

Newsletter

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More plans for ESSO/Tesco... Yes... No?

Decision imminent on second Chandag Service Station planning application for Tesco Express

As we go to press the decision on the recent Chandag ESSO redevelopment application is due to be made. In fact by the time you read this, the plans for redeveloping the site may have been announced.

The re-submitted planning application has a decision target date of 27th August.

The development is a re-assessment of the original proposal last year which saw strong objections from local residents and serious concerns from the local authorities that were given the opportunity to comment. At the time, the application was then withdrawn by the developers.

The plan this time is not a lot different from the first proposal to offer any comfort to those original objectors. In fact, parking has been increased to 16 spaces and utilises the back lane and previous service lane turning area far more heavily and repositioned the air/water fill up area closer to the residents on Chandag Road. It is also unclear why those residents close to the development are suggesting that they have not all been consulted.

Following demolition of the service station building, car wash, pumps and canopy, the developers hope to erect new fuel pumps and tanks, arrange a totally new forecourt layout and canopy. As well as build a bigger Tesco Express convenience store, they will introduce a separate ATM with associated parking, carry out landscaping works and create a revised access to the electricity substation which is situated behind the current building.

From reading the associated documentation on the B&NES Planning Portal (online) the level of comments from residents seems more than previously and certainly just as passionate in their objections. This will no doubt disappoint the owners of the application, ESSO and the proposed shop owners Tesco.

The key salient point that is mentioned in most

of the application objections are the concerns for the traffic flow and increased pedestrian activity as a result of the revised parking.

Congestion towards the bottom of Chandag Road and the level of traffic on the Bath Road in front of the Service Station is currently, at key times, an issue for many local residents and the proposals will do nothing to aid the access out from Chandag Road or manage the expectation that traffic flow will increase in to and out of the forecourt.

The current proposal for pedestrians walking around the forecourt seems contradictory to the most common belief that people will naturally walk the most direct route when walking from one point to another. Therefore, if you park on the Chandag Road end of the development, you would make a direct line across the forecourt through the pump filling area and NOT via the trail depicted on the proposal documents from ESSO. The provision for pedestrians are a real concern.

One local resident identifies "...The application claims projections of usage based on the current retail... The current shop is very poor in selection and range and with Tescos expertise the turnover will double, treble at least, as will the associated congestion..."

The need for a well stocked convenience store in an area close to elderly residents is clearly going to have support but the overdevelopment of the site and increased traffic flow is just not a favourable prospect for anyone.

Keynsham Town Council have responded and objected to the proposal on the grounds of concerns for traffic and pedestrian safety as well as light pollution on local residents. Along with one resident, they have also questioned the acoustic testing and the screening planned to protect the residents nearby.

We'll keep you posted on what decisions are made on our website and in next issue.



A sign of the times

We have recently experienced a flurry of community-focused activity from Wellsway School after years of commitment from KECSAG to bring the school's voice out to the residents of the area.

The community building has been on the Wellsway School site for almost two years now and it's positioning has long been a problem for some to find. Unless you have children at the Infant and Junior Schools, you would have not noticed the building which is open to requests from local groups looking to host community activities.

Thanks to some recent funding and suggestions from KECSAG, a new sign has been erected on the corner of Chandag Road and the entrance Schools. The new sign (pictured above) sits happily in front of the substation on the corner pointing the way down to the building.

Also this issue, you'll notice a questionnaire inserted inside asking you for your feedback and comments on the facilities at Wellsway School. **We kindly ask you all to fill in the form (it's easy, honest!) and let the school know your thoughts on what they have, and can have, on offer.**



Welcome & farewell..!

Sadly, this will be my final contribution to the newsletter as chair of KECSAG.

For a variety of personal reasons, my wife Sarah and I have decided to move away from the Keynsham area. We are going to travel for a while and will shortly be jetting off to New Zealand for a six month break.

