

## Neighbourhood Policing Working in partnership to make our community safer



**Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)** is part of a force wide neighbourhood initiative established by Thames Valley Police in 2007/8. We are a multi agency problem solving group with an independent Chairman drawing our membership from TVP, the Royal Borough, Parish Councils, local schools, residents and businesses with input from other statutory agencies or organisations as appropriate.

The objective of the NAG is to identify annually residents' top three community issues or concerns and act as an advisory, influencing and pursuing body to focus partnership or direct agency involvement to achieve positive outcomes in addressing those concerns. In achieving the latter the group has also to be realistic in recognising that reducing anti social behaviour (ASB) in one location may only move it to the next road or village. Reducing speeding may not always be resolved by direct enforcement but may also require the Highways Department to consider speed reduction improvements. Theft from motor vehicles can be reduced by educating owners not to leave valuables in their vehicles.

The Group meets every 6/8 weeks at venues within the three villages that make up the Policing Neighbourhood. The appointed Independent Chairman is Mrs. Betty Marlow. Core Group Community Members include RBWM Councillors John Lenton (Horton and Wraysbury) & Garry Muir (Datchet), Parish Council Representatives Councillors Andrew. Davies (Wraysbury), Don. Lyons-Davis (Datchet) & David Burkin (Horton) and the Deputy Head of Churchmead School.

## Message from the Chairman:

Since my appointment the last 18 months have been a very intensive learning curve for all involved as we have been learning new terminology, working practices and building relationships whilst accepting that we can advise, influence and pursue but we cannot dictate. Whilst representing their individual areas, Members have become a team by recognising that as a Group we represent and act for the benefit of the communities of ALL three villages each with a different identify and community concerns. For example an ASB problem in Horton can be totally different to one in Datchet and may require different actions, solutions or a partnership approach with other agencies and/or local residents.

Although our three priorities are set annually by the community we can be contacted at any time via the contacts listed below. The aim of the Group is "to focus on those issues that will improve community safety, improve public confidence and reduce crime and disorder". However we are all aware that locations and areas of concern do not remain static.

BUT IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT - WE MAY NEVER KNOW THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM!

Mrs. Betty Marlow,

Independent Chairman

The Group can be contacted as follows:

Chairman Mrs. B. Marlow: 01753 682482; Email dhw\_nag @yahoo.co.uk

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