

Rural Neighbourhood Newsletter October 2015

1. Welcome

Welcome to the Solihull Rural Neighbourhood Area Newsletter for October 2015.

2. General News

Closure of Mini Recycling Centres

Due to the increase in kerbside recycling and the lack of use of the mini recycling centres around the borough, it was decided at cabinet meeting 7th September that all recycling centres are to be closed by end of May 2016.

Kingshurst site will be closed in a couple of weeks and the others will be done in 3 stages. Please see below plan. We will cleanse for a few weeks after sites have gone and all info will be on the Council website prior to closing.

Stage 1 -to close by 30 November
Church Close Kingshurst -by middle October
Shelly Crescent
Earlswood Craft
Wyvale Garden centre
Tesco Knowle
Stage 2 -to close by 28 February 2016
• Marston Green Tavern
• Church Road Car Park (Shirley Library)
• George Road - Morrisons
• Fitness first - Hobs Moat
• Dorridge Station - Car Park
Stage 3 -by 31 May 2016
• Monkspath Hall Road
• Greswolde car park

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arden Hall |
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Contact for more information:
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#SoliDarkNights

The Safer Solihull Local Police and Crime Board, an alliance of organisations, is committed to making Solihull a safe place to live, work and visit. We strategically plan, commission and oversee services that tackle crime and disorder, address drug and alcohol misuse and deal with anti-social behaviour. A key part of our role is to ensure that we communicate our work to the community and to that end as part of our planning for October, November and December we intend to use the hashtag #SoliDarkNights throughout the next three months to show the work being done to improve outcomes for all people in Solihull.

The work is not just the activities of our five statutory partners; Solihull Council, Solihull Police, Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, the Probation and Solihull Fire Service but also all the activities that are completed by volunteers across the Borough that contribute to making Solihull safe.

For further information and advice, please contact the Safer Solihull Local Police and Crime Board office on Telephone: 0121 704 6644 or Email: safersolihull@solihull.gov.uk and remember to use #SoliDarkNights on twitter.

Bonfire Night

Residents are asked to report any build ups of bonfire materials they see on public land to the 0121 704 8000 number. Our contractor will remove any bonfire materials accumulated prior to bonfire night in the interests of public safety.

Solihull Girls Can is a project aiming to increase women's participation in sport and physical activity. Fear of judgment is stopping many women from taking part in physical activity. Solihull Girls Can is a celebration of active women in Solihull who are doing their thing no matter how well they do it, how they look or even how red their face gets. For information on the project and details on activity visit

<http://www.solihullactive.co.uk/solihull-active-team/thisgirlcan>

Are you social media savvy? Passionate about keeping active and healthy? Solihull Active would love to hear from you. We are looking for Solihull Girls Can Ambassadors who are willing to make a pledge to share their story and motivate other women and girls to be more active. Call Sadie on 0121 704 8079 or email sadiewalker@solihull.gov.uk

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Neighbourhood Activity Programme

In addition to their environmental projects, included under relevant wards, the NAP continues to do fantastic work supporting our young people on a range of sports projects across the borough, as part of this they are looking to develop skateboarding in partnership with Environmental Services and SK8 safe as part of community capacity building.

Also a reminder of:

FREE Football session in partnership with Solihull Moors on a Saturday at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Astro Turf 12:00 noon - 14:00. Note - the session time has changed from 14:00-16:00 so that Solihull Moors can transport young people to the ground to watch Saturday fixtures. Since the scheme started in May 2015 there has been a 46% reduction in calls to Police when compared to the same 5 month period in 2014.

FREE boxing session on Wednesday at Lode Heath School 6-8pm

FREE street dance session on Thursday at Lode Heath School 6-7pm

For further information please contact:

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Neighbourhood Activity Programme Manager

Neighbourhood Services

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Environment Champions

For any enquiries e-mail:

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or call:

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3. Priorities

During September there has been a rise in the number of the “fishing” type burglaries to steal the car keys on view through doors and within reach of letterboxes in the rural area – Balsall Common, Knowle & Dorridge.

Hockley Heath has seen a spate (3) of Alloy Wheel Thefts

Some useful advice for the public can be found

http://www.theaa.com/motoring_advice/security/index.html

If you see anything suspicious in the middle of the night ring 101 or 999 if you believe a crime is being committed.

Residents are encouraged to use CRIMESTOPPERS if they have any information about crime in their area. <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

It is completely anonymous so may be an option for those who do not wish to “get involved” in the criminal justice process.

