



## THE COMMUNICATOR

### BALSALL COMMON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

E-Newsletter June 08

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Hon. Chairman – Glyn Price : Hon. Secretary David Deanshaw

Dear Residents,

Our pleas to the developer and SMBC Planning Officer regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Chattaway's site have fallen on deaf ears. The planning application goes before the SMBC Planning sub-committee this coming Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The Planning Officer is recommending approval. The developer is still going forward with the flat roofed building. There have been a number of changes, mostly minor but one which I personally think is a further degradation.

The minor ones are:

an addition of windows and doors to the elevations

The size and shape of the building has not changed, although there is an additional shape protruding from the roof at 0.65m high and 2.3m wide, above the glazed section of the rear elevation. (This is believed to house machinery for the lift.)

The shop frontage is now to be determined in a separate application. This is because this application only deals with the change of approval. An application for advert consent will be required to regulate the shop frontage.

The significant change is:

the second floor external wall material has been changed from render to cedar boarding.

I think that we all know how "tatty" this can look if not maintained properly; as can the black painted railings around the balconies.

Revised plans have been loaded to the SMBC Planning website.

Here are a couple of the Planning Officer's quotes that I have extracted for your information.

*"Whilst, the design of the building does not follow the traditional character of the village centre, I believe there is a place for modern architecture sensitively sited in this centre. As such it needs to be considered whether it would result in a positive contribution to the streetscene. In my opinion the contemporary design provides a quality design that would achieve this aim in accordance with UDP policy and advice in PPS1 and PPS3."*

*"The contemporary design, scale, bulk, mass, footprint and disposition of this proposal pays due regard to the surrounding area. The proposal would make a positive contribution to the streetscene and the contemporary design provides a quality design that would achieve this aim in accordance with UDP policy ENV2 and advice in PPS1 and PPS3."*

There is a further item that concerns me; this is that the Planning Officer has not recommended any conditions regarding opening and delivery hours.

As agreed at the last Residents Association meeting, I have registered to speak in opposition to the design and will be covering these points.

The meeting starts at 6:00pm in the Civic Centre. Though you will not be allowed to speak you will be most welcome to attend, to demonstrate the depth of feeling, in the Village.

David Felthouse

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## **BALSALL COMMON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Tuesday 03 June 2008

Present: Price (GP), (in chair), Felthouse (DF), Westlake (GW), Shadbolt (CS), Summerfield (KS), Hatton (RH), C&J Lea, Ellis (DE) & Deanshaw (DD), plus 11 members of the public

1. Apologies Ray Stephens
2. Minutes of the previous meetings – May 13<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> were confirmed
3. Matters arising:- dealt with in agenda
4. Correspondence - Nil
5. Treasurer's Report – no change
6. Reports:-

Police – next consultation date – June 27<sup>th</sup>. Chairman of Village Hall committee queried venue of Balsall Common Village Hall, as this is booked by the Lions. The committee room is available, so RA reserved. DF to clarify with Inspector Sarling. Notices to be displayed in various locations, some in local pubs (KS). Telephone and panic button at police shop still awaited; 3 new reserves available for rota. "A" board to announce Solihull MBC to be explored.

N'hood Watch – no change.

Environment – GP read out possible response to SMBC re Safer Communities Plan, suggested addition – Speeding traffic. RA priorities:- Investment in youth facilities, Fusion Project, Rock youth club, litter /drugs education in schools and speed gun initiative – endorsed by committee, GP to process. DE raised issue of Leveson Crescent landscaping – still outstanding – logged at police shop but no action – GP to chase. Mature shrubs e.g. hawthorn acceptable.

Drainage issue – DD presented short paper on drainage issue – DD paper supported - attached.

Airport – Exhibition in Library Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>; new system for plane monitoring – DE to circulate email; CAP 725 Balsall Parish Council have yet to comment – JL to raise.

Sustain – no change.

Parish Councils – AGMs held some small changes. Balsall PC supported RA position on Chattaway.

Regional Spatial Strategy – DD had circulated Warwick DC paper and produced summary leaflet – SMBC to produce similar document over coming months.

CPRE – DF reported on first meeting, next meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> – report to next RA meeting.

Care Trust Leaflet – to be discussed next meeting.

7. Parking – no further news, carried forward.
8. Planning

162/166 Kenilworth road – removal of side extensions of 2 properties to provide access road to rear, then 3 new 2.5 storey dwellings:- opposed on grounds of contrived solution for backland development, impact of emerging traffic close to existing junctions, change of character, impact of local infrastructure.

