

What were you doing on 27th October?

On 27th October, 52 volunteers from the Chichester District cleaned up in Chichester and Tangmere as part of the 'One Day to Change the UK' project.

This national day, run by CSV (Community Service Volunteers) was supported locally by Chichester District's Community Wardens and Junior Wardens, along with Local Action Teams and other community volunteers.

In the morning the group gathered litter and dumped rubbish in the area known as 'The Pitts' in the East of Chichester. In the afternoon, volunteers targeted the Hampden Place and Spitfire Court areas of Tangmere.

On top of the mounds of rubbish found in the morning (including glass bottles, needles (3), tyres (7), trollies, abandoned play equipment and road

signs), the team added a further suite, PC and Electric guitar in the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the day and some of the youngsters found Common Lizards and Slow Worms in the undergrowth - a new experience (and a shock) for some of them. It just goes to show what you can find and learn when you volunteer to make a difference in your community.



Junior Wardens sing out on Spirit FM

If you tune into the breakfast radio programme on Spirit FM you may hear the new Junior Warden jingle: "Paul and Sally at breakfast". The recording took place when Tangmere's youngsters visited Spirit FM radio station as a reward for their hard work in the community. The young wardens got the chance to meet the team at Spirit FM and learn about how a radio station works. When staff learned that one of their visitor's birthdays was coming up they even let him record his own Happy Birthday message. Sue Long and the Junior Wardens would like to say big 'thank you' to the staff at Spirit FM for a memorable and enjoyable visit - and a Happy Birthday to Edward!



Tips of the Trade Christmas Safety Checks

Fit a smoke alarm

- Check it monthly & replace the batteries once a year

In the kitchen

- Don't let fat overheat and never leave pans unattended. Never put water on burning fat
- Don't think of cooking if you've had a few drinks. If you doze off, the pan could catch fire

Smokers

- Never smoke in bed
- Always use a proper ashtray & make sure that your cigarette is completely out

Candles

- Take care with candles. Use a proper holder and make sure it's on

a stable surface away from things that could catch fire.

Electrics

- Never overload plug sockets - one socket, one plug is the rule
- Before bed, switch off your plugs & Christmas tree lights. Make sure doors are closed
- Keep anything that could burn, like paper and clothing, away from all heat sources such as cookers, heaters and electrical equipment
- If you discover a fire, get everyone out and call 999. If you think a room is on fire, do not enter it: **keep the door shut and call 999.**
- Don't try to tackle a fire yourself.

Restricted Christmas Service

Wardens will be operating a restricted service during Christmas Week. **All callers should phone the following number: 07768 207868 from 24th December to 2nd January 2007.**



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Tangmere, Boxgrove & Oving Wardens' Top 5 Reported Incidents*

1. Anti-social behaviour
2. Vehicle nuisance
3. Fly tipping
4. Untaxed cars
5. Buildings damage

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COMMUNITY WARDENS

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Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year

Building Safer Communities

It's been a busy year for the Wardens. Whether it's been cracking down on bogus callers, setting up a skate park for youngsters, supporting elderly residents in their homes, or simply patrolling the neighbourhood - Drew, Tony, Sue, Declan, Jacqui and Greg have been making an impact on their communities.

Between January to early December 2006, the Community Wardens have reported and dealt with over **5,107** incidents of reported crime, grime and intelligence gathering. On top of this, they have found ways to involve more than **1,500** people in a variety of community projects including:

- 3 Junior Wardens schemes
- 20 environmental projects
- 100 litter picks
- 35 sporting events for children of all ages.

Lower crime rates

All of this work has had a significant impact on crime and anti-social behaviour in each of their areas. Recent crime figures for their wards show that during the past year, overall crime rates fell, and incidents of criminal damage were also significantly reduced. As a result, the Community Wardens have earned the respect and goodwill of residents, young and old.



"We'd like to thank all those volunteers who supported our projects during 2006. It's been a winning combination and we'd like to thank everyone for their involvement."

Drew Allardice, Senior Community Warden

Drew Allardice, Senior Community Warden, believes that the key to their success has been team working: "We're delighted to have had the support of residents, partner agencies and especially our volunteers - without their support our job would be much harder. It's been a winning combination and we'd like to thank everyone for their involvement."

Although scheme funding ends in March 2007, the Community Wardens are hoping that the other partners will follow the lead of Chichester's District and County Councils and vote to support the scheme financially so that they can continue in their vital role.

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St James Square Residents Association off to a flying start

Earlier this year, the residents of St James Square were worried about their local community and the incidence of anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood.

They decided that they wanted to change their community for the better, tidy up the area and get everyone involved in making the Square a better place to live.