Of course, one of the consequences of my departure will be the need for KECSAG to nominate a new chairperson, and to ensure that the key functions of KECSAG continue. At the last meeting, I outlined some of my thoughts for making sure that happens... in particular the significance of both the Keynsham East Newsletter, the KECSAG website and the quarterly meetings.

KECSAG has always been committed to do its best to communicate with people living and working in the Keynsham East area. Initially the group delivered a series of fairly amateurish black and white leaflets, but KECSAG now produces a very informative, and much envied newsletter delivered to about 2300 addresses. Thanks to a very generous local resident and businessman, funding for this newsletter is ensured for another two editions at least – and thanks to the commitment of a handful of volunteer residents, we have help with deliveries.

Long may this continue!

For me personally, the heart of the KECSAG has always been the meetings, and I hope they will continue in a similar format. This is where any resident is welcome to attend and speak on any issues that they wish to raise. They are well attended, and invariably, some new topic or another is discussed. From the early days when the major agenda item was usually “antisocial behaviour”, the group now discusses a wide range of issues which, in one way or another has the potential to affect the quality of life of Keynsham East residents.

When a particular individual leaves a voluntary organisation, members tend to focus on how much work that person has (or has not) done, and in the former case, often worry about trying to replace the individual concerned, rather than focusing on the reality of what needs to happen to continue.

KECSAG is fortunate to have a few people who have contributed in one way or another to its various activities, and I would like to think that many, if not all of those people will continue to be involved. As a resident, or someone working in the Keynsham East area, KECSAG is YOUR community action group. If you feel that KECSAG has made a contribution to the quality of life in this area, then I hope you might feel you can help too!

It has been my pleasure to have been involved with KECSAG and to have met so many lovely people. I will certainly miss the contact and friendships that working with others has brought me over the years – but I'll keep in touch by visiting www.kecsag.org!

Best wishes to you all.

Roy Gallop - (former) Chair of KECSAG

The next KECSAG meeting takes place on
Monday 26th October
in the Community Room at 7pm
All residents welcome

The PACT meetings continue to push forward your priorities...



Around 35 residents and local authority representatives were welcomed by Paul Sims (Chair) at the ninth meeting of PACT on Monday 15th June at Wellsway School.

REVIEW OF ISSUES FROM MARCH

Traffic Update- Stefan Chiffers & Nick Jeanes.

The variable flashing message sign for the Wellsway will be situated on the approach to Keynsham, shortly before the left hand turn to Chewton Keynsham. There will be a slight delay due to the pole it is being fixed to initially being installed with the wrong dimensions. This will be corrected at the contractors expense. New traffic speed data will then be collected from the 'strips' running across the road to measure the impact of the signage.

New signage advising weight limits for H.G.V.'s will be located on the approach to Keynsham from the by pass, at The Globe roundabout and at the end of Gypsy Lane.

Questions surrounded proposals for a 'Puffin' Crossing near the Rock Hill Estate and after trials, the result was traffic congestion. Footfall studies showed there were insufficient numbers of people crossing the road at this point to justify a crossing. Cllr Hellier questioned the funding which she believed had been set aside for this project. This will be clarified.

Chandag Road Parking Issues.

P.C Harris reported that at present any changes to the Chandag Road had been put on hold. There were currently two initiatives taking place in Bath which had taken precedence. Once in place, the Chandag Road proposals could then be moved forward and it was hoped that this would take place in the current financial year. The changes were still only at the proposal stage and would still have to be put out to Public consultation in the normal way.

New entrance to Wellsway School.

P.C Harris has now had meetings with the School Governors, Premises Manager and B&NES. The School are currently considering changes to the entrance from Bath Road to allow Staff only to enter and park in that location. It was hoped that this would ease the current issues.

There were also very early proposals, whilst the new Sports Pavilion was being built, to create a new entrance opposite the Masonic Hall and lay gravel inside the existing main entrance, currently grassed, to allow mopeds to park.