Jubilee Centre – As Balsall & Berkswell PCs fund the centre and therefore have an interest, Balsall PC has asked the RA to review this application on its behalf. DD had been asked to offer some guidance to Trustees – hence his name on application – (non pecuniary interest declared). Application to extend over the small grassed patch to as close as possible to adjacent building. DD had discussed application with adjacent owner who would view plans and revert as required. Application supported by RA.

213/219 Station Road – verbal update – developer and architect in discussion with planners re our input. Re access from rear, legal problem with easements. DF has asked to speak when matter comes to SMBC Planning Committee, probably July 2, will oppose if no change to design. (Committee content – except DD ).

Golf Course – application for release of covenant re agricultural tie –committee opposed.

Partco site – application for 3 storey office building. No grounds for objection, however following comments made:- need to improve access footpath, concern re out of hours activity – undercroft to be secured, top floor to be rendered white to break up bulk, confirmation that Co-op delivery trucks will not damage parked cars, future of recycling bins?

707 Kenilworth Road – revised application on this site – demolition and replacement by a pair of semi-detached houses – no objection.

9. Village Plan – Green paper to be discussed next meeting, committee asked to give notice of questions in advance to enable DF/DD to provide background information. DD advised that quarterly magazine similar to Meriden Mag was being planned. Advertisers in Church magazines and Lions Pride to be avoided.
10. Communicator / Feedback – DF reported recipients now over 300. 20 residents are looking for allotments. Councillor David Bell is progressing the possibility of land in Holly Lane being made available.
11. AOB

MP contact – need for gym for youth – asked for more information. Vegetation along south side Station road opposite Brickmaker's Arms needs cutting back, plus overhanging trees. Vegetation adjacent White Horse footpath also needs cutting back,

Meeting closed at 9.28 pm

Next meeting Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

## Reports on Actions resulting from meetings.

### **BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT ROAD SHOWS**

Villagers have further opportunities to meet the 'people behind the Community & Environment team' and comment on flight paths etc. The following dates and times are scheduled for the Village Library and surrounding area.

Make the most of these opportunities to have your views and comments heard.

## **BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

**The Airport's Community & Environment Team can be found  
at the following local venues to answer your questions:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Thurs	5th June	Balsall Common Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	19th June	Marston Green Library	10:00 - 13:00
Tues	1st July	The Pump, Kitts Green Road	10:00 - 13:00
Fri	18th July	Sheldon Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	31st July	Balsall Common Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	14th Aug	Marston Green Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	28th Aug	The Pump, Kitts Green Road	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	11th Sep	Sheldon Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	25th Sep	Balsall Common Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	9th Oct	Marston Green Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	23rd Oct	The Pump, Kitts Green Road	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	6th Nov	Sheldon Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	20th Nov	Balsall Common Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	4th Dec	Marston Green Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	18th Dec	The Pump, Kitts Green Road	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	15th Jan	Sheldon Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	29th Jan	Balsall Common Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	12th Feb	Marston Green Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	26th Feb	The Pump, Kitts Green Road	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	12th Mar	Sheldon Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	26th Mar	Balsall Common Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	9th Apr	Marston Green Library	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	23rd Apr	The Pump, Kitts Green Road	10:00 - 13:00
Thurs	7th May	Sheldon Library	10:00 - 13:00

For more information contact: 0121 767 7111



## **Additional Information from SMBC.**

**From:** Hemmings, Kathryn (Community Services, Road Safety & SustainableTransport - SMBC)  
**Sent:** 12 June 2008 16:25  
**To:** Glyn Price  
**Subject:** RE: Neighbourhood Management Topics.

Glyn, we are all disappointed Sue has left. However her post is currently being advertised - closing date this Friday. I'm surprised Sue didn't tell you she was going - to a job with a higher salary so nothing sinister there. I'll do my best to hold the fort for now, and am trying to get temporary cover from the start of July.

- Re the litter bins, we have put some funding into the Ward Action Plan for these. The Action Plans for all 17 Wards are currently making their way through the Cabinet approval process during June. So our temp or new person will be able to implement them all being well.
- Re the bench there is nothing in the action plan, although I do remember Sue talking about it .Budgets are very tight so I can't promise anything but I will note it down and if the funding becomes available we will certainly help. Leave it with me!
- I will request a cut back near Brickmakers as you ask. (Ed. Note: Request has been made and is to be included in 'flail cut' which has just started.)
- Trees opposite White horse - lots of e-mails this week, Drainage have agreed to pay if trees officers come up with a simple scheme so I have asked them to do so and waiting to hear.
- When we have an officer in place we can arrange a regular review of the book in the Police Station. Meanwhile we are in contact with the Police at the regular monthly neighbourhood meetings and Mel King phoned me today so there is plenty of liaison and we pass issues back and forth. I'll ask Mel if we can advertise on the A board - good idea.
- I am on holiday from the 25th June for a week so am unable to attend the meetings. Inspector Sarling will advise me of any issues at the monthly Neighbourhood meeting. I will however be back for the rural assembly meeting so I look forward to seeing you and catching up there.

