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Safer Neighbourhood Area 4- Central (6.15pm to 7.15pm)

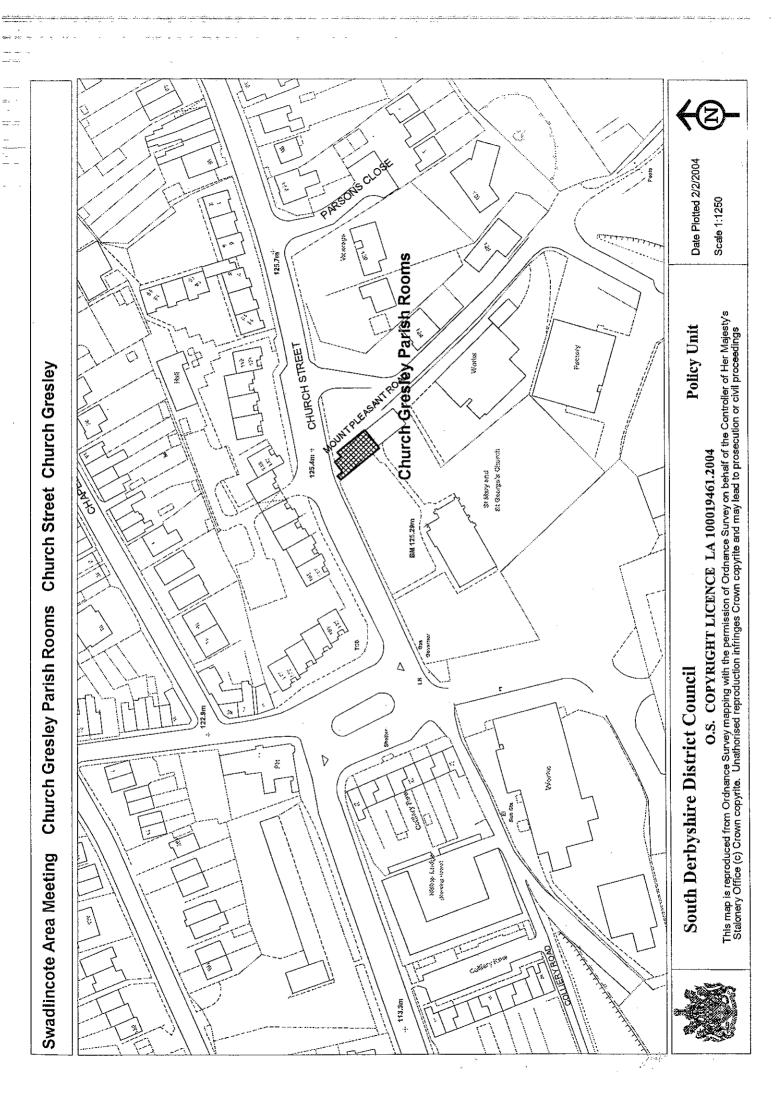
and

Swadlincote Area Forum (7.30pm to 8.30pm)

Tuesday 24th January 2012

St George & St Mary's Parish Rooms Church Street Church Gresley DE11 9NP

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

| COUNCIL | Thursday 19.1.12 |
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| | |
| Finance & Management (Special - NNDR) | Monday 23.1.12 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Thursday 26.1.12 |
| Housing & Community Services | Thursday 2.2.12 |
| Planning | Tuesday 7.2.12 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wednesday 8.2.12 |
| Finance & Management | Tuesday 14.2.12 |
| Audit Sub (at 4.00pm) | Wednesday 22.2.12 |
| COUNCIL | Monday 27.2.12 |
| Planning | Tuesday 28.2.12 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Thursday 1.3.12 |
| Housing & Community Services | Thursday 8.3.12 |
| Finance & Management | Thursday 15.3.12 |
| Planning | Tuesday 20.3.12 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wednesday 21.3.12 |
| Audit Sub (at 4.00pm) | Wednesday 4.4.12 |
| COUNCIL | Thursday 5.4.12 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Monday 12.4.12 |
| Planning | Tuesday 17.4.12 |
| Housing & Community Services | Thursday 19.4.12 |
| Finance & Management | Thursday 26.4.12 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wednesday 2.5.12 |
| Planning | Thursday 8.5.12 |
| ANNUAL COUNCIL | Thursday 17.5.12 |
| CIVIC COUNCIL | Thursday 24.5.12 |



