

**WANTAGE WEST  
MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

3. **Matters Arising and Action Points:**  
Ref; minutes - not applicable.  
**Other items arising:**  
In Grove alcohol premises tests carried out, one company failed.  
Highways had been alerted of a list of known potholes in Wantage.
4. **NAG Priorities:**
  1. Speeding vehicles: Discuss next time
  2. Litter: Any problems let Grove council know via and in Wantage council via Wantage Council
  3. Burglary and Rowdy Youths. Discuss next time.
5. **Policing Priorities Report:**  
On Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May Police purge on road offences – 20 seatbelts, 10 phone, 14 speeding (including 50mph in 30 limit and 90mph in 50 limit!  
The Police are trying to link our Wantage CCTV with Abingdon. (Shop Watch) to give greater monitoring ability.  
Ongoing high visible police presence targeting known areas of rural crime.  
Staffing; - an update was given for the local policing team.  
Four new PCSO's will be based at Milton Park.  
In September Wantage will have 4 PCSO's,
6. **NAG Publicity- Website/Facebook:**  
There was an issue with the NAG / TVP website as Harwell, Blewbury & Steventon seem to have been inadvertently been linked to the TV Police website with Wantage & Grove.
7. **Report from Youth Members:**  
No report. Members are doing exams.
8. **NAG contributions to neighborhood updates:**  
Ongoing watch this space!
9. **Railway Electrification/Bridge Works and Road Closures**  
It was reported that following a recent meeting with Vale County Council and Network Rail agreed to go ahead with one of the options presented for A338 at Grove. Leaving existing bridge in place while a new bridge is made off site which will be placed to one side of the old bridge, connected up and the old bridge to be demolished. There will be a short closure with most work carried out at night. Extra money has been made available from the county council to put in a wider foot path / cycle path.  
Denchworth bridge will be jacked up. May be a footpath added. Cow lane crossing to be kept if possible. Circourt bridge not a problem.  
A417 at Challow is potentially a major problem, the negotiations are on going.
10. **Neighbourhood Watch:**  
Attendance at the Thames valley Neighbourhood Watch AGM held at Wickham was reported as being a very good meeting.  
Main issue it needs Neighbourhood Watch and NAG to work together, with the NAG being a conduit for Neighbourhood Watch i.e. promoting and helping link to the police. The recent NAG chairs meeting discussed the same issue.  
It was reiterated that it is important to encourage the public to report crime. At the recent NHW meeting, present were Buckingham Trading standards and Security and Lock companies.  
**Thames Valley Alert –“Day of Action” Grove:**  
Aim is to 1. Recruit people to become coordinators & 2. Sign up lots of people to the Thames Valley Alerts..  
Neighbourhood watch is changing with lots of local information needed from public via phones and e-mail etc. which can immediately be passed onto local coordinator or Police.  
On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June teams of volunteers are needed to knock on doors in Grove promoting Neighbourhood watch and Thames valley Alert.  
Actions required for the day were discussed.
11. **Any other Business:**
  - i). Card fraud – Phone calls from bank stating card has been used fraudulently then asking public to hand card to collection agent so that it can be destroyed. This has been on Thames Valley Alert. This issue will be added to the website.

- ii). Bowling club- vandalism around bowl area. Also youngsters in cemetery. - this issue will be monitored.
- iii). Rubbish in Haven Vale area, it was recorded that this issue had already been reported
- iv). Letcombe now has speed limit signs.
- v). Future speakers were discussed
- vi). Neighbourhood team with speed cameras paid for by Local council. They work with local Police. This would be investigated and followed up at the next meeting.

**12. Date of next meeting:**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July