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New parking wardens - West Oxfordshire

You will begin to see new Community Wardens in your neighbourhood, as West Oxfordshire District Council has taken over the management of on-street parking from the Police.

A new team of civil enforcement officers, called Community Wardens, now control parking both on the street and in council-managed car parks across the district. Wearing distinctive green uniforms and high-visibility jackets, the new Community Wardens will carry out regular foot patrols.

They will:

- . Help improve parking problems caused by illegal and inconsiderate parking, which will help keep roads safe and traffic moving freely;
- . Provide advice to motorists and residents;
- . Penalise those that flout the law by issuing Penalty Charge Notices;
- . Report environmental issues such as littering, dog fouling and graffiti;
- . Work closely with the neighbourhood police teams.

All car parks in West Oxfordshire remain free and there are currently no plans to introduce any on-street pay and display or residents parking areas (Controlled Parking Zones).

The majority of parking offences, including parking on yellow lines and in parking bays, are now classed as civil contraventions. Offences that attract endorsements on your driving licence such as parking on zig-zags of pedestrian crossings will remain criminal and will be enforced by the Police and the Council. Income from penalty charge notices will be used to improve local transport and parking services.

DID YOU KNOW... Burglary fell by 19.9% in West Oxfordshire from September-November in 2009, compared to the same period in 2008. [Figures from the National Policing Improvement Agency]

Bluetooth delivers speedier message



Following a successful trial the Safer Communities Partnership has invested in a new tool to help deliver community safety messages to the public.

Two Bluetooth messaging kits have been purchased to send simple and free messages to mobile phone users in West Oxfordshire.

Messages range from crime reduction advice and witness appeals to details of local community events. One kit is mobile while the other one can be fixed somewhere central such as a lamppost in a town centre. Messages are only sent to the same phone once and during a set timeframe.



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Neighbourhood Team News

Catch up on what your neighbourhood police team has been doing during January.

Remember each team holds a monthly public meeting so pop along to discuss any local concerns.

A crime reduction day is being held on Wednesday 17 February in Chipping Norton town centre. Come along between 9am and 3pm to get tips on how to stay safe.

Carterton, Bampton and Burford

Chipping Norton

Eynsham

Witney

Woodstock

West Oxfordshire's Commander Chief Inspector Jack Malhi produces a **monthly blog** too.

Bobby's Blog

This month **Bobby's video blog** shows how real partnership working can deliver results when dealing with anti-social behaviour.

Looking Out,

the Safer Communities Partnership newsletter, is published three times a year. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for a free copy, please email **Danielle Hilton.**