



RADLETT, ALDENHAM AND BUSHEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CSP) MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 October 2016 at Queen's School, Bushey

Attendees:	Dr Raymond Coffey (Chair)	Resident
	Councillor Estelle Samuelson (Vice Chair)	Aldenham Parish Council
	Zoe Keyte (Minutes)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Hertsmere Borough Council
	PC Gerard Handscombe	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Dick Lawrence	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue
	David Peters	Bushey Forum
	Paul Tamburro	STEPS Children & Family Services
	Emma Graley	STEPS Children & Family Services
	Angela Thomson	Radlett Neighbourhood Watch
	Graham Temple	Resident
	E. Shrivess	Neighbourhood Watch
	Mike Shrivess	Hertsmere Borough Watch
	Roberta Coffey	Resident
	Lorraine Jonas	BHRA
	Norman Jonas	BHRA
	Cllr Anne Swerling	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Cllr Peter Rutledge	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Cllr Pervez Choudhury	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Thelma Adams	Resident
	Carolyn Weinstein	Resident
	Lorraine Edwards	Resident
	Terry Kyne	Resident
	Ian Shermer	Resident
	David Grossman	Resident
	Cllr Paul Morris	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Linda Rauch	Bushey Forum
	Cllr Carey Keates	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Cllr Brenda Batten	Hertsmere Borough Council
	G. Nathoo	Resident
	Nick Coffey	Resident
	Leroy Curtis	Resident
	Marilyn Curtis	Resident
	Victor Boulter	Resident
	Michael Cumbers	Resident
	Marion Cumbers	Resident
	Valerie Green	Resident

Apologies for absence:	Cllr Linda Silver	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Sharon Savage	Aldwyck Housing Group
	Kate Belinis	CDA Herts
	Dennis Sandor	Resident
	Liz Bissett	Resident
	Roy Hotchkiss	Resident
	PCSO Tim Conway	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	PCSO Barry Lovegrove	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	John Mason	Resident
	Cllr Seamus Quilty	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Henry Saunders	Resident
	Michael Hirst	Resident
	Malcolm Helman	Resident
	Norma Helman	Resident
	Stephanie Harper	Resident

1.0	<u>Welcomes and apologies</u>
1.1	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the list of apologies.
1.2	The Chair then introduced those sitting around him; PC Gerard Handscombe, Valerie Kane (Community Safety Manager), Zoe Keyte (Partnerships Support Officer), Cllr Estelle Samuelson and Dick Lawrence (Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service)
2.0	<u>Minutes, actions and matter arising from the previous meeting (27 June 2016)</u>
2.1	The Chair thanked the Radlett Centre for accommodating us at the last meeting.
	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and no further updates were required.
3.0	<u>Community Safety Partnership (CSP) update</u>
3.1	Valerie gave copies of the most recent Hertfordshire Trading Standards Consumer News to the group. Please see attached.
3.2	<p>Domestic Abuse: Valerie outlined the definition and some of the key statistics surrounding domestic abuse, which is a topic of concern for the CSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic abuse (DA) is a sustained pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour by one person (or group) over another. Domestic abuse will often escalate from something seemingly small such as name calling or threats, to incidents of physical or sexual abuse. It can begin at any stage of a relationship, sometimes continuing after a relationship has ended. It is not just about violence. • It can be defined as <i>“any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those</i>

