

Summer Events:
Family Fun Day - 8th August



Join Sue and Declan at the Family Fun Day for Oving, Boxgrove & Tangmere residents. Run in conjunction with Downland Housing, Martlet Homes and Chichester District Council, there will be lots of games including football, rounders, treasure hunts and healthy food tasting.

Race for Life - 16th July

For the first time the Junior Wardens will be working with the Community Wardens at a public event. Both sets of Wardens will be acting as marshalls at the **Race for Life**, an event being held in aid of Cancer Research at the **Weald and Downland Museum**. Junior Wardens will be on duty from 7.00am in order to help set up the course and water stops. So come along and watch the runners and the Wardens in action.

Keep our streets safe and clean

- **You see an abandoned shopping trolley** - we see the potential for criminal damage, especially to cars.
- **You see dog fouling** - we see a child catching an infection or a nice, clean carpet ruined.
- **You see fly tipping** - we see the beginning of a rubbish dump.
- **You see cars for sale in the street** - we see congestion, illegal trader dealing and someone denied their consumer rights.
- **You see graffiti** - we see fear of crime and the spread of vandalism.



During the past 12 months we have dealt with over 125 abandoned trolleys, 105 reported cars for sale on Florence Road, 148 incidents of graffiti and many incidents of fly tipping and anti-social behaviour.

Help us keep our neighbourhood safe and clean. Please keep us informed of any anti-social behaviour or criminal damage in your road. The more we know, the more we can help you.



Help us make a difference for 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.

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Making communities safer - together

Crime rates falling . . .

Residents living in areas patrolled by Community Wardens can feel safer at the news that incidents of crime, particularly those for criminal damage, have fallen in their neighbourhoods. Recently released figures by Chichester Police District show:

- Overall crime rates down by nearly 5% (364 offences).
- Incidents of criminal damage down by 10.5% (194 offences).

Chief Inspector and Chichester District Commander, Mark Eyre, attributes this success to the increase in residents' support for the work carried out by the Community Wardens and PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers).

"The Community Wardens have been able to win the trust and confidence of residents, through working in specific neighbourhoods. Members of the public feel more comfortable speaking to a warden about incidents of anti-social behaviour or other nuisance issues rather than the police or any other agency."



. . .with a little help from our friends.

"This has meant that incidents are reported, intelligence gathered and as a consequence, the right agencies identified to resolve local problems."

"By supporting their Community Wardens and PCSOs in this way, residents have had a major influence on reducing the levels of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour on their streets. Well done to everyone involved."

It's not just in the area of intelligence gathering and crime reporting that Chief Inspector Mark Eyre sees the Wardens making a difference. "A key part of the Wardens' role is to identify what the youngsters in the street want and then to develop community projects with other groups to support their needs. This helps build safer, more inclusive and vibrant communities."

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Mark Eyre, Chief Inspector Chichester District Commander, West Downs Division, Sussex Police.

Mark Eyre's comments are supported by this year's national figures from the Home Office which reported a 27.6% reduction in crime in those areas that employed a Community Warden.

If you spot any incidents of anti-social behaviour in your area, please contact your Community Warden giving details of what the problem is and where it has happened.

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Tips of the Trade
No 2. How to beat the Bogus Caller

Bogus callers and distraction burglaries are still knocking on your doors. While the 'No Doorstep Callers' zone in Tozer Way and Riverside, Chichester, is proving successful, Wardens in Selsey, Tangmere, Oving, Boxgrove and Whyke have received calls from members of the public about several upsetting incidents. Recently one elderly woman was 'escorted' to the cash point to pay for unwanted work on her property; another had to pay £80 for knife sharpening. Our advice to all members of the public is **IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!**

Most people who call at your door are genuine but some are not. That's why it is important to take these few simple steps to avoid bogus callers:

- **LOCK** Keep your front and back doors locked, even when at home.
- **STOP!** Think before you open your door. Are you expecting anyone?
- **CHAIN!** Secure the door chain **before** opening the door.
- **CHECK!** Use the door viewer and double check the caller's identity.
- **REPORT!** Always report Bogus Caller Crime. **Contact your Community Warden, the Police on 0845 60 70 999 or Trading Standards on 01243 642125.**

FREE ADVICE
PHONE Chichester Community Careline on 0845-6015568 for FREE advice on door mirrors, door chains and door viewers.



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Focus on Graffiti





Dog Fouling - help catch the culprits

No-one likes to step into dog mess, wherever it's located. For children playing on grassy areas it can be a health risk. That's why the Community Wardens are asking residents to inform them if they see someone committing a dog fouling offence.