AGENDA

CENTRAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 4

6.15 pm, Tuesday 24th January 2012 St George & St Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Gresley

(Light refreshments will be served from 5.45 pm)

- 1. Chair's introduction, Apologies
- 2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
- 3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update
- 4. Partnership Update
- 5. Question and Answer Surgery
- 6. Agreed Priorities
- 7. Funding / New project ideas
- 8. Any Other Business
- 9. Meeting close (7.15 pm)
- 10. Date of next meeting



AREA 4 - CENTRAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

| Present | Date of Meeting | Venue | $\overline{}$ |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Joan Lane (Chair); Phil Marriott (SSDP); Insp. Paul Cannon; Sgt Jim Thompson; PC David | Monday 5 th | York Road | |
| | September 2011 at | Methodist Church, | |
| Clir Ben Stuart; David Bird; Keith Gomm; Nigel Thorneloe; Clir Gordon Rhind; Alan Cook; | 6.30 pm | Church Gresley | |
| Jackie Harper; Cllr Mike Lacey; Janice & Oliver Pallett; Cllr Gill Farrington; Mick Lunn; Cllr | - | | |
| Yvonne Heath; Cllr Mick Mulgrew; B Bennett; Denis Barratt; Mick Knowles; Cllr Neil Tilley; Cllr | | | |
| Alan Jones. | | | |
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| Also Present: Sarah Winfield - Clerk | | | |

| Chair's Introduction, Apologies | ction, Apologic | Si | | Action |
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| Joan Lane welcor | ned everyone to | the meeting. Introduc | Joan Lane welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made from the panel. | |
| Apologies were r Ken Dicken; Caro | eceived from Holy Wright; Nancy | Apologies were received from Helen McReynolds & Hayley Knap Ken Dicken; Carol Wright; Nancy Parry, Clir Southerd; Clir Taylor. | Apologies were received from Helen McReynolds & Hayley Knapp (Woodville Youth Centre); Ray Statham; Ken Dicken; Carol Wright; Nancy Parry, Cllr Southerd; Cllr Taylor. | |
| 2 Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) | meeting (to b | agreed) | | |
| The minutes were agreed as a true record of | e agreed as a tru | e record of the meeting. | | |
| No matters were arising from the minutes. | arising from the | minutes. | | |
| 3 Safer Neighbou | urhoods Serge | Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update | rities Update | |
| Sgt Thompson discussed crime figures from J | scussed crime fi | jures from June to-dat | lune to-date, compared with the same 3 months in 2010. | |
| | 2010 | 2011 | | |
| Violent crime | 181 | 155 | | ٠. |
| Robbery | _∞ | 4 | | |
| Sexual offences | 8 | 7 | | |
| Burglary dwellings | s 28 | 21 | | |
| Non-dwelling burglaries | glaries 41 | 38 | | |

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| Theft from motor vehicles | 32 | 22 | | |
| Theft of a motor vehicle | 12 | 15 | | |
| | 163 | 129 | | |
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| | 153 | 161 | | |
| All crime this year is down. | | | | |
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4SB crimes are down 417 calls to service compared with 2010.

- Ladbrokes robbery resulted in a man charged and remanded.
- A male was charged with damage to a tree in Eureka Park.
- New Neighbourhood Watch scheme set up in Tower Road, Hartshorne.
- OzBox ran sessions at Granville and William Allitt Schools, which were well attended
- A Safe Drive operation, stopping and checking vehicles in Hartshorne is due to take place soon.
 - Lead flashing taken from the Drum & Monkey person arrested
 - Flagpole damaged on Maurice Lea Park one person arrested
- Gresley Wood Road speed checks resulted in a ticket being issued
- Speed checks along Midland Road resulted in Fixed Penalty Notices being issued.

⋖ Gresiey Wood Road – Speeding. The Community Speedwatch ran between 4th July and 18th August. monitoring. The Partnership have supplied residents with wheelie bin stickers displaying the speed limit. total of 270 letters were issued for speeding. The County Council are currently carrying out traffic

Swadlincote Woodlands - ASB. Patrols were increased in the area and Section 59 warnings were issued. A sensory garden was improved by local school children and the Partnership. Unfortunately, after completion this suffered vandalism and the plants were stolen.

Kwik Save - ASB. One call was received in July. Police attended and moved youths from the premises.