A member of the public expressed concern that access to park from the Bath Road could create a hazard to pedestrians. P.C Harris replied that planning permission would be required, and therefore all of those considerations would be taken into account if and when it was granted.

Police Update

P.C Harris reported that there had been an increase of reported crimes due to the increase in 'drive offs' from petrol filling stations in the area and there had been 62 calls relating to Anti Social Behaviour over the last three month period and this had mainly been in the Manor Road, Teviot Road and Chandag Road areas.

Work had taken place in Schools to encourage youths to recognise what Anti Social behaviour is. Val Smith (B&NES) advised that there had now been a refit for Time Out in Keynsham, and that this facility was used by youths from right across the Keynsham area. Val pointed out that experience has shown that if youths are actively engaged in other activities, Anti Social behaviour decreases.

Distraction burglaries continued to be an issue across the area.

Inspector Stuckes then advised he was currently conducting a review of how PACT meetings were run and that if any one had any ideas or criticisms he would be happy to hear them.

Other Issues

Kathleen Hovland (RHA & KRG) wished to apologise to Cllr Gerrish for unfairly criticising him over his response to the Devron Grove issues.

Ice Cream Van- location of van and volume of music.

Volume of Learner Drivers (Hurn Lane)

Anti Social Behaviour on Manor and Chandag Road is raising its head again and is being dealt with. PC Ian Harris highlighted that the terms 'Manor Road' and 'Chandag Road' could be logged at the control centre to trigger a more urgent response if, for instance, it was a PACT priority.

NEW PRIORITIES AGREED

- 1 ALTERNATIVE ENTRANCE TO WELLSWAY SCHOOL
- 2 ASB - MANOR ROAD
- 3 ASB - CHANDAG ROAD

Date for your Diary

Next PACT meeting:
Tuesday 8th Sept | 7pm
Mendip Hall, Wellsway School

The meetings are open to ALL residents in the Keynsham East area and there is also the opportunity for anyone present to ask for a new priority for the local authority and partners to address or evaluate.



Wellsway School

Specialist Sports & Science College

At Wellsway School we have the aim of becoming 'An Outstanding School at the Heart of the Community'. In order to achieve this we have been gradually offering more services to the local community and continued to look for ways that we can enhance our local and wider community.

Community Survey

We want to run a variety of activities that will benefit Keynsham and all its residents.

We have a question for you:

“What would you like to see Wellsway School offer that would benefit you and/or your family?”

We have facilities for drama, art, computing and we are proud to be a Specialist Sports and Science College.

We already hosts activities such as, Line Dancing, Fitness, Tae Kwon Do, American sports, Football, Hockey, Jazzercise, Pilates and Cricket. Many of you will have seen and hopefully participated in the taster sessions put on at the school for sports including, Judo, Cricket, Football, Bowls, Hockey, Netball, Archery, Badminton, Golf, Tennis, Rugby and fishing.

If there is sufficient demand, we will be providing a range of adult education classes starting this September with a 'Silver Surfers' Computer Course as a beginners guide to using a computer as well as a digital photography course.

What Could We Offer?

If there is enough interest we would like to look to provide the following for the Keynsham Community:

For Children & Parents:

Registered Childcare from 8am until 6pm

Breakfast Clubs: a healthy meal, starting the day ready to learn

After-school clubs: to be active and socialise in a safe place

Homework clubs and study support: a place to work, where students get the support they need

Holiday Clubs: run by local organisations, Children can try their hand at, say, canoeing, cycling, or an adventure course.

Activities for children up to the age of 14 (or 16 if they have special educational needs or a disability) – such as sports, computers, music, drama, art, model making and cooking

For Adults and Families:

Family learning: Children learning with parents

Information sessions for parents: when children move on to primary or secondary school

Parenting and family support: Advice, guidance and counselling services

Swift and easy access to a wide range of specialist services: So problems are resolved quickly, with schools linked to speech and language therapy, psychologists, social care, youth workers, housing, police, careers advice or short-term breaks for parents of disabled children

Facilities for community use: indoor spaces, Astroturf pitch, computers, or classes in computing, holiday French or Spanish, tennis or keep fit.

