

## Junior Wardens meet the press

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"At **Tangmere** we are educating children for life, not just to be good pupils but also active citizens. That's why we're supporting the Junior Warden scheme. It's fun for the children and helps them to become responsible members of the community."

Year 5 and 6 pupils had to apply for the 12 posts in writing, describing why they wanted to become a Junior Warden. Over 60 children applied, but the lucky twelve chosen, a mixture of girls and boys, will show the other children in the school what they are doing and encourage them to support their work.

A third scheme, the **Selsey** will be launched later this year. A big 'thank you' to the sponsors of the Junior Warden Scheme – the Whyke Estate Community Association, Martlet Homes, the District Youth Council and the Downland Housing Association.

For more news about your local Junior Warden scheme take a look at our website:

[www.communitywardens.org.uk](http://www.communitywardens.org.uk)

## Community Wardens: What are we aiming to do?



*"Our job is to make our communities safer, cleaner and better places to live"*

Drew Allardice,  
Community Warden.

### We:

- make you feel safer by helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
- look after and improve the environment.
- offer friendly help and advice.
- provide a uniformed and reassuring presence.
- work with partner agencies including the Police, Fire and Rescue, Councils and Registered Social Landlords.
- develop community projects.

*"The Community Wardens have given people confidence that there is someone who is easily contactable and who will listen to their concerns, however small.*

*They have made a huge impact on people's lives."*

Mary Pavard, Head Teacher,  
Tangmere School

## Tips of the Trade

### No 1. How to remember details about suspicious characters

If you see someone who is acting suspiciously in your area you will want to give your wardens or the police as accurate a description as possible. However it's easy to forget some of the detail that may give police vital clues. So we'd like to help you by passing on a few tips.

Community Wardens use a special list, which helps them remember what they need to write down:

- A Age bracket** – remember in 5s, for example, 20-25 or 45-50
- B Build** – small, medium or large
- C Clothing** – remember colours as well as where you can buy them from
- D Distinguishing marks** - such as a tattoo

- E Elevation** – height, how tall are they – as high as a door frame?
- F Face** – long, thin, round? Do they look a bit like someone else?
- G Gait** – how do they walk?
- H Hair** – colour, length, highlighted?

### Remember

- Keep good notes, preferably made at the time you witnessed the problem.
- Don't forget to write down the day, date and time.
- Remembering what was on the television at the time may help you to confirm the time to yourself.
- Contact your Warden or the police.

## What are your concerns?

The more we know, the more we can help you.

### Let us know:

- What the problem is
- Where and when it usually happens
- Why you think it shouldn't be allowed
- How it affects you
- Help us make a difference for you.

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## Chichester East & Whyke

# COMMUNITY WARDENS

# news

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Community Wardens newsletter. We want to use this newsletter to keep you up-to-date on what we are doing and pass on some useful advice and information. We'd also like to encourage you to read this newsletter on our website so that we can save on paper. But for those of you who don't have access to a computer, we hope you'll share a copy with your friends.

Let us know your views and happy reading!  
Tony and Drew

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# Wardens' Winning Ways

**It's official. The Community Wardens are a credit to the Chichester District. That's the conclusion of a report carried out by Tim Mason, South East Warden Resource Centre Manager, who visited and assessed the community warden scheme last month.**

"It was a visit where I came away thinking – 'who could Chichester help?' I would have no hesitation in recommending the quality of the work being carried out in Chichester to other authorities."

As part of his role Tim visits all of the community warden schemes in the South East, meeting the people involved and sharing and collecting best practice across the region.

Tim assesses how wardens carry out their work, the problems they face and how they overcome them. His report highlighted the reasons why Chichester District's Community Warden Scheme is proving such a success:

- **Good communication between the wardens and the community.**
- **The creation of innovative community projects.**
- **Strong links with relevant partner agencies including the Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Registered Social Landlords, Parish Councils and Social Services.**
- **The provision of good baseline data against which the scheme can measure its own performance and demonstrate effectiveness.**
- **Efficient management of the team.**



"The Chichester District Warden scheme is a little over a year old and is well run and supported. The team are a cohesive unit working for the same aim with a set of complementary diverse skills and abilities. Most importantly, the wardens are making a difference - contributing to driving down levels of recorded crime on the one hand while initiating valuable community projects on the other.