Allene Close -- ASB. Nuisance behaviour resulted in letters being sent out to residents. No further ncidents have been reported since. Maurice Lea Park and Gresley Old Hall - A total of 7 incidents have occurred on the park since the last Gresley Old Hall has been very quiet meeting. High visibility patrols have been carried out, together with Operation Edgware at weekends. Incidents included 1 assault, damage to flowerbeds and a flag pole. over the summer

| 4 | 4 Partnership Update | | |
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| | Phil Marriott gave an update from the Partners total of 12 local off-licences took part stencil on the pavement outside the off-location of those underage. Swadlincote Pubwatch members can no individuals who have been banned from New Neighbourhood Watch Schemes how odville. The co-ordinator from Sorrell quieter on Friday nights and signs have reswadlincote Town Centre Business Watconsports schemes. A total of 15 sessions bay, the Play Mobile and rounders. Lot funding. Sessions were very popular and funding. Sessions were very popular and | in an initiative to stop proxy sales of alcohol. This consists of a licence with a message against selling alcohol. This consists of a licence with a message against selling alcohol. This on behalf we access pubwatch on-line. This site displays pictures of those local pubs by the group. Ave been set up in Tower Road, Hartshorne and Sorrell Drive, ave been set up in Tower Road, Hartshorne and Sorrell Drive, now been displayed in the street. I prive was present at the meeting and confirmed that it was now now been displayed in the street. Council, the Partnership provided funding in the summer to run ran, attracting 2,000 children to take part. These included Play cal Councillors expressed their thanks to the Partnership for this dexcellent feedback had been received. | |
| Ŋ | 5 Ouestion and Answer Surgery (timed for 30 minutes) | | - |
| | 5.1 Sorrel Drive resident raised issues with nuisance bikes. The resident had been corresponding with PCSO Pritchard over this, together with numerous reports to the County Council. A green on the street hadn't had the grass cut in over a month and the Council's Play Team struggled to deliver their sessions. The green also suffers dog fouling and extensive litter. Phil Marriott advised the resident to liaise with the NHW street co-ordinator. Sgt Thompson advised they were aware of nuisance bikes and this was due to be an area priority. | with nuisance bikes. The resident had been corresponding with with numerous reports to the County Council. A green on the er a month and the Council's Play Team struggled to deliver their grouling and extensive litter. Phil Marriott advised the resident to ator. Sgt Thompson advised they were aware of nuisance bikes ity. | • |
| | 5.2 One NHW co-ordinator expressed his concern that neighbouring co-ordinators didn't know one another. Phil Marriott explained that the Partnership worked very hard to ensure that Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators met regularly by holding quarterly meetings at Sharpe's Pottery. | his concern that neighbouring co-ordinators didn't know one the Partnership worked very hard to ensure that Neighbourhood holding quarterly meetings at Sharpe's Pottery. | |
| | 5.3 The new retail park in Swadlincote was discussed, particularly where traffic leaves the site onto the Coppice Side traffic island. No give way signs and a poor line of sight have made this junction very dangerous. Clir Lacey reported that this matter had been reported to the County Council and Coppice Side is due to be re-surfaced. This situation is currently being looked at as it is a hazard. Local residents were involved in traffic calming measures but they rejected proposed ideas. | was discussed, particularly where traffic leaves the site onto the way signs and a poor line of sight have made this junction very this matter had been reported to the County Council and Coppice situation is currently being looked at as it is a hazard. Local ming measures but they rejected proposed ideas. | |
| | 5.4 The security of the new retail park was also questioned as youths had been seen throwing stones at the new cinema but no security was evident. Police confirmed they were in talks with the developers | questioned as youths had been seen throwing stones at Police confirmed they were in talks with the developers | |
| | 5.5 Clir Farrington confirmed that a recent petition from residents at Gresley Wood Road had been handed to the Cabinet Minister at County regarding speeding issues. Speedwatch schemes require | ssidents at Gresley Wood Road had been ding issues. Speedwatch schemes require | |