We now need to know what the Keynsham East Community would like to see Wellsway School offer to the community.



Thanks you very much for your help and support and if you have any questions regarding the questionnaire you can e-mail Derek Pickup the Extended Services Co-ordinator at dpickup@wellsway.bathnes.sch.uk

ABOUT YOU

Your Postcode:

Age:

18 - 25 35 - 45 55 - 65
25 - 35 45 - 55 Over 65

1 Do you currently attend any activities at Wellsway School?

Yes No

2 If you answered 'yes' to question 1, what activities do you attend?

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY TO:

Derek Pickup, Wellsway School, Chandag Road, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1PH
Alternatively please complete the questionnaire at www.wellsway.bathnes.sch.uk/community

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

3 If we provided sports activity sessions which of the following would you be interested in participating?

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> | Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Netball | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gymnastics | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Table Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cricket | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yoga | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Martial Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rugby | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Badminton | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> | Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Any others?

4 What times would you like to see the school open for sports activities:

- | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 8.00 – 12.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12.00 – 4.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.00 – 6.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6.00 – 8.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saturdays | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sundays | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Term Time | <input type="checkbox"/> | School Holidays | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All Year Round | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

5 What price would be affordable for you to attend sporting sessions:

- | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| £4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | £5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | £6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|

Any additional comments on sport activities?

ARTS ACTIVITIES

6 If we provided Arts activity sessions which of the following would you be interested in participating in?

- | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Graffiti Art | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ceramic's | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jewellery Making | <input type="checkbox"/> | Textiles | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Computer Art | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Any others?

7 What times would you like to see the school open for arts activities:

- | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 8.00 – 12.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12.00 – 4.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.00 – 6.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6.00 – 8.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saturdays | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sundays | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Term Time | <input type="checkbox"/> | School Holidays | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All Year Round | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

8 What price would be affordable for you to attend Arts sessions:

- | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| £4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | £5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | £6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|

Any additional comments on Arts activities?

DANCE

9 If we provided Dance activity sessions which of the following would you be interested in participating in?

Modern Dance Ballet
Hip Hop Ballroom Dancing
Jazz Dance Irish Dancing

Any others?

10 What times would you like to see the school open for Dance activities:

8.00 – 12.00 12.00 – 4.00
4.00 – 6.00 6.00 – 8.00
Saturdays Sundays
Term Time School Holidays
All Year Round

11 What price would be affordable for you to attend Dance sessions:

£4 £5 £6

Any additional comments on Dance activities?

COMPUTING

12 If we provided activity sessions which of the following would you be interested in participating in?

Introduction to Computers
Shopping on the Web
Setting up an e mail address and chat with friends
AppleMac training
Store and Organising your music
Buying your first PC and how to set it up Office 2007
Certificated computing Courses

Any others?

13 What times would you like to see the school open for Computing activities:

8.00 – 12.00 12.00 – 4.00
4.00 – 6.00 6.00 – 8.00
Saturdays Sundays
Term Time School Holidays
All Year Round

14 What price would be affordable for you to attend Computing sessions:

£4 £5 £6

Any additional comments on Computing activities?

MUSIC

15 If we provided Music activity sessions which of the following would you be interested in participating in?

- Choir/singing
- Musical performance
- Band Practice
- Learning an Instrument

Which Instrument:

16 What times would you like to see the school open for Music activities:

- 8.00 – 12.00 12.00 – 4.00
- 4.00 – 6.00 6.00 – 8.00
- Saturdays Sundays
- Term Time School Holidays
- All Year Round

17 What price would be affordable for you to attend Music sessions:

- £4 £5 £6

Any additional comments on Music activities?

