

The Matlock Town Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team (SNPT) has responsibility for the areas of the Town Center including Matlock Bank, Cavendish and the Hurst Farm as well as Matlock Green, Tansley, Starkholmes and Riber.

## In this issue...

It's been a couple of months since our last newsletter but we have been keeping busy! In this issue you'll find news of our latest recruit to the team, details of our new Priority Profiles and our thoughts on the cost cuts that are affecting policing not just locally but nationally too.

## New Officer for Matlock



The Matlock Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team has welcomed a new Police Community Support Officer to the area.

PCSO Laura Coxhead started on the team in May has been busy getting to know the local community, out on patrol, at police surgeries and at meetings.

She has also been helping out with cycling proficiency sessions and OzBox sessions at local schools and was able to meet residents at the Tansley Fate.

Before joining the police, Laura was a full time Life Guard at Alfreton Leisure Centre and she also used to teach trampoline classes to youngsters.

PCSO Coxhead said: "I've had an interest in a career with the police for many years. I'm excited about being able to get involved with positive policing for the area and I look forward to targeting the issues, concerns and challenges that Matlock brings."

## Priority Profiles

The **Starkholmes Road Safety** profile has been running since October 2009 when a group of approximately 20 residents met the SNPT for the first time at one of our surgeries at Sainsburys.

Since then we have helped to link the concerned residents with our Traffic Management officers at Police HQ and Highways Officials of the Derbyshire County Council.

The police CREST team (Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team) have attended the location on 2 occasions outside the school and we ourselves have carried out speed checks on Starkholmes Road. We have issued Section 59 warnings to drivers of vehicles due to their driving behaviour which means a reoccurrence of that driving standard will result in their vehicle being seized.

County Councillor Chris Jackson has also had involvement and the residents group STAG organised a meeting where over 250 residents attended at St Giles School in November last year.

A further public meeting was held in April to display new road markings and improvement suggestions submitted by Highways. At the time of writing we await the final decision from DCC Highways after this public consultation.

This long running project is a great example of the whole community working together to improve the environment of that community for everyone. The SNPT will continue to carry out speed checks and the CREST team will also return.

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## New Priority

Following recent events of criminal damage to trees and flowers running into several thousands of pounds and anti social behaviour in **Hall Leys Park**, our new Priority Profile which replaces the Starkholmes issue is based in the town center.

We will be increasing patrols in the park and robustly enforcing the Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) as well as challenging anti social behaviour.

Persons under the age of 18 can expect to have any alcohol seized with local people receiving visits to their home address by the team for parents to be advised. Covert patrols will supplement high visibility uniform patrols and we'll be carrying out additional stops on people to account for their presence.

Anyone with any information as to the identity of the offenders is advised to contact **CrimeStoppers** on **0800 555 111** where they could claim a cash reward.



## Getting Crime Down

Crime in Derbyshire has fallen for the seventh year running.

In Derbyshire crime overall reduced from 73,660 in 2008/09 to 68,005 in 2009/10 meaning there were more than five-and-a-half thousand fewer victims this year compared to last year.

And compared to 2002/03, when National Crime Recording Standards were introduced, there are 35,000 fewer victims of crime.

For the full report click [here](#).

## Drugs Arrest: 2 Women bailed

Officers from the Matlock SNPT have arrested 2 women who were driving through Tansley on June 25th. The women were arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply, possession of a Class B drug with intent to supply and possession of an offensive weapon. They have been bailed pending further enquiries. We'll let you know the outcome here.

If you have any information that we can use for any offence please let the team know. We will treat your information in the strictest confidence or you can provide information anonymously to **CrimeStoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

## Tansley Village Fete Ozbox

On Saturday 19th June the team visited Tansley Village Summer Fete and held a 'mini' Ozbox session which was open to everyone.

The young children in particular had great fun - as did Karl, Jon and Laura when participating in races to see who could hit the punchbags the quickest! (Jon is still waiting on an independent enquiry to confirm that Karl may not have played by the rules!!)