| | 10 Volunteers in order to run. Volunteers were urged to contact 5gt I nompson in order to arrange | |
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| | training, | |
| 9 | Agreed Priorities | |
| | Priorities | |
| | Goseley Estate – ASB | |
| | | |
| | Issues | - |
| , | Nuisance bikes at Sorrell Drive | |
| | Maurice Lea Park – ASB | |
| | Funding / New Project Ideas | |
| | Each area receives £4,000 in funding for community safety led projects. £300 in total had been spent in | |
| | Area 4. Phil Marriott introduced staff from Woodville Youth Centre who had applied for £1,000 funding | |
| | towards their "Granville Alternative Provision" (GAP) project in conjunction with Granville School. The Youth | |
| | Centre takes children at risk from exclusion and educates them for four days in class and one day out in the | |
| | community. These community days have included gardening for vulnerable or elderly residents who cannot | |
| | maintain the garden themselves. This project promotes community cohesion and a sense of achievement. | |
| | The funding would provide much needed tools for the project, which was duly granted. | * |
| ø | Any Other Business | |
| | Chris Smith discussed the proposed new format for future meetings. A paper goes before Council on 29th | |
| | September to consider merging Safer Neighbourhood meetings and Area Forum meetings to take place on | |
| | the same night, at the same venue. These meetings will remain separate with one following the other and | |
| | each retaining their own Chairman. The joint meetings would cut down Police, Councillors and officers' time | |
| | attending duplicate meetings. The first Council Forum meeting is due to take place in January and so it was | |
| | proposed to delay the December round of Safer Neighbourhood meetings to coincide with these. | |
| | Clir Lacey discussed the Police Authority's stand at the Festival of Leisure and what a good response they | |
| | received. The questionnaires' results will be available soon. | |
| | The meeting closed at 7.45 pm. | |
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley, Swadlincote, Woodville, Hartshorne Village and Goseley)

Meeting to be held at;
St. George & St. Mary's Parish Rooms,
Church Street,
Church Gresley,
Derbyshire,
DE11 9NP

on Tuesday, 24th January 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Members:

District Councillors:

Councillors Bell, Mrs. Heath, Mulgrew, Murray, Rhind, Southerd,

Stuart, Taylor (Chairman) and Tilley.

County Councillors:

Councillors Mrs. Farrington Jones and Murray.

AGENDA

- 1. To note the appointment of the Chairman.
- 2. Apologies for absence.
- 3. To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Area Forum.
- 4. Declarations of Interest.
- 5. Chairman's Announcements.
- 6. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2011 (copy attached).
- 7. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
- 8. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 9. County Council issues.
- 10. District Council issues.
 - 2012/13 Budget
- 11. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

9th November 2011

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Jones (Chairman) and Councillors Bell, Mrs. Heath, Mulgrew, Murray, Rhind, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

M. Alflat (Director of Operations), D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Jones (Chairman) and Mrs. Farrington.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

In attendance

M. Lacey (Derbyshire Police Authority).

Derbyshire Constabulary

PC D. Walker.

Members of the Public

R. Causer, D. Bird, M.G. Brotherhood, S. Brotherhood, D. Crossley (Burton Mail), C. Gillespie, C. Horridge, S. Horridge, K. Hough, J. Hough, W. Jackson, C. Marson, J. Pallett, O. Pallett, D. Redfern, L. Rogers, M. Shepherd and R. Thomas.

SA/11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from J. McCarthy and Mrs. Wheeler, M.P.

SA/12. POLICE ISSUES

PC Dave Walker reported on current crime figures within the Swadlincote area. He reported that crime had decreased overall by 11% over the last quarter, compared to the same period last year.

Safer Neighbourhood Team Priorities for the area had been recognised as, anti-social behaviour on the Goseley Estate and nuisance motorbikes in Woodville. In addition, Operation Safe Drive was being undertaken, along with Community Speedwatch in Hartshorne. Three drugs warrants had been executed and a Shop Watch Album was being developed of persistent offenders.

Problems caused by scrap vans in the area were raised by residents. The Police requested that if they were observed, registration numbers be recorded and the non-emergency number for the Police rung. The Director of Operations added that residents had a responsibility, when disposing of items, to ensure that the Operator had the correct waste licence. It was suggested that the District Council consider publicising this.

The Director of Operations agreed to consider issuing a press release on this matter.

The issue of travellers on Blackshed Island was raised. It was asked if any action was being taken to stop this problem. The Director of Operations responded that this was private land, and he had arranged a Meeting with the landowner's representative in the hope of persuading them to make the land more secure.

It was reported that there were still problems with speeding vehicles and HGV's accessing Coppice Side, and it was felt that the signage was still not clear. The Forum Liaison Officer reported that the traffic officer stated that signage was clear and that HGV's should not be entering this area unless they had a legitimate reason. He added that this issue had been passed to Trading Standards, and encouraged residents to use the reporting form from the Trading Standards website and submit this when completed.

