

Behind the Scenes

Bede & Poplar Community Forum December 2011

Have you ever wondered what happens to issues that people raise at the Bede and Poplar Community Forum? Would you like to know more about the Forum's ongoing projects and priorities? 'Behind the Scenes' will answer these and other questions about the Forum and the items we discuss. For more information on any items listed, please contact the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Team on 024 7637 5700 or e-mail nuneatonandbedworth@warwickshire.gov.uk

Update on Community Action Week

The first Community Action Week took place in the week beginning 12th September 2011 in the Poplar Ward. It was a pilot scheme to work with partners and other agencies to deliver services in an intense proactive manner, with agencies such as the Police, CAB, Healthy Living Network, Neighbourhood Watch and probation Services all getting involved.

Drop-In sessions were held in the Leisure Centre during the week and while they were not the busiest, lots of other activities took place and some notable successes were achieved.

The Probation Service cleared overgrown pathways in Burns Walk and Walter Scott Road, the Police uncovered a cannabis factory following a ward walkabout and the Healthy Living Network were on hand providing free health checks, 505 in total over the 2 weeks and giving out free slippers and advice on how to prevent slips/trips and falls.

Both Community Action Weeks (Poplar and Wem Brook Wards) were very well received by residents and organisations alike and just showed that by doing a little together a lot more can be achieved.



Health Event & Community Forum

Monday 23rd January 2012 from 6pm
The Civic Hall, Bedworth

Health Market from 6pm with representatives from the following organisation who will have stands and be able to answer your questions:

- Healthy Living Network
- NB Leisure Trust
- Arden Cancer Network
- Heart Town
- Books on Prescription
- Drug & Alcohol Action Team
- Sexual Health
- Warwickshire Family Information Service
- Longhurst Group – support for stress

The Community Forum will start at 7pm with presentations and/or information from:

- Public Health Annual Report/Presentation
- The Future of George Eliot Hospital
- Clinical Commissioning Group

Please come along and bring your friends to find out how the above groups could help you and your family and raise issues with your local councillors and the police.

This is a very important meeting of the Forum where we will start to explore some of the reasons why outcomes for local people as regards health, education and other important issues are not as good as they should be when compared with other parts of the area and the county as a whole. We want to ensure that everyone has the chance to learn the facts and begin to think about ways in which we can collectively try to improve things locally.

WHO'S WHO?

Between each meeting of the Bede & Poplar Community Forum a core group of people take forward the actions identified at the meetings. These discussions are led by Warwickshire County and Nuneaton & Bedworth Councillors for the locality. Officer support is provided by: Nick Gower-Johnson, Dan Green (WCC), Phil Richardson (NBBC) and Sgt Paul Kemp & PC Stuart Powell (Police). Councillors and officers work with all the agencies to try and address the issues raised by residents.

Contact details for the councillors are listed below:

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Warwickshire Police Authority

Police authorities were set up with the sole responsibility to “secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force for their area”. As part of this role, the authorities have a duty to consult with the public about policing in their area. In Warwickshire, this is largely achieved through the Community Forums where a Police Authority member is assigned to each Forum. Bob Hicks for the Warwickshire Police Authority attends to give a brief overview of the work of the Authority, including a discussion on the current financial situation and the Police Reform Act.

For more information, please visit:
www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk

Policing Priorities

Bedworth East's Safer Neighbourhood Team is lead by Sgt Paul Kemp and supported by PC Stuart Powell and 5 PCSOs. Representatives from the team attend the forum to update residents on their work and to identify priorities for the next 3 months.

The priorities that are being actioned are:

- Nuisance Motorbikes – Marston Lane
- Anti-social Behaviour on Walter Scott Road
- Drug use in the Bede & Poplar area

The team had been heavily involved in the community action week, which had resulted in many positive outcomes.

