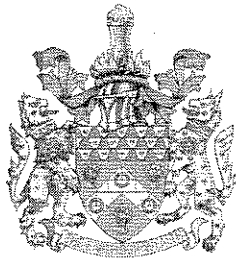




Derbyshire Constabulary



Neighbourhoods



South
Derbyshire
District Council



Safer Neighbourhood
Area 5- Newhall & Midway
(6.15pm to 7.15pm)

and

Newhall Area Forum
(7.30pm to 8.30pm)

Thursday 3rd May 2012

The Newhall Centre
Meadow Lane
Newhall
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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.

Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday, 2nd May 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 8th May 2012
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday, 17th May 2012
CIVIC COUNCIL	Tuesday, 29th May 2012

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Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 31st May 2012
Planning	Thursday, 7th June 2012
Housing and Community Services	Thursday 14th June 2012
Audit Sub <i>(starts at 4.00 p.m.)</i>	Wednesday, 20th June 2012
Finance and Management	Thursday, 21st June 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 26th June 2012
Overview and Scrutiny	Wednesday, 27th June 2012
Finance and Management (Special – Final Accounts)	Thursday, 28th June 2012
COUNCIL	Thursday, 5th July 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 17th July 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 7th August 2012
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 23rd August 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 28th August 2012
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 30th August 2012
Finance and Management	Thursday, 6th September 2012
Overview and Scrutiny	Wednesday, 12th September 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 18th September 2012
Audit Sub <i>(starts at 4.00 p.m.)</i>	Wednesday, 26th September 2012
COUNCIL	Thursday, 27th September 2012
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 4th October 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 9th October 2012
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 11th October 2012
Finance and Management	Thursday, 18th October 2012
Overview and Scrutiny	Wednesday, 24th October 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 30th October 2012
COUNCIL	Thursday, 1st November 2012



South Derbyshire District Council

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AGENDA

NEWHALL/MIDWAY SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 5

6.15 pm, Thursday 3rd May 2012
Newhall Centre, Meadow Lane, Newhall

(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. Question and Answer Surgery
5. Agreed Priorities
6. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
7. Any Other Business
8. Meeting close (7.15 pm)
9. Date of next meeting



AREA 5 - NEWHALL AND MIDWAY AREA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Clr John Wilkins (Chairman); Sgt Jim Thompson; Sgt Neet; Insp. Paul Cannon; PCSO Kate Bottomley; Sgt Kate Bateman (SSDP); Sarah Dagley (SSDP); Cllr Mike Lacey; Bill Parker; D Bird; C Maddock; Cllr Paul Dunn; Chris Gillespie; Cllr Jean Mead; Ronald Trim; Linda Roberts (SDDC); Graham; Ron Hughes; Cllr Mick Mulgrew; Barry Woods; Mr & Mrs Singers; Ken Dicken; Mick Lunn; R & J Foster; Helen Hart (Burton Mail); A Howell; Roger Patrick (Trident); A Emmott.</p> <p>Also present: Sarah Winfield - Clerk</p>	<p>Wednesday 26th January 2012 at 6.15 pm</p>	<p>The Old Post, Newhall</p>

	Action
<p>1 Chair's Introductions and Apologies Clr John Wilkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made from the panel. Cllr Wilkins chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Sean Bambrick. Apologies were received from Richard House, Cllr Robert Pearson and Cllr Sean Bambrick.</p>	
<p>2 Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 3 – Cllr Lacey confirmed that the zebra crossing outside the Post Office has both warnings and signage, which is adequate. • Motorbikes are still using the waste ground off Park Road, towards Stanton • Page 4 – Maple Road. A site visit was attended, together with East Midlands Housing, who agreed to monitor the situation. Cllr Mulgrew confirmed the situation was now worse and the Housing Association were not co-operating. It was agreed to look at enforcement action against the residents. 	<p>Enforcement action to be taken against residents parking on Maple Road</p>
<p>3 Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's overview / Priorities update Sgt Thompson gave out crime figures from 1st April – 31st December 2011.</p> <p>Assaults x 151 Robbery x 4 (decrease of 43%) Burglary dwelling x 17 (decrease of 50%) Other burglaries x 22 (decrease of 50%)</p>	