	<p><i>aged 16 and over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse: physical, sexual, financial, emotional and psychological.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic abuse affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men. • On average, victims suffer 39 times before reporting. • On average two women are killed by their partner or ex-partner every week in England and Wales. • On average the police receive an emergency call relating to domestic abuse every 30 seconds.
3.3	<p>Valerie explained that she sits on DA forum and works with the women’s refuge in the borough and is keen to promote the Hertfordshire DA helpline which is a confidential Freephone number aimed at helping victims of DA victims over the phone. The number is 08 088 088 088 and is a confidential Freephone number open 9am-9pm Monday to Friday and 9am-4pm Saturday and Sunday.</p>
3.4	<p>Angela Thomson, resident of Radlett and Neighbourhood Watch volunteer, is collecting on behalf of the St Albans and Hertsmere Women’s Refuge. Up until 19 December 2016 Angela is collecting toiletries and essentials for the refuge and items can be donated at Barkers Estate Agents in Radlett or by contacting Angela on at@thomsons.co.uk Please see attached flyer for more information.</p>
3.5	<p>Child Sexual Exploitation: Valerie gave a definition of what child sexual exploitation (CSE) is. <i>“Sexual exploitation is a form of abuse where young people are forced or manipulated into sexual activity, often through being given ‘something’, including perceived affection, gifts, alcohol or drugs. The abuser is likely to groom the young person into trusting them – either face-to-face, online or both.”</i></p>
3.6	<p>Here are some of the signs parents, carers, friends or family should look out for when it comes to CSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unexplained gifts such as clothes, piercings, phones or money given as gifts by their abuser - The use of drugs or alcohol supplied by their abuser - They may be frequently absent from home or school - Repeated STI’s or pregnancies can be a sign - Physical injuries - Family estrangement – the abuser might try and separate the child from their friends and family - Poor mental health – child abuse can have a huge impact on emotional and psychological health <p>If you think a child is being abused, call Hertfordshire Constabulary on 101 or dial 999 if there is an immediate danger to life, risk of injury or crime being committed.</p>
3.7	<p>Some of the things the CSP have been doing to raise awareness of CSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a campaign in Hertfordshire to tackle CSE and human trafficking called ‘Say Something if you See Something’ which is run through Op Halo. More information can be found on Hertfordshire

	<p>Constabulary's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an aim to raise awareness of CSE and its harmful effects, Hertsmere Borough Council's Licensing team has hosted training sessions now for over half of the taxi drivers in the borough, to teach them how to spot the signs of CSE as well as letting them know the correct reporting procedures and how to seek help. • Also most recently at the beginning of October, the CSP have funded an innovative theatre production, Chelsea's Choice, to be shown at three schools in Hertsmere. The production is aimed at highlighting the serious and emotional issue of grooming and online safety and to raise awareness of CSE, online safety, the tactics used, the law and information on how to get help.
4.0	<u>Hertfordshire Constabulary Update</u>
4.1	The Chair welcomed PC Gerard Handscombe, police officer for Bushey Heath.
4.2	Gerard gave the group a list of the Bushey and Radlett Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) officers. Please see attached.
4.3	<p>Acting Chief Inspector Johnson has now left Hertsmere CSP and has taken up a new position at Police HQ. Inspector Heredia has taken over the post temporary until a permanent replacement is found.</p> <p><i>UPDATE: Inspector Peter Edwards will be replacing Inspector Heredia as of 30 November 2016.</i></p>
4.4	<p>Radlett update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Phil Tuck was awarded Rural Officer of the Year for his hard work and efforts around Wildlife crime. • There was a crime prevention event in July at Budgens supermarket. PCSO Lovegrove handed out freebies and gave advice. • The SNT attended Hertsmere Jewish Primary School's Summer Fete in July, they took the police van and parents with their children had the chance to speak with officers and try on their uniform. • There were reported incidents of minor fly tipping at Phillimore Rec, after investigation by PCSO's the offender was warned by Hertsmere Borough Council. • There was a spate of thefts in the Radlett area during July and August. Local PCSO's worked extremely hard intelligence gathering which led to the arrest of two males for the offences. • Regular beat surgeries are still being held. Please see item 4.6 for details of future surgeries. • The second annual Hertsmere Barn Meet took place in Aldenham; approximately 35 people came. • An Operation CARM (Campaign Against Rogue Motor Vehicles) took place on 9 October, three persons were stopped and two Section 59's were issued. A Section 59 of the Road Traffic Act allows the police to give drivers a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. This can result in the vehicle being seized.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The force has been running cross border initiatives with St Albans; on 19 August an Operation Biconditional took place targeting waste carriers. 60+ vehicles were checked with one vehicle seized for no insurance. • The team have also been carrying out ASB Patrols on Falcon Way and Phillimore Place following problems highlighted by councillors. • Safer Streets visits have also been made in Aldenham.
<p>4.5</p>	<p>Bushey update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team have been carrying out school patrols in Bushey, particularly around Immanuel College. Numerous tickets have been issued. • A Section 59 was issued to a Motorcyclist in Bushey Mill Lane in September, as it was being ridden on the footpath. • The team assisted with Woodlands Trust in the eviction of a male who had set up home in the woods in September. He was arrested for obstruction of a court official. • One person from North Bushey has been prosecuted for out of control dogs. • Regular Beat Surgeries have been run. Please see item 4.6 for information on future events. • The team have been out with the speed gun in the following areas: High Road Bushey Heath, Titian Avenue, Prowse Avenue, Hartsbourne Road, Hartsbourne Avenue, Mead Way and Windmill Lane. • There was an arrest for fly-tipping in Hillfield Lane in September and they later received a caution. • PCSO's are working to try and identify persons caught cycling dangerously. Officers are holding an assembly and meetings with students at Bushey Academy; four Community Protection Notice's (CPN's) were issued for nuisance cycling. • There was an 84 year old resident who was a victim of rogue trading. Three Bushey Heath males were arrested and charged with offences, they are due in court in January 2017. • A PL8 S4FE took place on 18 September where 15 cars were fitted with anti-theft screws, five bikes were marked and six packs of screws were handed out.
<p>4.6</p>	<p>Future events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 November - Radlett Christmas Fair at Radlett Centre from 1.30pm-5pm • Property marking event on 7 December at Bushey Heath Primary school 3pm-4pm • Crime prevention event on 13 December at High Road, Bushey Heath 1pm-3pm • Beat Surgeries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 November and 3 December at the following locations and times in Aldenham/Radlett: The Three Horseshoes 9.15am, Aldenham Parish Church 10am, Battlers Green Shops 11.15am, Osprey Close Watford 12.30pm, Round Bush Lane 1.30pm, Newberries School 2.45pm. - 6 December at Reveley Lodge in Bushey, 7pm-8pm - 14 December at Radlett Library, 2.30pm-4.30pm

