



POTTERS BAR, RIDGE, SHENLEY AND SOUTH MIMMS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CSP) MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2016, Wylllyotts Centre, Potters Bar

Attendees:	John Godfrey	Resident
	Zoe Keyte (Minutes)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor John Donne	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Cllr Anthony Spencer	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Cllr Ruth Lyon	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Jon Wordsworth	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue
	Mike Sibley	Resident
	Paul Wilson	Resident
	Laraine Walsh	Resident
	Joan Tubby	Resident
	Philip Tubby	Resident
	PC Jon Singleton	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	PC Paul Francis	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Paula Arnold	South Mimms Parish Council
	Christopher Miles	Hertsmere Borough Watch

Apologies for absence:	Sergeant Noel Buckley	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Kate Belinis	CDA Herts
	Michael Arnold	Resident
	Tracy Birks	Methodist Church
	Paul Redhead	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue
	Cllr Abhishek Sachdev	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Cllr Cynthia Barker	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Cllr Peter Wayne	Hertsmere Borough Council

1.0	<u>Welcomes and apologies</u>
1.1	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all those present introduced themselves.
2.0	<u>Minutes, actions and matter arising (15 June 2016)</u>
2.1	The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and no further updates were required.
3.0	<u>Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service update</u>
3.1	Jon Wordsworth introduced himself to the group and gave his update.

3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no real major fires to note – just some small house fires. • There has been a rise in road traffic collisions (RTC's) on the M25 although nothing too major. • The crew at Potters Bar have recently been piloting 'Safe and Well' visits. These visits support Hertfordshire's older and more vulnerable residents with health issues such as falls prevention, social isolation, keeping their home warm enough and eating and drinking properly whilst also carrying out a home fire safety check. Information on how to book a Safe and Well visit is available on Hertfordshire County Council's website. The pilot is going well and there are plans to roll the scheme out across the county. • Potters Bar station have recently purchased a drone. The drone enables them to map incidents easier and safely; they are also using it in partnership with the police. It has recently been used to find a cannabis factory.
3.3	<p>The Chairman raised a question regarding some LPG cylinders that are being used to stop people parking on the service road. He asked if these posed a risk to the public and whether or not they are safe.</p> <p>UPDATE: Jon Wordsworth investigated the cylinders after the meeting and found that they were empty, therefore pose no explosive risk.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Community Safety update</u></p>
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier this month, 400 young people in Hertsmerer benefitted from viewing the innovative theatre production – Chelsea's Choice. The production is aimed at highlighting the serious and emotional issue of grooming and online safety. The play was shown to students at Dame Alice Owen's School. The performance was funded by Hertsmerer CSP to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE), online safety, the tactics used, the law and information on how to get help. • In August, Hertfordshire Constabulary partnered with Trading Standards and Hertsmerer Borough Council's Environmental Health team to run an Operation Raj targeting commercial vehicles to ensure they are licensed, fit to be on the road and have registered MOT's. In total the team stopped and examined 44 commercial vehicles, 10 of which were issued with a Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme form and one driver was issued with a Traffic Offence Report for having no MOT. • In Hertsmerer, domestic abuse (DA) has risen by 49% compared to the same period last year. However, this is more than likely to be due to more people reporting DA rather than an actual increase in offences. For anyone who is affected by domestic abuse please call the Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse helpline on 08 088 088 088 or visit the Herts Sunflower website. • The Hertsmerer Annual Barn Meet was held earlier this month in Aldenham – rural crime and the issues surrounding it was discussed with police officers, the deputy PCC and Environmental Health officers. • The CSP have been holding regular Safer Streets and Silver Streets in the Hertsmerer. Safer Streets taken place in Potters Bar include: Gregory Avenue, Park View and Lake View, Newcombe and Birchwood Road and Western Close. • If you know of any sheltered housing within the area that you think would benefit from a Silver Streets visit – please let Zoe know.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see Christmas Safety Menu attached.
5.0	<u>Hertfordshire Constabulary update</u>
5.1	The Chairman addressed something that he has recently read. That there has reportedly been 85% fewer complaints since the force introduced body worn cameras.
5.2	Jon and Paul showed the body worn cameras to the group and explained how they work. Officers can switch them on when they arrive at a scene and they will film conversations and incidents. Afterwards they can download the footage at the police station right away and it can be kept for up to 30 days like CCTV footage.
5.3	The group looked at the police figures together. Please see attached.
5.4	The figures are pretty good. There are still van thefts happening in South Mimms. The team are working with the Premier Inn hotel to look into ways to clamp down theft. The hotel is looking to renovate with an idea to install barriers to the car park and add more CCTV. The hotel are also working closely with PCSO's to give crime prevention messages to customers and give window shock alarms for van owners for their van doors.
5.5	Cllr Anthony Spencer mentioned that somebody had written on social media complaining about individuals trying to steal dogs in Shenley. Jon had not heard anything but will speak to PCSO Chris Lake and is happy to talk to the person about it.
5.6	In Potters Bar, violence against the person is up. However it was explained that this could be due to a change in the way that crime is reported. The Priory in Potters Bar can also account for some of the figures as the police get reports of individuals assaulting staff.
5.7	The officers explained that they now have access to the drone and using one is a cheaper and more effective way than using a helicopter. For example they recently used the drone to map the light aeroplane crash that happened near Potters Bar.
5.8	<p>Jon also gave the group an update on the work that they have been getting up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Streets visits still taking place. Have been busy preparing for Halloween and Fireworks night although they are not expecting much disturbance in the area. Have done a drugs awareness talk at Mount Grace School to year 8's. This was not due to any reported problems at the school but was just to raise awareness of the issue. Have a 'Cuppa with a Coppa' every last Friday of the month at Caffe Nero in Potters Bar. The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) are going to begin looking at their priorities again soon. They are dealing with issues at Dame Alice Owens Schools. Have also been finding new psychoactive substance (NPS) or 'legal

	highs' gas canisters around the sports club. Mike Sibley has spoken staff and they are aware.
5.9	ACTION: Jon will speak to the licensing officer about the issues at the sports centre, regarding NPS.
5.10	The SNT will be losing PC Jemma Farmer and PC Matt Tate will be coming to cover for a little while.
5.11	ACTION: Zoe to send a list of the SNT contact details with the minutes.
6.0	<u>Local Issues</u>
6.1	No local issues were reported.
7.0	<u>Date of the next meeting</u>
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15 February 2017, 7pm