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

18 If we provided any of the following activity sessions which would you be interested in?

- Furniture Making
- Woodworking
- How to set up a business
- Creative writing
- Applying to University
- Poetry
- Preparing for employment
- Improving your English and Maths
- Circus skills

Any others?

19 What times would you like to see the school open for these activities:

- 8.00 – 12.00 12.00 – 4.00
- 4.00 – 6.00 6.00 – 8.00
- Saturdays Sundays
- Term Time School Holidays
- All Year Round

20 What price would be affordable for you to attend these sessions:

- £4 £5 £6

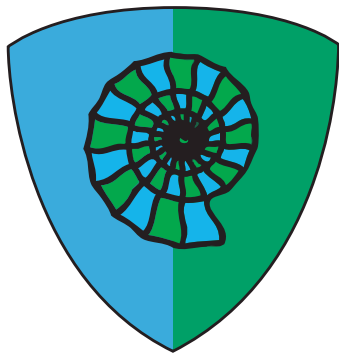
Any additional comments on these activities?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

21 Are there any barriers to you attending activity sessions at Wellsway?

22 What would make Wellsway a more attractive place for you to attend activities?

Thank you for your support in helping us to complete the above questionnaire, the answers you give us will help Wellsway School to provide a better range of activities to the local community.



Wellsway School

Futura Aedificamus, We Build for the Future.

Simon White, Deputy Head of Wellsway School says...

I attended a conference recently and listened to an interesting speaker who gave a large assembled group a feeling for what the future might offer in terms of careers in the 21st century.

The speaker gave us some interesting ideas about how future occupations were likely to be quite different from those that we have now. One of the more interesting comments went along the lines of 'We are educating children to be able to do jobs that don't yet exist, using technology that hasn't yet been invented to solve problems that we don't even know are problems yet'.

This has probably always been the case but we recognise at Wellsway that the future will always bring challenge and tremendous opportunity.

At Wellsway School we work in close partnership with our parents and the local community to give our students the skills, resilience, empathy and confidence to be successful 21st century adults. Developments in our curriculum will continue to ensure that every student has a personalised pathway that allows them to succeed and meets their needs and interests. In addition to GCSE we have successfully launched BTEC awards and will soon involve students on Diploma programmes that will give an even broader and comprehensive programme of study for our young people.

Our new Sixth Form accommodation continues to grow and develop and now offers an outstanding learning environment that befits a modern 21st Century Learner. Our planned new social space will complete a suite of works that ensures accommodation of the highest quality. Our dedicated Sixth Form Personal Tutors, outstanding curriculum and approach to learning, combined with a modern and vibrant environment allows Wellsway Sixth Form students to benefit from a very high standard of care and guidance.

We are also committed to opening up more of our facilities to local residents and welcome your view on what direction that should take. Please take the time to complete the inserted questionnaire or complete it online via the website www.wellsway.bathnes.sch.uk.

We are also hugely grateful for our growing partnership with KECSAG and would like to thank them for giving us the opportunity of contributing to this fantastic newsletter.

Simon White

Deputy Headteacher, Wellsway School

Manor Road Community Woodland

The Friends Group continues to be active in the woodland with regular Task Days such as dry stone wall repair, path clearance and the development of the pond area have been the main focus of work. The woodland continues to thrive with rapid tree growth which is one consequence of the copious rainfall.

The Open Day on the 12th July saw a survey of the wild flower meadow and of the pond undertaken by volunteers, was a moderate success. Attendance being affected by the typical July weather. However, £40 was raised towards the purchase of wild flowers and these will be planted around the woodland in October. Over forty species of flowers were found in the meadow which exceeds findings in previous years. New species of wildlife were also discovered in the pond.

During the spell of hot weather in June a number of trees were vandalized in one area, while litter and fires continue to be a problem some weekends. Uncontrolled dogs have also been presenting a hazard to other users of the woodland. In both these issues the support of the local police and the dog warden has been much appreciated.

The information board about the seasons in the woodland has been much appreciated by visitors and a further board is to be developed for the meadow area. It is hoped this will be in place before the spring of next year.

