

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Anthony Oliver's meeting with PC Paul Scott, 11 July 2003

Paul is our allocated Community Police Officer. However, his territory is very large and includes Great Amwell, Stanstead Abbots, Brickendon, Bayford, Hertingfordbury and Cole Green as well as Hertford Heath. His availability is therefore limited. Attempts are being made to recruit and train a second officer to share the territory.

Paul will make regular patrols of the village when he is on duty, and the village is included in the route to be followed by other duty officers. In view of the issues surrounding our teenagers' chat room, our playing field will be highlighted as a point to check as often as possible.

Any problems, suspicious behaviour or disturbances should be reported to the police. Urgent issues (such as motorbikes causing noise or damage) should be referred to 999. Otherwise, call 01992 533000 and ask for Hertford Control.

The mobile police station has so far been experimental. Some villages make better use of it than others. Paul will try to have Hertford Heath included for a visit once a fortnight – the position to be adjacent to the Post Office.

On the issue of speeding in the village, Paul said that traps had been set up on two occasions already – with some effect – and more would be done on a random basis.

On the question of parking, Paul commented that the regular community patrols are expected to issue tickets to vehicles illegally parked, and they will do so.

Apparently distraction burglaries, especially on the elderly, are on the increase in the neighbourhood. We are asked to publicise the fact that residents should be vigilant.

Neighbourhood Watch is not working very well at the moment – we are not aware of a village co-ordinator. Paul will check on the actual situation.

Paul gave the name of Bob Kiff as a useful contact at Hertfordshire Highways.