In an emergency always dial 999
Reporting of non-emergency crimes dial 101

General enquiries: 024 7648 3465
email: be.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk

The Future of George Eliot Hospital

Ten key facts about the process to secure a sustainable future:

1. George Eliot Hospital (GEH) is looking at partnership options to help it reach Foundation Trust status, as all hospitals must do by 2014.
2. The priority for this process will be to find a solution that provides sustainable, accessible, well-managed services for patients, ensuring quality and delivering value for money.
3. All options are being considered to ensure a sustainable future for the hospital. There is no pre-existing grand plan for a takeover or merger.
4. GEH is not being privatised.
5. Whatever future partnership arrangement GEH may arrive at, patients will continue to receive the NHS services they need.
6. The GEH board is absolutely committed to keeping local services local.
7. The process for identifying a suitable option for GEH's future will be open and transparent.
8. The public and staff are being involved in the process. There will be numerous ways in which people can feed in their ideas and practical suggestions.
9. It's "business as usual" during the process, with safe and effective patient treatment remaining the priority.
10. This process is separate from The Arden Cluster's plan to hold a public consultation on women's and children's services in the region. The results of the women's & children's consultation will, however, be factored in to the Trust's project around its future.

To read the full statement from George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust please refer to our webpage: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/bedepoplarforum

Update on Local Developments

Reinstatement of 778 bus services to

Hawkesbury Village – petition was handed into the Nuneaton & Bedworth Area Committee on 26 October 2011.

Tesco Bedworth Traffic Management Scheme – plans available to see new road layout at Bedworth Library and the Civic Hall.

Civil Parking Enforcement – Traffic Wardens starting patrolling in Nuneaton & Bedworth from 7 November. In the first 3 weeks 217 penalty notices were issued. Streets that were targeted in Bedworth include: Church Way, Croxhall Street, Edward Road, High Street, King Street, Leicester Road, Spitalfields and William Street.

If you would like officers to target a particular area, please contact the Parking Team with details. If there are sufficient requests for an area officers will add this to their list: email: parking@rugby.cov.uk
Tel: 01788 533729 or speak to a Civil Enforcement Officer.

Traffic Issues

B4113 Longford Road/Coventry Road/Blackhorse Road Section 106 improved Traffic Signals; Blackhorse Road - Loads PLC Section 278 Bellmouth Agreement and Road Widening; Blackhorse Road South Island – Road Narrowing, Improved Lining & Signing
All the above works are due on site early 2012.

Traffic Regulation Orders

The proposed introduction of Yellow Lines in Springfield Crescent in Bedworth are due to be installed early in 2012 as part of the Variation 1&2 for Nuneaton & Bedworth.

The request for double yellow lines on Ironbridge Way have been added to a provisional list of sites for future inclusion in a programme of Traffic Regulation Orders.

All Saints Square

Progress is being made on trying to resolve the issue of vehicles accessing All Saints Square by delivery vehicles, there will be a further update in the next news letter.

Useful Information

Future Community Forum meetings:

Community Forums meet on a quarterly basis throughout the year. The next meeting is:

Monday 23 January 2012

Civic Hall, Bedworth, CV12 8NF

Time: 6pm for Health Market
7pm for Community Forum

If you would like to raise an issue for discussion at a Community Forum or would like to suggest an agenda item for a future meeting, please contact the Nuneaton & Bedworth Team on

024 7637 5700 or email:

nuneatonandbedworth@warwickshire.gov.uk

Full details for all Bede & Poplar Community Forum meetings (inc. minutes and agendas) can be found on our website. For further information about this meeting or Community Forums in general please visit:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/bedepoplarforum

Please contact the following for more information on:

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Local Police Issues

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To report non-emergency crimes dial **101**
or Tynetalk dial **18001 101**

Neighbourhood Watch

For details on Neighbourhood Watch visit:

www.nbnwa.org.uk

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Have you got any comments about the
Community Forum,
the way we publicise the Forum's work,
or this newsletter?
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

