

YATTON PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

CONSTITUTION

Background

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 provides an opportunity for local people to help fight crime and disorder within their own communities and become actively involved in practical solutions to local community safety issues.

Name of Organisation

YATTON PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (hereafter referred to as the PACT)

Overall Aims

- To identify issues concerning local safety, crime and anti-social behaviour that cause the most anxiety, making recommendations for action or act itself to solve problems in the interest of the community
- To identify and liaise with other organisations and agencies with whom the PACT can work in partnership toward achieving its objectives. In particular to liaise with the police as part of their Stronger, Safer Neighbourhood initiative.

Objectives

- To highlight community safety priorities to Avon & Somerset Police
- To take the initiative in finding solutions to local anti-social behaviour problems and putting these into action either directly or indirectly
- To promote local community safety initiatives
- To monitor and report annually on the PACT's effectiveness
- To promote equal opportunities within the community and work towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination within it.

Membership

Membership of the PACT is open to groups, organisations, businesses and individuals residing or working in Yatton who agree with the aims and objectives of the PACT. Groups, organisations and businesses should nominate a representative to the PACT.

Meetings

- The PACT will meet at least twice a year, one meeting of which will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- A quorum for meetings will consist of at least 5 members

- All meetings will be open to the public, who may address the meeting at the discretion of the Chairperson
- A PACT Partnership Panel will meet as necessary.
- Minutes will be taken for all meetings and made available, on request, to relevant groups or organisations
- The purpose of the AGM is:

To elect Officers of the PACT – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson (if applicable), Secretary and Treasurer
 To present the Annual Accounts of the PACT
 To report on the activities of the PACT over the previous year

Finance

- The Treasurer will manage a PACT bank account keeping a record of all income and expenditure. The record will be available for public scrutiny and be presented at each AGM.
- Expenditure should be approved in advance at meetings (other than petty cash) and cheques must carry two authorised members’ signatures.
- Any funds raised by Yatton PACT are to be used for the benefit of the local community in line with the objectives laid out in this Constitution.

Alterations

Any proposal to alter this constitution must be approved by a majority at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of the proposed alteration and its terms to be included in the Agenda for the AGM.

Ratified on..... (Date)

Signature..... (Chairperson)

Signature..... (Secretary)