Feedback from residents is that they fully support the work of the community wardens and can see the impact that they are making. All this helps to make the scheme a resounding success. Well done and thank you all for a thoroughly enjoyable visit!" Full details of the report are available on our website [www.communitywardens.org.uk](http://www.communitywardens.org.uk).

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Tim Mason, South East Warden  
Resource Centre Manager



## Next issue:

Focus on anti-social behaviour and bogus callers





## Junior Wardens meet the press



The spotlight was thrown onto pupils of Tangmere School and youngsters from the Whyke Estate recently, when Meridian TV and Spirit FM interviewed them to find out how they were enjoying their first day in the job as Junior Wardens.

The young volunteers, aged 9-12, demonstrated their crime spotting and litter picking skills to journalists at the launch of the scheme.

McCauley May, Junior Warden on the Whyke Estate, loved the press interest. "It's great being a Warden. I love what the Community Wardens are doing and wanted to join them, so Drew thought up the Junior Wardens scheme. I didn't think we'd get to be on TV though - it's great!"

The Whyke Junior Wardens scheme is being run as a community project with the help of local volunteers. Whyke's twelve Junior Wardens, aged from 9-12, years go out every week to carry out litter picking on the estate. On the fourth week, they get a treat such as a visit to the local Fire and Rescue centre and it's already paying dividends. "The youngsters are working hard to make a positive impact on the local environment," says Drew. "We take at least 12 large bags of rubbish to the tip each week and at the same time have lots of fun. It's a great way to get the kids involved in the community."

The Tangmere Junior Warden scheme is being run in collaboration with Tangmere School and ties in with the National Curriculum. It is one of the first of its kind in the country and has the full backing of the school's headmistress, Mrs Mary Pavard.

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# Putting the brakes on mini motorbikes

Owners of mini motorbikes are being warned by Community Wardens and local police support officers that they could have their vehicle confiscated and even crushed if they ride in an illegal or anti-social manner.

This is in response to local residents' concerns about the problem of mini motorbikes being used on roads, pavements and bridle paths, causing a nuisance and danger to young and old alike. As a local resident explains:

"Generally the youths on mini motorbikes are quite intimidating for older people, especially when they ride in packs. They can be abusive to people otherwise enjoying the area with their dogs or families. This is over and above the noise, nuisance and environmental damage they make."

This is an issue for all residents in Boxgrove, Chi East, Oving, Selsey, Tangmere and Whyke. That's why the Community Wardens and local community police officers have begun a campaign to crack down on this anti-social behaviour and to steer youths away from illegally using mini motorbikes.

"We don't just want to act as law enforcers on this issue, we also want to educate parents and their children about the safety aspects and possible consequences of riding mini motorbikes," explained Declan. "Make no mistake about this, we take complaints from residents about mini motorbikes very seriously as the misuse of these vehicles is illegal, anti-social and potentially dangerous to members of the public and the rider."

Since the Wardens have been targeting this problem, residents are already beginning to see an improvement. However, everyone in their community needs to get involved by either reporting incidents to their Wardens, or ensuring they use them

safely, considerably and within the guidelines of the law.

Contact your local Warden for a copy of the mini motorbike advice leaflet.

### Mini Motorbike Guidance for Parents

- Think twice before buying a mini motorbike.
- Ensure you are able to access safe and legal riding places.
- Be willing to transport the bike to and from such places.
- Invest in appropriate safety equipment and training.
- Contact the Auto Cycle Union [www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk) for details of where to ride safely.