There have been repeated incidents of dog fouling in all of the Wardens' areas including:

- Priors Acre, Crouch Cross Lane and The Street.
- Selsey High Street and East Beach Path.
- The Pits cycle path and the public footpath leading from St James Square to Church Road

Quite simply anyone who is in control of a dog is obliged to comply with the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. This states that the dog handler must clear up after the dog. Failure to do so is an offence which can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50. If the fixed penalty is not paid, the owner may be prosecuted and if found guilty of the offence, fined a maximum of £1,000.

What can I do about a dog fouling offence?

To report an offence take note of the following details and then contact your Community Warden:

- Name and address of the person in charge of the dog
- A description of the dog
- Details of the date, time and location of the offence.

If the fouling takes place at regular times, it may be possible for your Community Warden to witness the fouling. In most cases the Warden will warn the offender before taking legal action, which is usually enough to deter further offences.

Rounders Fun in Tangmere

The Community Wardens challenged the Junior Wardens to a game of rounders and lost! Supported by Chichester District Council's Sport and Leisure team, the young people also had a chance to mix the teams up, with other members of the community joining in. Sue Long, Community Warden explained, "It was fun getting everyone involved and gave us all a chance to get to know each other better."



Flying high in Chichester

Did you know that a peregrine falcon is the fastest creature on the planet? That's what the Whyke Junior Wardens found out when they visited the Chichester Cathedral peregrines recently. The RSPB set up telescopes in the Cathedral grounds and gave them a short talk about the peregrine nest, chicks and feeding habits. The RSPB were so impressed by the Junior Wardens, they invited them back again!



Stepping Out in Selsey

Mike Rudwick from the RNLI receives a cheque for £150.00 from the 'Walkabout Wardens' - Andy Pilley, Sue Long, Jacqui Averis, Greg Ockwell. The Wardens, wearing full uniform, took part in a 10 mile sponsored walk as part of their bid to support the RNLI.

Football Crazy



Instead of sitting at home watching the World Cup, St James Square Football team (pictured above) were competing in their own football competition at the Sussex Youth Games at Eastbourne, accompanied by their coach, Community Warden, Greg Ockwell. The team performed brilliantly, coming top in their first round group and making it through to the semi-finals where they narrowly lost, 2-3.

Congratulations to the team and to Greg, who has been coaching the team on Sunday afternoons in the run up to the tournament. Greg has supported local football initiatives for the past two years, including the urban football tournament at Chichester's Westgate Leisure Centre, which involves children from all areas of the district.

Penalty Shoot Out at Oving Fete

An England football shirt was the winning prize for entrants in Declan and Sue's penalty shoot out stall at the Oving Church Fete. Declan bared his legs and braved the onslaught of hard hitting goals from Oving footballers to help raise money for new playground equipment. The winner with the highest number of goals was Damian Langton. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun.

Warning - Diesel Theft

Local farmers should be on the alert this summer following a number of incidents relating to the theft of diesel from a farm in Oving. Please be on look out for any suspicious behaviour and report it immediately to your Community Warden or PCSO.

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That's the overall number of incidents reported by Oving, Boxgrove and Tangmere residents and Community Wardens during the period Oct 2005 - April 2006. Thank you to everyone for your support. Your involvement is keeping Oving, Boxgrove and Tangmere safer and cleaner. Keep letting us know about your concerns; remember the more we know, the more we can help you.

Teenagers Bowled Over

Late last year the Community Wardens held an indoor bowling competition as part of their engage with age project, to bring together children and senior citizens aged from 8 to 86.

The event not only raised £100.00 for Help the Aged, but also resulted in several youngsters taking up the sport. Eight months later, these young bowling enthusiasts have bought their own bowls and joined the club at Oving Hall. Recently they persuaded Dave and Beryl Treagus to hold another bowling competition which they enjoyed despite losing to their more

experienced rivals. Community Warden, Sue Long (pictured below) presented the prizes.



Sue presents prizes to George, Ryan and Mitchell

Junior Wardens meet the Dog Wardens



Junior Wardens with the Dog Wardens

"How can we find the owners of these puppies?" That was one of the questions put to the Junior Wardens, by Chichester Dog Wardens, John Rosser and Vivianne Barale. The Dog Wardens visited the Junior Wardens at Tangmere School to teach the children about their work, animal care and the importance of having pets microchipped for easy identification.

Tangmere's new Junior Warden

Say 'hello' to Jack Robertshaw, (pictured right), Tangmere's new Junior Warden. Jack's mum, Mrs Robertshaw, is a fan of the Junior Warden scheme and was delighted



to hear that her son had been invited to join. "It's brilliant. Jack's very proud he's been chosen, he's happy, enthusiastic and keen to do a good job. Children of Jack's age get an awful lot of satisfaction from feeling they are being helpful and making a difference to the community - and that's what the Junior Warden scheme is all about. It's teaching the children how they can help in a positive way. I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to Sue and Declan for giving him this opportunity."