



As the year ends, it's a time to reflect on the past year, our achievements, and to look at the challenges we face in the coming year.

North Baddesley: It has been an excellent year with the PRIME team working hard to improve things, and things have improved. That's not me saying that, it's feedback from YOU the Community, Parish Council and other partners we work with. Although few people attended the recent public meeting to hear this good news, it is some comfort to me and highlights the improvement made. We have and will continue with your support, to work hard in 2008 when our agenda will be YOUTH PROVISION! There are 1,500 young people in Baddesley between age 11 and 19 years!! We shouldn't complain about youths on the streets without trying to address the problem of facilities.

Nursling and Rownhams: Although Lakeside has improved, it will never be perfect, because, like it or not, youths are attracted to open spaces and areas where they can conceal themselves. Rest assured though, it will remain in our patrol plans and we will continue to monitor the area with our partners to minimise the impact on this community. I know getting rid of the lake altogether has been discussed in the past, in my opinion this would be a great shame. To have that lovely area for most of the time more than compensates for some of the problems. PCSO McCloskey has returned to full duties alongside PCSO Green doing their best again for your community.

PS Welsh is committed to delivering a quality service, working hard with the Parish council to monitor trends, identify problems and act on them early.

Cupernham, Tadburn and Halterworth: This is the largest part of our neighbourhood and due to its size and population, has presented some of our biggest challenges this year. The beat team are experienced and committed officers who are working very hard to achieve results. Some areas of the neighbourhood have a fear of crime far in excess of reality. Community engagement here is slower than we would like, but officers are concentrating on these areas to ensure the potential for escalating problems is minimised. Our priority next year is to establish how to impart information so that residents are kept informed about what is going on, but more importantly, what is being done about it. Beat Surgeries are due to commence in the New Year, which is good news and should help. Those causing problems will continue to be targeted in 2008 and we look forward to making progress with your support.

Romsey Town Centre: PS Mike Sandison has taken over as the new Neighbourhood Sergeant but regrettably, we lost PC Dick Morse through retirement in November. He will be missed. PCSO Cole remains though and is well known and established in the town. The area around Greatbridge garage is being closely monitored and early intervention will apply if problems at the garage become an issue. This commitment remains on our

agenda and those racing cars around Greatbridge will form part of our work in getting to the root of this problem. I am hoping that PS Sandison will develop some long term strategies for sustained improvement. We are in constant liaison with the builders in Dukes Mill regarding the potential for nuisance. I am pleased to say they have fully co-operated with us. The Town Centre will remain the focus of my whole team for violent crime and criminal damage prevention strategies, especially while I await news regarding the replacement for PC Morse.

Rural Areas: The 'rurals' is a huge area which is difficult to police due to the vastness of the area, especially as the beat officer is currently absent which is creating some difficulties. However, the whole team continues to cover the area. I am hoping to appoint a PCSO for the rural areas, but am waiting to hear whether this will be possible. In the meantime, I am pleased that the rural areas are supported so well by PC Viney, who runs the rural bus initiative and also PC Grist who runs Countrywatch, which focuses specifically on the needs to rural communities. Thankfully crime in the 'rurals' is very low, as is anti-social behaviour, but we do monitor the trends so that we can act quickly if necessary.

That's a general summary from my perspective. I assure you of my total commitment to continue working hard for **Safer Neighbourhoods** in the Romsey area and hope you enjoyed a very safe and peaceful Christmas and send my best wishes for 2008.

Inspector Bernadette Smith



NORTH BADDESLEY DECEMBER 2007

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS - BEAT THREE REPORT



PS Mike Sandison (left), has now joined us, and takes over from PS Hardcastle.

PCSO Louise Allen has also joined the team, and is being tutored by PCSO Brown, who will be sadly leaving us sometime in the early part of 2008, to become a police officer with Wiltshire Constabulary. I know you will all miss him, and wish him well.

BEAT SURGERIES:

The beat surgeries are up and running, and are proving to be very popular. The venues are

Village Hall Botley Road from 7pm to 9pm

- Thursday January 3
- Tuesday January 15
- Wednesday January 30
- Wednesday February 13
- Monday February 25

CO-OP, Seymour Parade from 10am to 12pm

- Tuesday January 8
- Tuesday January 22
- Friday February 8
- Thursday February 21

The dates and timings are also printed in the Baddesley Beadle.

KNIGHTS CROSS PUB

Following a serious assault in March 2007, I can confirm that a man was arrested, and is currently on bail.

FLEMING AVENUE:

The lighting has now been improved in the area around the shopping precinct. Early indications are that this appears to be a success, as the youths are no longer hanging around this area, and causing problems. A "one stop" community shop – to be called "Truelife Centre" is about to open at the centre of your community in Fleming Avenue precinct. This will be accessible to all of the community and will provide services in the community where you can pop in for advice or share any concerns you might have. It is also anticipated, this will prove to be another location for our beat surgeries in the future.

PUBLIC MEETING:

There was a public meeting in North Baddesley Junior School on December 5. It was chaired by Councillor Alan Dowden. Inspector Smith started the meeting by advising that reported crime in the Baddesley area fell 45.51% in the quarter June-September 2007 compared to the same period last year. Even though there was clearly an impact on crime figures of the appalling summer, the reported incidents over the whole year still fell in excess of 25% from 2006. The Baddesley Community and the PRIME team can

feel proud of the work that we have achieved together. Insp Smith also highlighted the work to be done to improve youth provision in the village. There are just over 1,500 young people in Baddesley between the ages of 11 and 19 and only a small number of them engage in causing problems for your community. A review of youth provision is planned for the New Year. We remain committed to challenging the families that are causing a problem for you and will continue to work towards making Baddesley a peaceful village in 2008.

Unfortunately, although well published, the turnout was very poor, and it was disappointing for your beat team, as the same meeting last year, although it was under different circumstances, was well attended.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.....

is always looking for new members. If you would like to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in your area, if there isn't one, please contact any of your beat team, for more information by phoning 0845 045 45 45.

YOUR BEAT TEAM IS:

- PS SANDISON
- PC STRACHAN
- PC GOOK
- PCSO ALLEN
- PCSO BROWN