### Five points to CONSIDER before buying a mini motorbike

- There are no public places where mini motorbikes can be used legally.
- The ONLY place mini motorbikes can be ridden without fear of breaking the law is on private land with the permission of the landowner.
- Parents who allow their children to ride mini motorbikes illegally can be prosecuted.
- Riders caught riding mini motos illegally risk having their bikes confiscated and scrapped.
- Riders can also face up to a £1000 fine plus costs.



# Community Wardens' Diary

A day in the life of the Chichester East & Whyke Wardens



Monday 2 March, 2006.

**Tony:** "Drew phoned me to say that two of our local young people were riding a mini motorcycle in the access road to Portfield Primary Community School. He had just received a phone call from a concerned teacher at the school. The danger to children and the fact that it is illegal to ride these machines on the highway set me off in double time to see if I could catch them in the act. I rode up to the school on my cycle but the young men had disappeared. We know the names and addresses of the suspects so I passed the information on to the Police Community Support Officer, Rob Butler, for him to take the appropriate action. This could result in the bike being seized and crushed.

**Drew:** I started my day with a patrol of Priory Park. Within seconds, I was trying to get the owner of two pit bulls to clean up after his dogs had fouled on the cricket pitch. The park has a "No Dogs Allowed" policy, but this man did not intend to stick to the rules. Our colleagues John and Viv, the CDC Dog Wardens, now have a very good description of the man and his dogs, and are confident of catching him in the park.

**Tony:** When I returned to our office, I contacted the WSCC Highways department to see if they could place additional parking restrictions on the access road to Kingsham Primary School. Vehicles parking there are obstructing access for emergency vehicles. Action will be taken and a visit will be made to decide the best course of action.

**Drew:** As I was patrolling the Bradshaw Road area, I found a lady's mountain bike which had been dumped on a grass verge in The Pitcroft. I'll check to see if it is has an owner or has been simply discarded. The next few hours flew by. I walked miles and met lots of pleasant people. Some reported problems, such as noisy neighbours, and others simply chatted.



Whyke Junior Warden enjoying a visit to the Fire Station.

There was the usual assortment of shopping trolleys which turn up in the most bizarre places. They all need logging in my pocket book so that we can collect them later when we have the van out on our late joint patrol.

**Tony:** In the afternoon, I walked down to Kingsham Avenue where I noted the details of a car for sale. We report these cars to Trading Standards who collate the information so that they can identify rogue traders who use the highway to sell their cars. Florence Road has a history of car sales - we have had as many as eight cars for sale there in the past. A tour of Whyke Estate resulted in the discovery of two cars without current road fund licences. I will report them to the DVLA. Quite often, these cars are not insured nor do they have a current M.O.T.

**Tony & Drew:** Out on our joint patrol, we picked up the abandoned bike from The Pitcroft and several trolleys. While we were in St James Square, we spent time talking to the local youths who tend to congregate in the area. They are a great bunch of youngsters, but by gathering in a large group they can look rather intimidating.

While Tony was investigating the earlier mini bike incident, I was talking to a local who gave me some very good information about the recent tyre slashing incidents on the Whyke

estate. Six vehicles had had their tyres slashed by a knife, causing considerable stress and inconvenience to the owners. Another local resident gave me some excellent information about criminal damage that had occurred to a new property in St James Square. Those details are now with the Police.

I met up with Tony and we took the van to Whyke, and parked up in Exton Road. The estate was very peaceful, a change from just under a year ago when youths used to play football outside the shops. Now we've found them somewhere else to play football the estate is much quieter.

Around 7.30 we returned to the office, after touring all areas, and spent the remainder of the shift on the database entering the day's events. Tony booked off at 2030, and I went out for a final walk around the St Richard's Hospital car parks and grounds. There had been a number of thefts from vehicles recently, so I put on my yellow reflective coat for a high profile patrol.

I knocked off at 2130 and headed home.

**It had been very much a normal day in the life of the Chichester East and Whyke Community Wardens. We had spent most of our time out on patrol, which is just how we like it."**