

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), trolleys, 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.



Greg raises over £300 for charity

Greg Ockwell, Selsey Community Warden, completed two half marathons to raise £150 for 'Above and Beyond', a charity which supports Bristol hospitals, and £140 for Macmillan Cancer Research. Greg completed the Bristol half marathon in 2 hours 6 minutes and then, only two weeks later, ran the Great North Run for the fourth time, in 2 hours and 7 minutes. He finished 14,814th out of 50,000 people and was delighted with his achievement. Greg says doing the two so close together was good preparation for the marathon he hopes to run next year!

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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Chichester Wardens' Top 5 Reported Incidents*

1. Anti-social behaviour
2. Graffiti
3. Abandoned trolleys
4. Untaxed cars
5. Roadside car sales

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COMMUNITY WARDENS

December/January 2006

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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.



Chichester East & Whyke Junior Wardens newsround

Whyke Junior Wardens clean up . .

Whyke's Junior Wardens have been keeping their neighbourhood clean and tidy by carrying out regular litter picks. During the past six months, this hard working team has collected over 100 bags of rubbish in the playing fields around the Chi East area. Most of the rubbish consists of paper and tin cans. However, on a recent search of the Pitts, an area situated behind Homebase, the Junior Wardens found a wide variety of junk which they helped Drew, their Community Warden, dispose of safely. Items included discarded road signs,

tyres, sofas, furniture, needles, carpets, a swing and a large ghetto blaster.

Through the simple task of litter-picking, the children have learned a great deal about the impact of anti-social behaviour on their neighbourhood. As one young warden noted:

"It's disgusting the mess people make when they just dump things. I wish they would learn to respect their environment and dispose of things safely. It's not a very pleasant job having to clear all this rubbish up."



Did you know?

This year, Whyke's Junior Wardens have not only carried out over 30 litter picks and collected 102 bags of rubbish but they have also reported and/or dealt with:

- 11 untaxed cars
- 30 instances of graffiti
- 12 abandoned cycles
- several discarded drug needles
- Fly tipping
- Several instances of anti-social behaviour

Most importantly, the Junior Wardens have made the Whyke Estate a better place to live. They have become recognised for being sensible, responsible, reliable and hardworking youngsters. As a result, they have shown that young people do have a lot to offer their community.



Keeping the Whyke estate clean and tidy . .

. . and look what we found . .



Nishitta finds a road sign and a sofa cushion.



Harry discovers an old metal road sign frame.



Shane takes a well earned rest on a discarded tyre.



George collects a broken radio cassette player.