Ozbox is a diversionary activity to help keep kids off the street and stop them getting into trouble as well as improving their fitness and personal discipline. We have held previous sessions last summer at Highfields School and more recently at an event for disabled children at Lea Green. Certainly the Tansley youngsters - and some Mums and Dads - gave their all and made the day a great day. You can see some pictures of the fete at the Tansley Village website [here](#).

## Street Games for the summer

For 5 weeks every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer youngsters on the Hurst Farm will be able to engage in evening street games thanks to volunteers from the Derbyshire Dales CVA. Held at the community centre, Hazel Grove and the social club on Hurst Rise, sessions will start at 6pm and last for 2 hours.

We will be holding an Ozbox session on **Thursday 26th August at 6pm** at Hurst Farm Social Club as part of the Summer Street Games.

## Dates for Your Diary

The next Safer Neighbourhood panel meeting is on **Wednesday 6th October** at 10am at the offices of Dales Housing on Dimple Road, Matlock. This is where we will set our priorities for the winter quarter of 2010. Open to everyone.

Our popular **Police Surgeries** are now available across the neighbourhood. Call in for a chat or to discuss any issues you have in your community. No appointments are necessary.

Sunday 15th August at The Mobile Police Station, Church Street, Tansley: 11 - 12noon

Friday 3 September at Hurst Farm Community Centre, Hazel Grove: 9.30 - 10.30am

Tuesday 7th September at Sainsburys Cafe, Cawdor Way, Matlock: 6 - 7pm.

## Community Speedwatch

Derbyshire Police are promoting Community Speedwatch which is a scheme where a group of residents can join members of the team and carry out speed checks in their community. Letters are sent to registered keepers of vehicles that have been recorded speeding at that location. If you are interested in the scheme please contact the team for more information.



## Police Spending Cuts

We're sure that you can't have failed to have noticed that the new Government will be introducing spending cuts in the police service. Infact Derbyshire Police have for some time now being addressing reduced funding throughout the force and have already introduced savings.

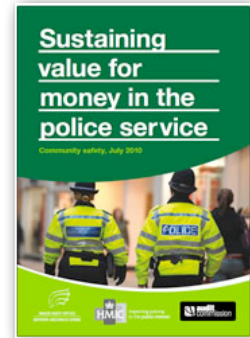
In a recent independent review by the Audit Commission Derbyshire Police were highlighted in the report for their success.

"Derbyshire police began its efficiency journey in the early 1980s, when budget capping made the force focus on VFM and savings. The Chief Constable leads the corporate savings approach. He sees his role as vision, direction, performance

and finance, and 'getting all the senior staff engaged'."

"The force has a strong focus on threat, harm and risk linked to prioritisation and savings. 'Moving into changing what we do, stopping doing things and recognising your priorities.'

"Compared with its seven peer-group forces, **Derbyshire has made the most progress over three years in reducing violent crime.**"



"Money removed from roads policing and structural change released £3 million to improve public protection, support counter-terrorism, and reduce organised crime. **Despite the reductions in road policing, the numbers of deaths and serious injuries reduced** from 6.33 per 100 million vehicle kilometers travelled in 2007 to 5.71 in 2008."

[Source: Audit Commission, HMIC and Wales Audit Office, 2010](#)

The good news for Matlock residents is that we have finally secured the third member of our team, PCSO Laura Coxhead, before the freeze on recruitment that the Chief Constable has announced. In addition a new shift pattern for Safer Neighbourhood Officers throughout the force will mean that SNT officers will be available to you more often.

## Key Individual Network

Join our Key Individual Network (KIN) which provides you with an opportunity in saying how you want your community to be policed. We value your contributions.

For more information about being a KIN please click [here](#). Please also let us know if your contact details or communication preferences have changed in any way.

## and finally...

Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to friends and colleagues. We welcome all comments on how well we are working in your community or how we can improve. It is important for us to hear your views! Best wishes from the Matlock Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.