

Bollington Community Action Meeting

at St John's School on 6th February 2008

This meeting was the 16th of a series of meetings organised by the Bollington Community Action Team (CAT). It was attended by about 20 Bollington residents, including several Town Councillors. Community Support Officer Nick Millard presided over the meeting. Neighbourhood Warden Tony Forrest and Dog Warden Sophie Fairfax were also present. Nick explained that PC Tim Berry had planned to attend this meeting, but had been involved in the widely publicised Drug Raids in Macclesfield and so he was unable to attend.

He reported on the progress the team had made dealing with the most recent priority issues chosen by vote by those present in the October meeting: Youth Anti-Social Behaviour, Speeding, HGV Parking, and Pub- related ASB, Vehicle Crime.

- a) MBC Trading Standards had continued to use a potential underage purchaser of alcohol to locate illegal selling by pubs and off-licences.
- b) Nick had visited the Town's major users of HGVs and asked them to publicise suitable routes for lorries coming into Bollington, and advised those arriving early and needing to park overnight to do so in Poynton and not on Bollington roads.
- c) Nick is being trained in the use of an improved "Speed Gun" and he asked for volunteers to restart **Speed Watch** in Bollington.
- d) Nick reported he is involved in a new "Community Safety Project" which also involves the Fire Service and the Youth Service. A group of about twenty young people aged 13-19 are being invited to spend 12 weeks altogether shadowing the three services, spending four weeks with each service. Nick will be providing us with copies of relevant documents so that we can discuss the project at our next meeting.

Tony Forrest explained that all nine MBC Neighbourhood Wardens are becoming "**Environmental Enforcement Officers**" with a range of new powers, and this will mean that they can give even more significant support to the work of the PCSOs. Paul Jennings will become their 'line manager'. He explained that Sophie Fairfax, the MBC Dog Warden, will also be part of this new team. Sophie then spoke to us about her work and the range of her duties, including dealing with about 90 stray dogs since she began to work in Macclesfield in May 2007.

After voting in the usual manner it was agreed that the priorities for the next period for our CAT will be **Speeding, Under Age Drinking, Litter and Dog Fouling**.

The next meeting will be at St John's School in Grimshaw Lane

on Wednesday, 4th June

and it will start at 7.30 pm.

M. Stedman 7.2.08