced himself as our recently appointed Police Constable [replacing Debbie Quaile]. Community Support Officer Nick Millard, and Sgt. Russell Thomas were also present, as well as Ranger Paul Hughes. MBC Cllr James Nicolas from Tytherington was also present. Special Constable Kevin McHardy and Neighbourhood Warden Tony Forrest gave their apologies as they were unable to attend this meeting.

Nick Millard said he regretted that they had not been able to circulate any leaflets in advance of this meeting, as a result of the late change of date, so he was very pleased to see so many of us present.

He reported on the progress the team had made dealing with the most recent priority issues chosen by vote by those present in the June meeting: Illegal and Dangerous Car Parking, Youth Anti-Social Behaviour and Vehicular Crime.

- a) They had been assessing some key traffic problem areas and referring them to Cheshire Police HQ so as to seek some improvements in traffic management. They are responding to heavy Lorries who use unsuitable roads because of their SAT-NAV.
- b) Nick was using his bike frequently to patrol the town and to ensure good visibility.
- c) MBC Trading Standards are using a potential underage purchaser of alcohol to locate illegal selling by pubs and off-licences.
- d) TASC is about to extend to Bollington. This gives youngsters hanging about the chance to go by minibus to Tytherington High School for sports activity during dark evenings.
- e) To deal with the persons responsible for graffiti Nick has visited schools and identified "tags" being used in notebooks, so finding one culprit.
- f) After the successful weekend parks initiative that brought extra PCSOs to Bollington Rec. in the summer, they plan to do the same in early November. [Halloween & Guy Fawkes]

Several residents from Water Street who came to the meeting raised questions about noise coming from the area near the Queens Pub. Other talked about the "Mind, Body & Boogie" musical weekend in various pubs which they said caused significant disturbance; PC Tim Berry said that as it is an annual event they would provide stricter rules and supervision next time.

The priorities for the next period for our CAT will be **Youth Anti-Social Behaviour, Speeding, HGV Parking, and Pub- related ASB, Vehicle Crime.**

The next meeting will be at St John's School in Grimshaw Lane
on Wednesday, xx February
and it will start at 7.30 pm.

M. Stedman 4th October, 2007