It was also pointed out that there were problems with HGV's on Moira Road, Woodville. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that Trading Standards were also aware of issues in this area, and there may be plans for traffic calming in the future.

It was asked what the arrangements were for Church Gresley's Memorial Parade. PC Walker responded that there would be a police presence in this area and Councillor Southerd added that the roads would be closed, and staff from South Derbyshire District Council would also be in attendance.

SA/13. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that following the recent consultation exercise, the Council had agreed revised Area Forum boundaries. Each ward would be situated in only one area and details were given of the areas that would be included in the Swadlincote Area Forum from next year. These boundaries would also apply to the existing Safer Neighbourhood Meetings, enabling both meetings to be held on the same date at the same venue, with the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting first, to deal with any police issues. This would avoid duplication and achieve savings in cost and Officer time, as well as avoiding the need for residents to attend two meetings.

SA/14. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 28th July 2011 were noted.

SA/15. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

It was asked if there had been any progress on the proposed crossing at Wilmot Road. The Chairman reported that a request had been submitted that a full review of this decision be undertaken. The Forum Liaison Officer added that Derbyshire County Council were hoping to do a site visit to this area in the next few weeks.

It was asked what the current situation was with regard to the proposed pedestrian crossing at Burton Road. The Forum Liaison Officer reported that the Legal Team had looked into an alternate funding source for this work, however none had come to fruition. Legal Officers were now pursuing the developer once more. It was asked if any further action could be pursued in regard to the failure of the developer to meet the conditions of the S.106 agreement.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to provide an update on any further developments when available.

SA/16. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

It was reported that the name-plate at the bottom of the statue at the new retail park had become very rusty and needed attention. Councillor Richards responded that it had been a requirement that it was constructed from this material.

It was pointed out that repairs that had been made under the trees in the Delph had not been finished to a very high standard. The Director of Operations reported that this was a temporary repair as the Christmas Lights switch-on was imminent.

It was reported that some of the recently installed slabs in the top corner of the leisure centre car park had been cracked.

The Director of Operations agreed to look into this matter.

With regard to remedial work that had recently taken place to the road on Coppice Side, it was asked who had paid for this.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to find out how this was funded and report directly back to the resident.

It was reported that there was a large pothole outside No. 139 on the A511 and asked if remedial work could take place in this area.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this matter.

It was asked whose responsibility it was to clear private land of Japanese knot weed. The Director of Operations reported that this was the owner's responsibility.

It was reported that areas of road adjacent to Blackshed Island, the Woodville Island and Church Street were in a poor condition.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to request that any potholes be patched, and report back on any plans for resurfacing in these areas.

It was asked if there would be a bus service up to the new retail park from the existing bus station. Councillor Southerd responded that efforts were being made to get community transport to this area.

It was reported that there were no dog litter bins, or ordinary litter bins at the new retail development, or adjacent to Morrison's, Coppice Side or the bus stops.

The Director of Operations agreed to look into this matter and report back to a future Meeting.

Councillor Rhind asked where the market would go on the Friday when the fair arrived.

The Director of Operations agreed to respond directly back to Councillor Rhind.

It was asked if refurbishment of the Swadlincote town centre would continue from the Delph down onto the High Street. The Director of Operations responded that although there were plans to do this, at present there were no funds available to complete this work.

It was asked if the new retail park was affecting trade in the town centre. Councillor Murray responded that trade in the town centre had increased by over 30%.

SA/17. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that a part night lighting consultation was currently underway and was available online, at libraries, via Call Derbyshire and at Council Offices.

It was asked if Derbyshire County Council planned to reduce the amount of gritting that took place in the severe weather. The Chairman responded that there would be no reduction, however there were plans to re-schedule the fleet.

Councillor Murray reported that there were snow information cards available, issued by Derbyshire County Council, which would assist residents in inclement weather.

C. JONES

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM - SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley, Swadlincote, Woodville, Hartshorne Village and Goseley)

24th January 2012

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 9th November 2011, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

1. WEIGHT RESTRICTION BREACHES

Coppice Side, Swadlincote

The Forum Liaison Officer advised that signage had been checked by the area's Traffic & Safety section and was considered to be clear. The 'all routes' sign included a weight restriction patch, which indicated to drivers that there was a weight restriction on Coppice Side. Additionally, there were weight restriction signs on either side of the entrance to Coppice Side itself (when exiting the Morrison's roundabout).