4.7	A resident raised issues regarding parking in Loom Lane. Valerie told the group that Hertfordshire County Councillor (HCC) Caroline Clapper had put a message out to residents of Radlett asking for highways issues and updates.
4.8	The Chair recommended that everyone should sign up to OWL to be kept up to date on what is happening in the community. You can do this by contacting your local PCSO (contact details are attached) or by signing up online at www.owl.co.uk/herts
4.9	Cllr Anne Swerling asked if there had been any reports of the 'Clown Craze' in Hertsmere. Gerard explained that the constabulary had released a statement and there have been no reports in Hertsmere at the moment. Gerard advised that with Halloween coming up if anyone sees anything suspicious, please report it on 101 or if it is going on call 999.
4.10	A resident asked if there were any updates on mailbox theft that has been going on in Radlett.
4.11	ACTION: Gerard will look into this.
4.12	Gerard reminded the group that the evenings are starting to get darker earlier so if you know you are going to be home late, try to leave a light or radio on time. This takes away temptation. Remember to lock doors, windows and sheds. If you are going on holiday, do not advertise this on Facebook. Please see winter safety advice attached.
4.13	Residents were also reminded to contact 101 if they see something suspicious. If residents have a hunch about something and don't want to speak to the police directly. Residents can always contact officers by email (please see attached contact details) or contact their Parish council if they have one.
4.14	A resident who had been a victim of an attempted phone scam thanked officers as they came an hour after he called to check everything was ok.
5.0	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Update
5.1	Dick Lawrence, Station Commander at Watford Fire Station introduced himself to the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crew are seeing a consistent drop in all calls. Though there has been a spike with flooding's in the past few weeks. • As they have been quieter, the crews have moved to helping other agencies. They are a victim of their own success as now nearly every home has a smoke detector. • In the Bushey area there has been a national trial to co-respond with ambulance and respond to cardiac arrest calls with the fire truck, they are mobilised to perform CPR. They have had 70 calls responding to life saving cardiac arrests. This doesn't jeopardise their role of fire emergency. • They are also trialling children practice resuscitation at primary schools, this could increase survival rate if children and staff are trained. They are currently targeting upper junior schools, have done nearly 300 pupils so far.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The above initiatives have taken pressure off the ambulance service. They are also going to look at targeting young parents too to educate new families.
5.2	<p>If anybody would like a home fire safety check, smoke detector or carbon monoxide test alarm please let the service know. You can contact 01992 507 507 (HFRS Head Office).</p> <p>Or to book a Safe and Well visit, for elderly and vulnerable residents please call 0300 123 4046.</p>
6.0	<u>Fly tipping and how to report it</u>
6.1	<p>There are several fly-tipping hotspots in Hertsmere and most recently, Hertsmere Borough Council have released a press release about the issue and where the hot spots are. This is available on the council's website.</p>
6.2	<p>The council have also launched the campaign, 'Could this be yours?'</p> <p>It is very important that if you are having any work done on your home, that you make sure that the waste is disposed of appropriately by checking that the waste carrier you hire has a legitimate waste carrier's license.</p> <p>If you are unaware of what a genuine waste carrier license looks like, this is also available on the council's website.</p>
6.3	<p>You can report fly-tipping online via the council's website or call 020 8207 2277 and ask to speak to Environmental Health.</p>
6.4	<p>The CSP are planning to roll out an initiative called CHiPs, Community Horse Patrol Scheme. The innovative scheme uses horseback patrols to help reduce problems of fly-tipping and other types of environmental crime. Volunteer riders will be given high visibility jackets to wear whilst on their hacks and will be asked to report anything they see as suspicious. This initiative has already been a success in St Albans.</p>
6.5	<p>Cllr Anne Swerling informed the group that Cllr Seamus Quilty discussed fly-tipping on Bob fm earlier in October, the press release is available online and if you have any concerns you can contact Cllr Quilty (cllr.seamus.quilty@hertsmere.gov.uk)</p>
7.0	<u>Speeding and road safety issues</u>
7.1	<p>A resident from Bushey raised issues regarding cars parking and driving dangerously by Immanuel College in Bushey.</p>
7.2	<p>Gerard informed the group that he has spoken to Cllr Quilty about what solutions are possible. The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have been issuing tickets to people by the school, however they can only be there at certain times of the day. The school are educating the children but it seems to be the parents who are the issue. The CSP are continuously looking into ways to address this matter.</p>
7.3	<p>A resident from Radlett raised concerns about dangerous driving on Loom Lane in Radlett. Cllr Caroline Clapper had taken these concerns on board.</p>