<p>Theft from vehicles x 29 Theft of vehicles x 13 Criminal damage x 126 (decrease of 22%) Other thefts x 100 (increase of 3%) Other crimes x 16 All crime x 518 (40% positive outcome)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking at schools – Police have made a visible presence around the Newhall schools and issued advisory notices to parents. • The Partnership has contacted all Newhall schools with regard to a competition to design a school parking banner. Six out of the eight schools were on board. They aim to produce a leaflet highlighting the importance of parking appropriately and the winning design will feature on a sign and large banner. It was raised that parking outside William Allitt School was chaotic at times. It was asked which schools were not taking part in the competition. Sarah Dagley explained that Stanton and Emsleigh were not on-board but that Stanton school used the village hall car park so there wasn't really an issue with this school. • Off-road bikes – PCSO Bottomley reported that on 23rd September a site meeting was held with the land owner, Council and Police. On 3rd November signs were erected and a press article published in the Burton Mail. Increased patrols have seen a decrease in calls to service with only 5 calls since the last meeting. Resident added that the decrease could simply be due to dark nights and the signs were vandalised within a week. Residents have witnessed white vans off-loading bikes and reports of motorbikes riding round St Johns Drive. Police confirmed that a problem family has been targeted for nuisance bikes. A lack of feedback was highlighted as an issue. Insp. Cannon urged residents to specifically request a call back if this is required. • Lead and metal thefts – Police had a two-week purge to tackle this by pro-active operation to stop and search vehicles, which resulted in six arrests. Two people arrested in Newhall and four people searched. One youth found in a garden in Newhall was charged with theft. • A drugs warrant was carried out in Wood Lane and Belfield Road, which resulted in an arrest. Enquiries are still ongoing following a robbery at Sainsbury's, Newhall. • PCSO Amanda Beer is currently undertaking administrative roles, which frees up officer time. • Swadlincote Police Station's enquiry office will now be open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. 	<p>4 Partnership Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pubwatch is very active across Swadlincote, Newhall, Midway and Gresley, with lots of pubs in Newhall getting involved. The pubwarch group have banned a total of 13 people. • The Partnership are to hold a licensing seminar for all on and off-licences to attend on 2nd February. Agencies involved include Fire and Rescue, SDDC and Police Licensing, Environmental Health, Trading Standards and the Partnership. • A community litter pick took place today around Newhall, which involved Groundwork, SSDP, local residents and school children. A total of 25 bags of rubbish were collected. Issue of dog mess on Newhall park raised. • In November, Granville School held a "Prison, me, no way" education session with talks from prisoners and <p>Sarah Dagley to instruct the Wardens to patrol Newhall Park re: dog fouling.</p>
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	governors to give the children a first hand account of what prison life is all about. This was well received and plans are to run a similar session at Pingle School.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership's ASB Officer is working closely with taxi firms, following reports that some taxi drivers have received racial abuse from South Derbyshire clients. 	
5	<p>Question and Answer Surgery (timed for 30 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident queried a recent survey regarding switching off street lights in the evening. Police confirmed that any lights in hotspot areas wouldn't be affected and that consultation will occur between DCC and local Police before any lights are agreed to be switched off. Resident thanked volunteers and children from Fairmeadows School who helped with a Newhall litter pick that day. It was raised that dog fouling was an issue on the park. Resident raised the issue of cars for sale on the side of the road. The group were informed that if it can be proved to be a dealer the issue should be dealt with by Trading Standards or the DVLA if not taxed. The land in question belongs to DCC and this is an issue for them to deal with. Windsor Close was raised. Sgt confirmed that people had been stopped and searched in this area. Pollution from the Civic Amenity Site – floodlights are left on after the site has closed. It was agreed to defer this matter to the Area Forum meeting. 	
6	<p>Agreed Priorities</p> <p>Priorities</p> <p>Nuisance parking around Newhall schools</p> <p>Off-road bikes around the St Johns Drive/Oversetts Road area</p> <p>Metal thefts</p>	
7	<p>Funding / New project ideas</p> <p>The Partnership will again provide £4,000 funding for each Safer Neighbourhood area, next financial year. A total of £2,795 has been spent this year, with a balance of £8,000 now available in the central pot.</p> <p>Trident thanked the Partnership for funding granted toward a project at Chrysanthemum Court.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd May 2012 at The Newhall Centre, Meadow Lane at 6.15 pm</p>	

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM NEWHALL

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Meeting to be held at:
The Newhall Centre
Meadow Lane
Newhall
Swadlincote
DE11 0UW**

**on Thursday 3rd May 2012
at 7.30 p.m.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Richards (Chairman) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Mead, Pearson, and Wilkins.