This is a weight restricted area and therefore HGV drivers should not be exiting Derby Road (A514) unless they require legitimate access. The Liaison Officer was not aware of any particular problems with breaches of the weight restriction here, but residents' concerns would be passed for the information of Trading Standards.

Moira Road, Woodville

The Liaison Officer understood that Trading Standards had previously carried out enforcement checks on Moira Road. There were also proposals to introduce some traffic calming measures in this location (subject to public consultation), which, once in place, should further deter drivers from breaching the weight restriction and instead use the link road as intended.

There is a weight restriction monitoring form available, which residents can use to record details of any vehicles they believe to be breaching a weight restriction (i.e. that don't require access to the area). Completed forms can allow the Trading Standards department to ascertain details on regular offenders and take appropriate action.

2. POTHOLE - A511

This pothole was reported and works were completed on 11th November 2011.

3. CARRIAGEWAY DETERIORATION

Blackshed Roundabout

This location was included in the rolling programme for resurfacing and was considered for inclusion as a Capital Improvement Scheme submission for the next financial year (2012/13). Unfortunately, it is unlikely to receive a high enough priority to be funded. If the scheme fails to

secure the required funds, then the bid will roll over for consideration in future financial years. There are no guarantees as to when required funds will be secured.

The carriageway has been inspected and there are no immediate safety issues at present but the location will continue to be monitored through routine inspections.

Toll Gate Roundabout, Woodville

Carriageway resurfacing is programmed for this financial year under a winter damage repair scheme.

Church Street / Civic Way Roundabout

The area's Highways Inspector has advised that no immediate action is required on the carriageway. This area is monitored on a regular basis and any actionable defects identified will be dealt with swiftly.

P. Jameson

Forum Liaison Officer Derbyshire County Council Paul.Jameson@Derbyshire.gov.uk 01629 580000

4. BINS - COPPICE SIDE

Further consideration is being given to the provision of bins in this area.

Malcolm Chell Finance & Performance Manager South Derbyshire District Council Malcolm.chell@south-derbys.gov.uk 01283 595769

5. PRESS RELEASE

A press release has been issued with regard to the disposal of waste and scrap (a copy has been included within the agenda).

M. Alflat

Director of Operations South Derbyshire District Council mark.alflat@south-derbys.gov.uk 01283 595712

6. SLABS ADJACENT TO THE LEISURE CENTRE

It has been requested that these slabs be repaired. The intention is to put a bench and bin on the area, which will hopefully prevent further incidents.

Zoe Sewter
Open Space and Facilities Development Manager
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Make sure waste and scrap is disposed of properly

Residents in South Derbyshire are being reminded to make sure their waste is disposed of safely and correctly.

The warning comes after people attending Area Forums in Swadlincote, Etwall and Repton said there has been an increase in unsolicited door to door scrap and waste collections.

South Derbyshire District Council is now advising householders to take simple steps to ensure they are dealing with legitimate businesses.

Those approached should ask to see a Waste Carrier Licence to prove the dealer is legally registered. Residents that do not take reasonable steps to do this could be liable to prosecution if material is later found to be fly-tipped.

Free, instant validation checks can be made by asking for the trader's name and address before calling the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506 or visiting www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

Collectors for charitable organisations will carry a house to house collection license.

Matt Holford, Environmental Health Manager at the District Council, said: "We are keen to support legitimate businesses in this difficult climate but also have to protect the interests of residents and the environment.

"It's important the public is aware of the need to dispose of waste through a registered carrier to comply with the law and to work with us in reporting any suspicious individuals or vehicles who approach them. This will enable us to investigate and take action where appropriate.

"We would advise residents to take the registration number of the vehicle that is removing the waste. If material is later found to have been illegally dumped, the dealer should face prosecution and not you."

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, residents and businesses that fail to comply with their duty of ensuring waste is disposed of correctly could face a fine of up to £5,000.

The duty of care applies to traders who produce or import, keep or store, transport, treat or dispose of waste material. It also applies to those who act as a broker and arrange any of these things.

For more information, or to report suspicious activity, please telephone 01283 595856. Details can also be found at www.south-derbys.gov.uk.

January 9, 2012