

# Behind the Scenes

## SOUTHAM/FELDON COMMUNITY FORUM September 2011

What is the point of coming to a Southam/Feldon Community Forum? Would you like to know more? Regular editions of 'Behind the Scenes' will give you the answers.

For more information get in touch with the Stratford Team on 01789 260134 or e-mail [stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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### What, When and Where is the Community Forum?

Chaired by Councillor Chris Williams, your community forums is a local informal meeting for residents to come along to. They offer you a straightforward way to raise your views and concerns about things that matter to you. The Southam/Feldon Community Forum meets at least 4 times a year, usually on a Wednesday evening, at venues chosen by you. All the meetings start with a half hour **drop-in surgery from 6.30pm** with the Forum starting at 7.00pm. During the surgery you can drop in to chat to officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team, your local Councillors and Council Officers and have a cup of tea.

The area covers the parishes of: Avon Dassett, Bishops Itchington, Chapel Ascote, Chesterton & Kingston, Farnborough, Fenny Compton, Harbury, Hodnell & Wills Pastures, Ladbroke, Long Itchington, Priors Hardwick, Priors Marston, Radbourne, Stoneton, Ufton, Watergall, Wormleighton, Napton-On-The-Hill, Shuckburgh Lower & Upper, Southam, Stockton

#### **The Dates for 2011/2012 are:**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 6.30pm at Southam Primary School

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012, 6.30pm – Napton Village Hall

## **What Happens at the Community Forum?**

The **Neighbourhood Policing Team** give an update on the priorities that you agreed at the last meeting and you are given the opportunity to vote on the new priorities for the following 3 months for your area.

There is a “**You Said, We Did!**” Presentation that tells you what we have done about all the issues you raised last time.

There is a **Have Your Say** session where you can raise any issues of concern and you can suggest topics for discussion at future meetings

County, District & Parish/Town Councillors and representatives from NHS Warwickshire, The Police Authority, VASA (Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon), come to the meetings to keep you updated on any new developments that may be of interest or concern to you.

## **Drop in Surgery**

Immediately before each Forum there is an opportunity for local residents to speak informally with local Councillors, Council Officers and members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

These surgeries run from **6.30pm** for half an hour and allow concerns to be expressed in confidence or be passed on to the appropriate agency for action.

Tea & coffee is available during the surgery



## **Coming Next Time .....**

- NHS Warwickshire – Public Health Report
- Dates for 2012

If there are any topics that you would like to be raised and discussed at the next forum please contact the Stratford Area Office on 01789 260134

## Local Community Safety Issues

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### Forum Held 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 Policing Priorities

1. **Traffic Issues – Welsh Road West**  
Regular traffic patrols to be carried out. 1 patrol per week on random days during the week
2. **A425 Napton – 50 mph speed limit**  
Police to consult with partner agencies including council and highways with reference to reducing the speed limit as requested
3. **A426 Stockton - Southam**  
Police to consult with partner agencies re: reducing the speed limit in light of two fatalities



### You Said, We Did!

Neil Hempstead from SDC was in attendance to talk about the policy on Wind Farms.

Making the pipe at Wattons Lane more attractive is progressing with Warwickshire Sewerage, Severn Trent and an update will be available at the next forum meeting.

Information was made available on the Gritting Policy, Snow Wardens and the lack of communication re: salt bins

Clarification on what an 'E' road is was given.

The hole at Harbury issue has been resolved.

### **State of the District**

The Forum was asked to identify its priorities for the area:

- Activities for Teenagers
- Road and Pavement Repairs
- Affordable Decent Housing
- Level of Traffic congestion
- Public Transport

We will develop an action plan for dealing with these issues in partnership with you

### **Hot Topics**

**News from the Police Authority:** progress is being made to agree a strategic alliance with West Mercia Police to make budget savings; Police Authorities are being replaced by Elected (and paid) Police and Crime Commissioners, elections to be held in November 2012; from 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 a new general police contact number will be introduced for non-emergency calls – just dial 101!

### **Town Centre Improvement Update**

This was launched in May and is now called "Southam First". It has a signed up membership of 70 local people including residents, business owners, community group reps, councillors and council officers, and is supported by town centre consultants from Action for Market Towns. The partnership came about through funding from a Section 106 agreement between Stratford District Council and Tesco stores following the development of their new store in Southam.