County Councillors: Councillors Lacey and Murray.

**South Derbyshire District Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11
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Minicom: (01283) 228149, DX 23912 Swadlincote.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th January 2012 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues.
9. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

25th January 2012

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Richards (Chairman) and Councillors Dunn, Mrs. Mead and Wilkins.

M. Alflat (Director of Operations) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor P. Murray.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Members of the Public

M. Biddle, T. Biddle, D. Bird, K. Dicken, M. Draycott, A. Emmott, C. Gillespie, G. Gouvein, G. Hall, R. Hughes, A. Jones, H. King, C. Knight, H. Kreft (Burton Mail), Mr. & Mrs. Lager, M. Lunn, C. Maddock, D. Martin, J. Martin, K. Parker, B. Parker, M. Richards, C. Rouszak, L. Rouszak, B. Wood,

NA/20. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Richards had been appointed Chairman of the Newhall Area Forum following the introduction of the revised boundaries.

NA/21. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Bambrick and Pearson, B. & M. Dunn and R. House.

NA/22. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Dunn be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Newhall Area Forum for the remainder of the municipal year.

NA/23. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Newhall Area Forum held on 19th October 2011 were noted.

NA/24. **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. With regard to the bridge on Nadin's Way, a resident reported that it had been built by the developers of the golf course. **It was agreed that this be pursued and any actions reported to the next Meeting.**

NA/25. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

It was asked why land surrounding derelict properties was allowed to become overgrown and unkempt, causing health and anti-social behaviour issues. The Director of Operations responded that a range of actions might be available. With regards to vermin, the pest control officer could be contacted. In addition, if these problems became detrimental to the area, planning enforcement might also be able to act. The private sector housing team were also working hard to bring empty properties back into use. The resident confirmed that he was referring to properties adjacent to the Lamb Inn. Councillor Mrs. Mead responded that this site had now been sold, and hopefully work would be started within the next 2 months.

It was reported that there was a strong smell emitting from the Rainbow Waste site adjacent to Sainsbury's in Swadlincote.

The Director of Operations agreed to look into this.

It was asked if the trees in Newhall Park could be maintained and cut back, as branches were damaging property, and were considered too high and dangerous. It was also reported that there had been a dispute with regards to a boundary fence in this area.

The Director of Operations agreed to look into this and respond directly to the resident who raised these matters.

It was reported that many of the post boxes in Newhall had been taken out, and asked if the District Council could contact the Post Office to confirm the current position.

It was agreed that the District Council write to the Post Office to confirm the current situation.

It was asked if a high street store had recently been rejected from opening in Swadlincote, as they were not considered suitable. The Director of Operations reported that he was not aware of any large retail store that had been turned down, and confirmed that Swadlincote was "open for business" to any prospective retailer.

It was asked if the Council could do anything to help improve internet connectivity in Swadlincote. The Director of Operations responded that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from the District Council had looked into this, and had had a certain amount of success in Etwell. He pointed out that private providers concentrated on larger areas with bigger populations. However, the County Council were putting together a bid to improve connectivity in the County.

It was asked why there was no covered area outside the shops in the Pipeworks. The Director of Operations responded that this would have been considered as part of the original design.

It was reported that the Post Office had now opened officially on The Delph in Swadlincote.

It was asked what was happening with the old Somerfield store and car park. The Director of Operations responded that this was currently under consideration, but no details could be given at present.

It was pointed out that there was an unacceptable level of light pollution from the Newhall Civic Amenity site, as they had doubled the number of lights, causing problems in adjacent properties.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this and report back to the next Meeting.

NA/26. **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Forum Liaison Officer reported on plans to change the way youth activities were delivered in Derbyshire. The consultation would run from 9th January to 18th March 2012. He briefly reported the proposals and advised that there was a series of consultation events arranged, to which members of the public were invited. Details of these events were provided, and residents were asked that they register in advance. The Chairman pointed out that it was very important that people attended and got involved in the consultation.