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Phone **0800 555 111** or through an [Anonymous Online Form](#) - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Blythe Ward

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- **Operation Spark** is a partnership project to tackle antisocial driving/boy racer gatherings which have been identified in seven hotspot areas including Monkspath Tesco. There are a variety of actions in place and a website which has been set up. Lots of intelligence has been gathered and acted upon. WMP received 80 logs from the public about this issue this year and partners are investigating the introduction of a legal order to stop future episodes.
- In Dickens Heath, PC Sharon Grant has informed us that a lot of work has been done on the issue of quad bikes in the open space near Griffin Lane. Police patrols of the nature reserve have been carried out and particular individuals, including a large group of young people from the Maypole area, and their families have been spoken to which has currently resolved the problem.

For details of Ward meetings with the NPT see the West Midlands Police website www.west-midlands.police.uk

Dorridge and Hockley Heath Ward

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- At the Chiltern car park at the rear of Sainsbury's petrol station partners are aware of late evening activity with noise and alleged anti-social behaviour. Police are patrolling accordingly.
- We now have a date of 25th November for a clean and tidy up project in Dorridge – to remove litter and untidiness within the Triangle nature area. All assistance welcome. Please contact Kerry Mountjoy if you can help.
- Sainsbury's Contractor is continuing with any remedial highway works although most issues have now been resolved. Two ramps have been adjusted and there is an on-going discussion between the Developers Designer and the Contractor who carried out the works to identify & agree any additional remedial works to ramps. An independent safety review took place as part of the Safety Audit; this identified a few issues which will go back to the designer for comment. These were mostly around dropping off at the station and the proximity of bus stops.
- To help deter the overriding of the station frontage we have gained agreement to place some recycled planters on Station Approach to stop people dropping off there and to add colour to the local area. This will take place around the time of the clean-up day above so we can tie in with re-furbishing the planters on site.
- Kerry and Paul Tovey attended an excellent meeting with Hockley Heath Parish Council to discuss environmental issues of concern including ways to tackle litter and anti-social parking.

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Knowle Ward

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- Kerry attended an excellent meeting at Chadwick End Parish Council working with our brilliant partners there to deliver environmental improvements and support the village community and assets. There will be a parish Quiz Night Friday 6 November.
- Consultation has been completed on a revised footpath diversion application for the path across the Arden School site. Discussions have taken place between the school and some nearby concerned residents. The Council now intends to report on the matter for consideration by the end of the year.
- Following reports of scramble bikes/quad bikes in Knowle Park we received a request to close the car park earlier in the evening. Whilst we cannot bring the gate locking time forward as this would inconvenience dog walkers and other park users it should be noted that from 25th October gate locking times will change to 17:00 for the winter months. Meanwhile the Police team have investigated the bikes and it seems that the problem has been resolved.

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Meriden Ward

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Meriden

- Around Balsall Common - the NPT received reports of a group of youths throwing stones and causing damage to property. The offenders were quickly identified as some attending Heart of England School and some from the Coventry area. The School was notified and the youths have been excluded.
- There have been car key fishing Crimes in the rural area in September - meanwhile the NPT report that vehicles at the NEC were being targeted for break ins and valuable items stolen. A black vehicle which had been previously stolen in fishing incident was later identified due to suspicious activity at the NEC and a person apprehended.

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4. Ward Contact List

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Police Inspector

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Neighbourhood Police

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Knowle	Tom Rogers	0121 704 6425	trogers@solihull.gov.uk
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ASB Hotline

The hotline for reporting anti-social behaviour is available Monday to Friday between 8am and 8pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm.

If you experience anti-social behaviour or hate crime incidents and want to report them, call 0121 717 1500.

Safer Travel

Report nuisance or ASB on the public transport network as part of the See Something Say Something campaign text "Bus" "Rail" or "Metro" leave a space, then tell us details with time, date, location and route number to 83010, or use the self-reporting facility at www.safertravel.info or call 101 and ask for Safer Travel.

Solihull Active

Solihull Active improves lives through sport and physical activity by inspiring communities to be more active, more often. To find out about activities in your area:

Web: www.solihullactive.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/solihullactive1

Email: solihullactive@solihull.gov.uk

Tel: (0121) 704 8201

West Midlands Fire Service

For Fire Safety advice contact www.wmfs.net or freephone 0800 389 5525

For more information or to arrange a free Home Safety Check, phone 0800 389 5525 or visit www.wmfs.net

West Midlands Police - Neighbourhood Policing

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<http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/solihull/yourneighbourhood/index.asp>

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