The Friends Group hold regular meetings in Wellsway School and Task Days as advertised in the woodland and on the Community noticeboard at Chandag shops. All are welcome to join the Group.

TOP TIPS FOR HOME SAFETY

Our top tips this summer are:

- 1. Secure windows & doors at night**
- 2. Keep small items like your car keys, mobile phone and purse out of sight and make sure they can not be seen through cat flaps or letterboxes**
- 3. Don't keep pin numbers in your diary. If your handbag and all its contents get stolen criminals know to look for these**
- 4. Set light switch timers for when you are out or away on holiday**
- 5. Check the security of vulnerable family members and look out for your neighbours**
- 6. Report any suspicious behaviour. It is common for an offender to check out a number of properties before striking.**
- 7. Keep photos of your jewellery, take a note of serial numbers and mark your property with something like SmartWater. Visit www.smartwater.com for more info.**

And the winner is...

The future for KECSAG is thankfully looking positive in the face of recent changes to the officers of the group. It is undoubtedly due to the efforts and commitments of those people that give up their time, for free, to support the groups activities to benefit all the residents of Keynsham East.

We're sure that it is no surprise to many that we should introduce an annual award to distil the recognition of an individual who has significantly effected or supported the community of Keynsham East.

This month we launched the **Keynsham East Community Achievement Award 2009** influenced by the work done by it's first recipient and their work that represents the ethos that such an award should stand for. The award this year went to Roy Gallop.

What better way to recognise the efforts of the KECSAG Chair, who stands down this month, after a four year period of making a real difference, fighting key issues beyond the boundaries of Keynsham East and lifting the profile of KECSAG to the level it is now.

Roy's legacy is this effective and respected community group (KECSAG) that he can't take with him to New Zealand but it is timely for Roy to be given something that WILL fit in his case and to be leaving the group with hope and focus to continue the work he helped start.

Thank you and best wishes for the future Roy!



In its third year, Keynsham Arts boast the 'art trail' based in and around Keynsham and surrounding villages. Starting at 11am until 5pm on 12th and 13th September the trail shows off the diverse creative talent we have on our doorstep. Well worth supporting!

TOWN PLAN PROGRESS

Volunteer residents have been compiling thoughts and discussing the Keynsham Town Plan, a document drawn up by local residents and intended to guide the Town Council on how the town should be developed and managed over the forthcoming years.

To garner greater understanding of the needs of the town, the group has decided an opinion survey should be conducted. **Look out for the survey forms** – we strongly encourage you to fill one in so that your voice can be heard.



KECSAG newsletter editor Jez presents the award to Roy Gallop



MESSAGE FROM INSPECTOR TIM STUCKES

Thank you - to Roy Gallop for the enormous contribution he has made to community Safety in Keynsham East. It is true to say that when I came here four years ago Roy was a significant voice for your community at the Police station, never afraid to challenge and question when we haven't got it right, but quick to congratulate us when we have! This has not changed and his passing will be sadly missed by Keynsham Police - best wishes to Roy and Sarah

I have recently completed a review of the PACT process across Bath and North East Somerset and Keynsham East under the chair of Paul Sims is still regarded as a flagship meeting for PACT. It is well attended and on target in relation to the issues that are brought to the table for discussion. We should celebrate our successes as a community and there have been several issues resolved since PACT started but I think the really important thing is the community spirit that exists here, which others seek to emulate. I am organising events for our PACT chairs and Beat Managers next month to try and ensure there is some consistency across our district in the way these meetings are conducted.

Anti-social behaviour calls in your area have dropped off considerably of late. We have been very pro-active, particularly with the Special Constabulary on Friday nights and have not seen the large gatherings of youths recently but that may be due to the weather! I would encourage you to call us if you do experience problems or come in and see us, whilst we are not sat around waiting for your call (!) I am always happy to discuss ongoing problems should you wish to.