Kind regards

***Kath***

Kath Hemmings  
Neighbourhood Manager  
Transport, Highways and the Environment  
Community Services Directorate  
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Glyn Price  
**Sent:** 12 June 2008 10:35  
**To:** Hemmings, Kathryn (Community Services, Road Safety & SustainableTransport - Solihull MBC)  
**Subject:** Neighbourhood Management Topics.

Hello Kath,

Having just returned from holiday I was surprised to learn that Susan East is no longer with SMBC. Given the working relationship that the Residents Association had through Susan I was disappointed that there appears to have been no notification of her departure.

Are you able to advise please whether her leaving was of her choice or as part of an SMBC re-organisation? Also if and when she is being replaced?  
In the meantime I assume that any topics that normally would have been directed to Susan should now go to you?

There are a number of points that I would like to ask for your help & guidance:

. Susan had identified the need to replace the litter bins in Station Road by the shops (six in all) this financial year. Do you have any update on that please?

. Susan was hopeful that funds would be available for another bench in this financial year, similar to the one installed last year outside Barclays Bank. Again, any update please?

. This time of year sees quick growth in verge-side vegetation. A specific concern is the verge/undergrowth opposite the Brickmakers Arms along Station Road leading to Berkswell Station. This is very overgrown with nettles etc. At this time last year it was identified as a concern in one of our 'walkabouts' with Susan and she arranged for a special cutting back. Would you please arrange similarly?

. David Deanshaw has contacted you about the trees opposite the White Horse. I will forward an e-mail from Balsall PC Councillor James Hope on this topic. In the meantime and pressure you can bring to bear will be much appreciated with regard to both clearing the debris that was created when the work was done last year and on the replacement.

. As you will be aware, the police shop is now open one hour per weekday morning manned by community volunteers for residents to register any concerns for either the police or for SMBC. I am advised that while the police routinely review the record book and make action notes accordingly, there is little or no evidence of similar scrutiny by SMBC. Can you please let me know what procedure is in place?

. Whilst on the subject of the police shop, there is an A Board advertising the police but nothing for SMBC. Whilst we have publicised the facility in our Communicator which goes to over 300 addresses, an A Board would significantly improve awareness to the passing residents.

Hopefully you will be able to be at the quarterly Neighbourhood Priority meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm at the Village Hall Committee Room with Nigel Sarling etc. We look forward to seeing you there. There is also a standing invitation for a member of the Neighbourhoods team to come to our monthly RA meetings on the first Tuesday of each month; the next one is on 1<sup>st</sup> July. 7.30pm at the Village Hall committee room.

I look forward to your help on these points. Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail or 'phone.

Regards,  
Glyn  
Chairman Balsall Common Village Residents Association

**BALSALL COMMON VILLAGE  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Committee Meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 July 2008  
To be held in the Committee Room (Rear of Village Hall)**

**A g e n d a**

1. Apologies: C & J Lea.
2. Minutes of previous committee meeting – 03.06.08
3. Matters Arising (not dealt with below)
4. Correspondence DD
5. Treasurers Report GW
6. Reports:
  - Police GP
  - Environment GP
  - Neighbourhood Watch CL
  - Airport DE
  - Sustain DF
  - Parish Council Updates JL
  - Regional Spatial Strategy DD
  - CPRE DF
  - Care Trust GP
7. Parking
  - Station Car Park (c/fwd) DD
8. Planning DD
  - 213 – 219 Station Road (update)
  - Jubilee Centre (update)
  - 162 Kenilworth Road (update)
9. Recent SMBC Papers *(For background information on all these items see the SMBC Cabinet papers at the address given below.)* DD
  - Waste Strategy
  - Council Housing
  - Casino
  - Making Assets Work – Quirk
  - The Future for Road Safety in Solihull *(See link below)*
  - Windmill Lane Speed Petition
10. Response to SMBC LDF Questionnaire DD
11. Village Plan
  - Green paper discussion All
  - Update DD
12. Communicator & Feedback DF
13. AOB

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7.30pm

Cabinet papers;- Casino, Quirk, Council Housing, Waste Strategy at:-

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/akssolihull/users/public/admin/kab14.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=50&cmte=CAB&grpid=public&arc=71>

Road Safety link

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/akssolihull/images/att14792.doc>

## **SAFER COMMUNITIES PLAN FOR SOLIHULL.**

Solihull MBC circulated a draft plan and asked for comments & feedback.

