

Chairman's Report to the Yatton Partners And Communities Together (PACT) AGM **28th January, 2009, at Horsecastle Chapel, Yatton**

Although it is my pleasure to report the PACT activities over the last year, the credit must go to the committee members Faith Moulin, Juley Howard, Rhiannon Prys-Owen and Tom Edmondson who have done all the hard work towards this year's achievements.

The PACT committee for 2009 was elected at the AGM held Horsecastle Chapel on 8th January 2009. The committee were: David Ford (Chair) Juley Howard (Vice Chair), Faith Moulin (Secretary), Tom Edmondson (Treasurer). During the year the vice chair and secretary resigned from the PACT committee although they retained their strong support for the work of the PACT. I am very grateful for the help and support of Rhiannon Prys-Owen for taking over the onerous duties of secretary and keeping the PACT active.

The PACT is the main conduit between the local community and the Police. During the year the police have been well represented and have taken on board the concerns raised by residents. PACT meetings also enable the police to prioritise the policing efforts and the agreed priority issues are published on the Avon & Somerset Police web site. At the end of the year the priorities identified by the police and PACT are:

- 1. Anti –social behaviour and criminal damage**
Hangstones Park, Stowey Road, Cherry Grove, Rock Road, bus stop on High Street
- 2. Road Safety**
Claverham Road and Stowey Road
(Speedwatch is currently in place to combat speeding)
- 3. Dog Fouling**
Strawberry line
Environmental Health Dept. at N.Somerset Council has this in hand
- 4. Engagement with Youth Forums**

Activities during 2009

February: 'Smart Water' was actively promoted with demonstrations held in resident's houses. The uptake was poor but the benefits were understood and further attempts were made to publicise the benefits. A few issues were raised regarding Smart Water and these were referred to the Crime Prevention Officer (Paul Morris).

March : It was reported that Yatton had 'gone up the list' in terms of meeting criteria for road safety measures under the Local Transport Plan. The PACT and parish council met with the NSC officer in order to provide local information.

NSC was proposing actions to prevent farmers' trespassing onto Strawberry Line Local Nature Reserve land and to prevent their abuse of the Strawberry Line. The problem of dog fouling on the Strawberry Line was highlighted as an issue as was the general problem of dog mess on Yatton pavements

April: The lack of an effective bus service to the North End of Yatton is an ongoing problem first identified by Ian Pullar. A questionnaire was proposed to solicit residents' opinion with a view to organising a campaign to encourage First Bus to improve the service to this end of Yatton. It was proposed that an approach be made to the parish council to request that they sponsor and organise a questionnaire

Community Speedwatch operating in the area agreed to purchase signs to notify residents and drivers. The annual focus of a police district-wide day on crime prevention would be on Community Speedwatch and would co-ordinate the actions of Speedwatch volunteers across the area. This activity formed part of 'Operation Relentless'

May: Strawberry Line dog fouling - Dee Mawn (NSC) explained the legal situation and there was discussion on several issues. Nigel Davison (YOT) presented his monitoring report. All partners worked on raising awareness, including schools, Health Centre, Youth Forum with posters and publicity for National Poop Scoop Week (22-28 June)

June: Mega PACT

The Mega PACT meetings are held twice a year to involve all the residential areas in PC Phil Kinsella's beat. N.W. coordinators and village LATs are invited from Yatton, Kenn, Claverham, Cleeve and Kingston Seymour.

Superintendent Chris Weigold spoke on the policing pledge and said the Neighbourhood Team were working visibly in the community 80% of the time. They would respond within 24 hours to any enquiry and they guaranteed to meet with the community.

During National Poop Scoop Week posters had been put up and the Strawberry Line patrolled to try to issue fixed penalty notices to those not picking up. Young people worked on the Strawberry Line, erecting markers so that monitoring could take place between Yatton station and the River Yeo, and monitored for 6 weeks.

Yatton Youth Forum was involved in three main projects: fundraising for an internet café, investigating the possibility of a village clock in the precinct, and helping in the garden at Yatton Hall.

Gordon Chisholm from Crimestoppers, talked about the origins and work of the charity and the partnership with the police.

July: Yatton Parish Council to request results of a traffic survey in Claverham Road following serious concerns regarding speeding. There was evidence of a total of 103 vehicles travelling at more than 30mph. 87 of those were speeding at over 35 mph. Signage in Claverham Road was misleading, suggesting vehicles were not already in a 30mph zone police to investigate. Two active groups and Speedwatch was working well with thanks given to volunteers.

Yatton Parish Council had agreed that volunteers could open up the Hangstones pavilion for use as a community resource without charge and increased use could help control youth behaviour.

No meeting in August

September: First Bus Lack of Service a draft questionnaire had been produced and was circulated to the residents of North End.

A meeting was held with the Play Rangers and some research undertaken to assess the VCS orgs who would be interested in using Hangstones. Meeting with Parish Council to be held 19th October

Youth Forum research undertaken on the provision of an internet café. Young people working with Yatton Hall to improve the gardens.

October: The meeting at Hangstones raised several issues and the Police agreed to put together an action plan alongside research of VCS groups wishing to use the pavilion.

The PACT was continuing to press NSC to publish the proposed traffic survey. A banner was produced for Road Safety week 23-29th November with Community Speedwatch volunteers willing to participate throughout the week.

November: Members of the PACT attended a meeting convened by David Bailey of North Somerset Council with Parish Councillors on 26th November to discuss the High Street survey. Detailed plans were presented at the meeting based on the number of accidents and fatalities reported during the last three years and any recommendations made by the district Coroner. The PACT members considered the plan and made several recommendations to the Parish Council which were considered and most agreed.

A speedcheck had been undertaken by the Police at Claverham Road with the report sent to headquarters and it was requested that the report also be sent to the PACT Chair. The Police are due to undertake a risk assessment outside the schools and other locations.

In November 2009 each member of the Youth Forum received a North Somerset Award for their service to the community.

No meeting December

David Ford