In August of this year, encouraged and supported by their Community Wardens, Drew and Tony, they held their first Residents' Association meeting and were overwhelmed by local support. Over 60 people of all ages attended the meeting and since then, there's been no shortage of ideas on how to improve the Square, as Lesley Leaning, the group's Chairman explains:

"It was Drew's suggestion to form this group and he has encouraged and supported us every step of the way. We now have members of all ages on our committee, including one member aged 14, who has lots of ideas on how we can involve young people in our activities.

"As well as organising community events we want to help everyone take a pride in their environment, so we're looking at getting funding for hanging baskets and working with Martlet Homes to help clear paths and other public areas."

Lesley would like to say a special 'thank you' to Sandy Parkinson, Community Development Officer, Marlet Homes, who helped the group put together their constitution and provided admin support. "Sandy and Drew are a great team who help us to find the resources to make things happen."



Declan marks his territory

Residents in Boxgrove can feel safer now that Declan Moody has installed signs which inform the public that Boxgrove is patrolled by Community Cardens and PCSOs (Community Police Officers). The signs were Declan's idea who felt that they would reassure residents and deter any anti-social behaviour in the area.

The Wardens hope to install signs in each of their neighbourhoods next year.



TV Stars in the making

The young people of Selsey and the Community Wardens were the focus of a TV feature by Meridian, on December 8th. The TV crew were keen to get a taste of what life was like for young people living and going to school in Selsey. They also wanted to find out how the Wardens were

helping to improve anti-social behaviour in the area. Projects featured included Greg's 'urban art' project and his new role at Manhood Community College, as well as the Snak Shak, an outstanding project run by local volunteers that meets the needs of young people.

The Magpies light up Selsey



Getting out of bed early on a Sunday morning isn't everyone's idea of fun, but at 8.45am on each Sunday in November the Magpies turned up to help organisers erect Selsey's Christmas lights along the High Street. The Magpies completed their work ahead of schedule and the organisers were so delighted with their efforts, that they have invited them to design their own light for inclusion in next year's display.



Boxgrove, Oving & Tangmere Junior Wardens newsround

Would you make a good Junior Warden?

That's the question Year Five pupils at Tangmere School had to think about in order to apply for the vacant Junior Warden posts this term. Interested pupils had to apply in writing with the help of their mum or dad. Here's what they thought would be good reasons for joining the scheme:

"When some of my friends were accepted as Junior Wardens last year, I felt glad for them and thought I would like a chance to do this too. I think I would be good as a Junior Community Warden because I have good communication skills, I always listen when my friends have a problem and I want to help the community."

"I would like to be a Junior Warden because I would like to see the village of Tangmere to be a clean and tidy place. I think I would be good at it, as I am a very caring person. It makes me very upset when I see children vandalising the village that I care about and I think that if those people see a child caring about their village it might make them stop and think."

"I would like to be a Junior Warden because I am good at reading and writing and I like to pick up litter."

"Sometimes I have been bullied, insulted and chased by other children, so being a Junior Warden gives me the confidence to stand up for myself and for others."

"I think Tangmere is wonderful and I want to make it even better!"



Tangmere's new Junior Wardens

Keep this bus shelter clean!

Tangmere's bus shelters are sparkling this winter with the help of the Junior Wardens.

Armed with buckets of soapy water and squeegees, the Junior Wardens have been buffing up the bus shelters as part of their drive to keep their neighbourhood clean and tidy. The six bus shelters will be cleaned on a monthly basis by the youngsters under the supervision of Community Wardens, Sue Long and Declan Moody.

The twelve wardens, age 9 – 11, volunteered to carry out the project to raise the visibility of their work in the community. The initiative is backed by Tangmere Parish Council who will reward the youngsters for their hard work at the end of the year with vouchers to spend on a trip to the cinema or to go bowling.

The Junior Wardens take their role as guardians of the bus shelters seriously. As one member explained, "I want to put a sign on the bus shelters saying 'keep this shelter clean!'".



Junior Wardens cleaning Tangmere's bus stops

Did you know?

This year, Tangmere's Junior Wardens have dealt with:

- 44 bags of litter
- 1 untaxed and abandoned car
- 3 day burning street lights
- 6 instances of graffiti
- 5 reports of anti-social behaviour
- 2 reports of arson
- 3 reports of criminal damage to bus shelters
- cleaning 6 bus shelters (once a month)

Armed with notebooks and pens to help them record incidents of fly tipping, stray dogs, broken glass, dog fouling and abandoned cars, they have also identified the need for two new litter bins and undertaken training on environmental and personal safety issues. **Keep up the good work everyone!**