There is a Board of Directors made up of business reps, community reps, council members and officers and interested residents who were elected by the Partnership in June. This group is supported by four sub groups namely, Business and Economy; Marketing, Tourism and Events; Community and Culture; Town Improvement.

The partnership will need to become financially sustainable beyond the life of

initial funding and to this end will start to generate an income of its own through the events, markets and festivals it organises and from other sources such as producing booklets, hiring out its own market stall and developing a comprehensive business directory.

**For further information please contact Katherine Geddes at [katherine.geddes@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:katherine.geddes@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.southamfirst.org](http://www.southamfirst.org)**

## Renewable Energy

This item invited key speakers from Act on Energy – David Julien (the national context), EDF – Daren Cuming (their philosophy), EOS – Warren Brown (their philosophy) and Neil Hempstead, SDC (Policy on Wind Farms). A copy of the presentations from each of the speakers is available on the website [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/southamforum](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/southamforum) along with their contact details.

The key speakers were then invited to answer questions from the forum and some of the issues raised were:-

- Is SDC going to be proactive in doing a comprehensive survey of the area before applications are submitted? **A:** Not at this stage currently and points are very valid. Resident encouraged to take part at the consultation stage
- 2 applications for wind masts have been turned down in the last 4 to 5 years and on each occasion there was no proposal put forward to support the application. **A:** Each mast is in a different location and is taken on its own merits. Every letter of support or objection is given due consideration and then a balanced decision is given.
- What else can SDC do to help householders improve the energy efficiency of their homes?  
**A:** SDC has a standing panel and are always looking at ways in which the council can give advice to residents on how they can save money. Act on Energy were set up and funded by SDC and are now a charity who seek funding from other Local Authorities. SDC have funded for 12 years.
- Why isn't the consultation process undertaken first? **A:** Trying to canvass the public before a site is found is difficult. The process is similar to that of identifying housing where a suitable site is found and then introduced to the public
- What scale is large scale for a windfarm? **A:** 5/6 turbines and the impact on residents is taken seriously. Applications are put forward on planning merits
- PPS22 is about renewable energy. There needs to be evidence to support an application re: wind data. **A:** Wind data does not have to be submitted on application and the national policy is acceptable. SDC cannot request wind data as part of the application.

## Information Sharing

Roly Bayley from Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service explained about Home Fire Safety Checks and how it needs the support from the communities to help identify those hard to reach people who don't have smoke detectors. The service is looking for people to work with them to fit and deliver smoke detectors [rolybayley@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:rolybayley@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Community groups needing help from the Community Payback service for any environmental/decorating/clean up work should contact Frank Gravenor on [frank.gravenor@warwickshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:frank.gravenor@warwickshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk)

Consultaion HUB – launched to track all public consultation and engagement

activity both with the council and across partners organisations.

Superfast Broadband – WCC has been allocated £4m to provide an improved service to 120,000 premises which are situated outside superfast broadband networks. They are planning how to use the money to deliver this in its rural areas. Further information available via

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk.superfastbroadband](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk.superfastbroadband)

Making Space – working with those affected by mental health conditions, dementia or learning disabilities since 1982. Further information available via

[userinvolvementwarks@makingspace.co.uk](mailto:userinvolvementwarks@makingspace.co.uk)

Go On – Rae Online 2012 – Further information available via

[www.raceonline2012.org](http://www.raceonline2012.org)



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## **Local Police Issues**

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**\* IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999 \***

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## **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Telephone Advice Line: 0844 8552322

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

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# Useful Information

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[stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Have you got any comments about the  
Community Forum,  
the way we publicise the Forum's work,  
or this newsletter?  
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

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These **Community Drop-in Sessions** run from **6.30pm** for half an hour and allow concerns to be expressed in confidence or be passed on to the appropriate agency for action.

## **Local Issues and Priorities**

Full details for all Southam/Feldon Community Forum meetings can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/southamforum](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/southamforum)

For further information about Community Forums across the County please visit:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums)

## **WHO'S WHO?**

Between each meeting of the Brownsover Benn and Newbold Community Forum a core group of people take forward the actions identified at the meetings. These discussions are led by WCC Cllrs Helen Walton and Carolyn Robbins with support from all the Borough Councillors for the locality. Officer support is provided by: Ian Davis (RBC), Mark Gore (WCC), Sgt Sam Oakley (Police), Martin Green (Community Development), Chris Blay (Extended Services) Tony Pearson (Youth Participation), Kish Vadukul (Highways) and Hannah Cramp (Rugby Area Partnership Team)