The Chairman asked the Forum Liaison Officer what had happened to street lighting following the recent consultation. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that the consultation had ended, and it was due to go before Cabinet at the end of the month. The recommendation was that reduced street lighting was acceptable in many places, although lights would not simply be switched off, as there were many determining factors, which must be considered at each location.

It was reported that there was work being done on the A511 through Woodville. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that a section of the High Street, Clock Island and Swadlincote Road were currently having works completed. However, it was not known if funding had been secured for work on Burton Road.

It was asked who was responsible if damage was done by a pothole to a vehicle. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that the resident should contact the County Council who would send a claim form for consideration.

NA/27. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

2012/13 Budget

The Area Forum received a presentation on the Council's budget for 2012/13. Information had been circulated which showed a breakdown of the total turnover and how it was paid for. It was confirmed that council tax was

currently £150.25 per year for district services at Band D, and consideration was currently being given to a council tax freeze for 2012/13 – the second year running. The Council had lost approximately £1.25m in Government grants (New homes bonus) over the last two years and had therefore been required, through efficiencies, to adjust its spending accordingly. The net budget for 2012/13 was estimated at £11.3m and it was explained how this was split over the main services.

The presentation concluded that total expenditure of £5m was planned on new capital projects with investment in local leisure and community facilities. The Council's contribution was £1.7m, the remaining amounts came from Lottery funding, and partners involved in the projects.

Further details were provided on the refurbishment planned at Green Bank Leisure Centre, and also facilities at Melbourne. It was pointed out that it seemed that there was a large amount of money spent in Melbourne, when Midway or Newhall had no facilities at present. The Director of Operations responded that decisions on capital projects had been made by a scoring panel of Members, and that the catchment area for Melbourne included 22% of the population of South Derbyshire.

NA/28. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

K. RICHARDS

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM
NEWHALL**

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

3rd May 2012

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 25th January 2012, the following issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

1. RAINBOW WASTE

This site is regulated by the Environment Agency, and, as such, all complaints (including odour) are investigated and actioned by them.

Any further complaints should be reported to the Agency's 24 hour emergency hotline (0800 807060).

Mark Alflat
Director of Operations
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2. POST BOXES IN NEWHALL

Please see attached letter from the Post Office.

Debra Townsend
Democratic Services Officer
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3. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

Newhall Civic Amenity Site

Temporary lighting is used in the winter months at the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Following a re-organisation of the site layout and operation, it was identified that the permanent two lighting columns on site were inadequate. The temporary lighting is only deployed during the winter months and it is understood this arrangement has been in place for several years without any concerns.

However, upon receipt of the referral we have undertaken a site visit and acknowledge that the temporary lighting arrangement was excessive and the direction of lamps intrusive. Our enquiries have established that the lighting column deployed this year is different to that used in previous

years since it has 4 lamps rather than 2. In order to address the concerns the mobile lighting column has now been relocated on site, the column height reduced and the number of lamps illuminated have been reduced from 4 to 2, although they are still adequate for operations. We trust this will address the concerns raised and can only apologise for any nuisance caused.

Paul Jameson
Forum Liaison Officer
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Date: 13th March 2012
Your reference:
Our reference: 1-2112551078/bus950
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Dear Miss Townsend

Thank you for contacting Royal Mail regarding the post boxes in the Newhall, Swadlincote area.

My investigations into your enquiry have included checking all available service information and the collections manager for your area advised me that there are only two boxes in the area which have been removed, the box in Midland Road this was removed due to the box being rotten and letting water in and we did a survey and the amount of mail collected over a week was not enough to warrant replacing it.

The other postbox on High Street Newhall was removed several years ago due to the position of the box and the postman collecting from it was injured by kids on bikes whilst he was collecting, this was authorised by a senior manger down to health and safety grounds.

Hope this answers your question, in every instance we follow a strict route when a post box is removed

I'm afraid there are no further investigations I can make, so I hope that my action and explanation resolves your enquiry and concludes this matter.

DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
PLMOUTH

15 MAR 2012

PASSED TO []

Once again, please accept my sincere apologies on behalf of Royal Mail for the problem you've had, and our thanks for taking the time to make us aware of this. Please be assured that we take letting our customers down seriously and will use this information to make further improvements.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm McBride

Malcolm McBride
Customer Service Advisor