

You Said, We Did

NAGs 2007/08

The Neighbourhood Action Groups have been in existence in Bracknell Forest since 2005. They are groups of local people from within each neighbourhood who come together to make their communities safer and better places to live by identifying issues of concern to the community and then either taking action themselves or passing their concerns to local service providers.

The NAGs have enjoyed considerable successes since 2005. In particular the Birch Hill & Hanworth NAG identified a problem with speeding in Ringmead. They successfully lobbied for speed surveys to be undertaken followed by having the speed limit painted on the road surface, extra police enforcement and the setting up of a local speedwatch where residents could operate a road side speed indication device themselves.

The Binfield NAG have managed get the speed limit in a local lane reduced from 40mph to 30mph. In Crowthorne several initiatives were undertaken to address anti social behaviour by providing more things for young people to do. In Great Hollands action was taken by the police to tackle people riding motorcycles on footpaths and public spaces and new parking restrictions have been installed in Martin Heron to dissuade illegal parking.

All the NAG meetings are attended by the local neighbourhood police officer or PCSO and someone from the borough council. The NAGs also have access to the council's Community Nuisance & Disorder Information System (CADIS) which provides a breakdown of all the anti-social behaviour recorded in that neighbourhood.

Throughout the summer and into the autumn, the NAGs will be consulting with their communities to re-establish the priorities of most concern to residents and businesses. This process has played a major part in the substantial reductions in recorded crime and ASB over the last year.

If you would like to participate in your local NAG, details are available in this copy of Town & Country. If you would like more information you can call Ian Boswell or Fiona Heston on 01344 352000