7.4	ACTION: Cllr Estelle Samuelson to speak to Cllr Clapper to find out what the update is on Loom Lane.
8.0	<u>PCC's DriveSafe scheme</u>
8.1	Valerie outlined what the Community DriveSafe initiative is and how residents can join.
8.2	Community DriveSafe is a campaign to educate drivers and make local roads safer, using roadside speed monitoring and promoting awareness. The scheme allows communities to be empowered to ensure the safety of their local area by coming together and being given the means to take action themselves. Volunteers are given speed display equipment and stand at the roadside monitoring passing vehicles. Speeding motorists are then sent an advisory letter and those who speed frequently could receive a visit from a police officer.
8.3	To initiate a DriveSafe group there is a form you must complete online. Details and instructions on how to start a group are available on the PCC's website .
9.0	<u>Any other business</u>
9.1	Mike Shrives from Hertsmere Borough Watch wanted to congratulate OWL on its tenth birthday celebration. If you are not already a member of OWL (Neighbourhood Watch) please visit www.owl.co.uk/herts or contact your local PCSO (details attached).
9.2	Mayor, Cllr Peter Rutledge handed out cards to residents which gave them contact details of their local county councillors who can help with some road safety concerns. Please see attached.
8.0	<u>Dates of future meetings</u>
8.1	To be confirmed.