So where are we spending our time? Well, we have been fortunate to have a new device fitted in one of our patrol cars - ANPR (Automatic number plate recognition) can instantly give us a readout on cars that have been circulated involved in crime, suspect and stolen vehicles, right through to 'no Insurance'. It is a valuable tool and our officers at Keynsham are now making use of it every day, particularly focused in our crime hotspots, which at the moment is sheds and garages being attacked in the Chew Valley - for your information!

That's all for now.

Inspector Tim Stuckes

More info can be found on the police website at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk or via the KECSAG website at www.kecsag.org

Contact

The Keynsham Police and the KECSAG are keen to build a true picture of all incidents affecting Residents' quality of life and try to address these issues.

Incidents can be reported (anonymously if desired) directly to the Police by telephone or by email or to the KECSAG, preferably by email.

REMEMBER IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT, IT WON'T GET LOGGED AND WON'T GET DEALT WITH!

Please be assured that your report will be logged and that the Police will take action as and when they feel appropriate and are able to do so.

Officers will respond to calls when on duty – details for the neighbourhood policing team based at Keynsham Police Station are:

	OFFICE	MOBILE	EMAIL
PC Ian Harris	01225 842 779	TBA	ian.harris@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO Chris Purvey	01225 842 779	0791 752 9435	christopher.purvey@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO Sarah Hewlett	01225 842 779	0782 528 0033	sarah.hewlett@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Clare Clements	01225 842 779	-	clare.clements@avonandsomerset.police.uk

For a permanently manned service for non-emergency calls at Avon and Somerset Police HQ

Call 0845 456 7000

To contact a member of the KECSAG committee:

Email: contact@kecsag.org

Or by telephone: 07794 132 720

The meeting held on 20th July raised a series of thoughts for discussion and not least the announcement that Roy Gallop, Duncan Mitchell and Pat Morrison were to step down from their roles in the group.

As no doubt you've read, Roy is stepping down as Chair of the group and is leaving the area whilst Duncan and Pat are stepping down as officers but will continue to support the activities of the group.

It was reported that the new curtains have been put up in the community building and thanks were given to Sheila Crocombe and Gill Hellier for helping in this project. Pat and Clive also assisted.

Two lap tops have now been purchased to help in the creation of the newsletter/website and importantly to benefit the community with a focus on the young people of Keynsham East. Ideas and suggestions are being compiled for how best to implement use of the equipment.

More concerns were expressed at the extent of the Regional Spatial Strategy and it was asked why Keynsham East was not linking with other action groups about this issue. It was felt that this apparent lack of motivation was due to the fact that little further development was planned specifically for the KE area. Bryan Organ highlighted developments in other parts of Keynsham which were encountering access problems due to Woodland Trust owned land. The builders Taylor Woodrow have as yet not put in an application for the proposed development. PC Ian Harris stated there was a need for a complete traffic management plan for Keynsham and it was felt that since the Town Council is actively involved in all these issues, Roy asked that all our councillors take the concerns of this meeting to both the Town Council and B&NES.

PC Ian Harris stated that crime on the last three months is up on the previous three months mainly due to garage crime and driving offences somewhat distorting the figures. The ASB figures have gone down – an over 50 percent reduction and he reiterated the importance of the police being informed of problems in this area.

It was highlighted that the use of the names of 'Chandag Road' and 'Manor Road' will flash the issue up as an priority when calls are made to the police.

Clive stated that in a review of crime in the area the Neighbourhood Watch schemes were very effective and felt that areas that did not have such a scheme would be best advised to consider setting up such a scheme.

Derek Pickup of the Extended Schools initiative explained his role and thanked the meeting for highlighting the need for volunteers with activities which has resulted in a number of people coming forward.

The Chandag Service Station plans were discussed heavily (see front cover for more) and it was clear that traffic congestion and pedestrian safety were high concerns.



Next KECSAG meeting – AGM:
Monday 26th October | 7pm
Community Building, Wellsway School