The draft plan identified six key priorities:

- . Anti-social behaviour including criminal damage and arson.
- . Substance abuse.
- . Violent crime including domestic violence and robbery.
- . Youth offending and disorder.
- . Alcohol related crime.
- . Vehicle crime.

In its response the Residents Association has asked that Speeding Traffic be added to these priorities.

In addition, it has identified three initiatives which we believe will assist in the achievement of the priorities:

- . Investment in youth facilities and support in the south of the borough (eg the extension of the Fusion project and support for The Rock youth centre).
- . Greater involvement with schools, particularly Heart of England, on litter, social awareness, the impact of drink & drugs and driving awareness.
- . Extension in the neighbourhood sector of police speed enforcement and local volunteer speed gun initiatives.

## **BURGLARY WARNINGS**

Message from Celia Davies (Community Partnership Officer) for information

A Burglary took place on 25<sup>th</sup> June in Shenstone Drive, Balsall Common. Unknown persons entered insecure premises through a window. An untidy search was made and car keys were taken along with a high powered car.

There is a spate of burglaries around Knowle and surrounding areas so please be vigilant remind all your members to keep doors locked and if you see anything or anyone suspicious call the police on 0845 113 5000 or in an emergency call 999.

### **Editor's note.**

I am also aware of another incident of opportunist theft that happened in Winsford Close. Whilst the occupier was at home, a thief opened the front door, which was closed but not locked, and stole a handbag. This shows the brazenness of some of today's thieves and how you need to take precautions, even when you are home.

## **SPEED WATCH SCHEME**

There were some respondents to the Village Plan questionnaire who expressed interest in speed regulation in the village. A Speed Watch scheme (mobile speed guns operated by volunteers) has been set up in Tidbury Green recently and is working well. Berkswell Parish Council is also planning to introduce something similar.

If this subject is of interest to you, please supply your name and telephone number/e-mail address to

either: [feedback@balsallcommonresidents.org](mailto:feedback@balsallcommonresidents.org)

or contact me on:  [01676 534552](tel:01676534552) e-mail: [judylea@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:judylea@mypostoffice.co.uk)

I will then contact you.

I have been leading a group looking at traffic issues and if there is enough interest I would be happy to arrange a meeting with those of like mind regarding speeding traffic, and explain the workings of a Speed Watch Group.

Judy Lea

## A46/M40, Longbridge Bypass Newsletter Issue 2 June 2008

### Introduction

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of any developments, issues or future activities related to the M40 Junction 15 (Longbridge) Bypass scheme.

### Site Safety

Construction sites are dangerous places, even when our contractors have gone home for the day.

With light nights and school holidays approaching, there is a temptation for children and teenagers to use the site as a playground. This is extremely dangerous, so for their safety please discourage them from entering the construction site at any time.

Our contractor Morrison Construction would be happy to organise for local schools and local organisations to visit the site to see what is going on. If you are interested then please contact our site agent:

brian.taylor@morrisonconstruction.co.uk

### What has happened so far?

We started construction work on the project on the 17 March 2008. Over the past three months Morrison Construction have set up both the site compound just off the B4463 and a secondary compound next to the A46.

During March and April we built some of the permanent fencing and all of the temporary fencing. The general site clearance was also completed. This clearance removed all the hedgerows and trees from the works area. Our

team was supervised by a number of ecologists to ensure we caused the least amount of disturbance possible to this area.

In May we started to remove the top layers of soil. We started on the northern side of the motorway and are working towards the southern end of the scheme. The top soil that has been removed will be recycled and re-used throughout the project. Once we have completed the removal of the soil we can then start work constructing the main embankments.

To carry out the work safely we had to close some lanes on the A46. This was to provide protection for our contractors working near traffic at the side of the road. These works have now been successfully completed without us having caused any delays to road users.

### What are we doing next?

Over the next three months, we will:

- Start to construct the large embankments on both sides of the M40, and for the main bypass
- Install a number of large pipes, which will pass beneath these embankments enabling the local streams and rivers to flow
- Start to construct the foundations needed for the new bridge over the M40. This work will be next to the junction 15 slip roads on the M40 and some traffic management may be required
- Build the River Sherbourne Bridge
- Demolish the Budbrooke Accommodation Bridge as it is no longer required

### On the B4463

During June and July we will be installing two sets of traffic lights on the B4463. These traffic lights will allow heavy goods vehicles to cross the road quickly and safely. In order to carry out this work we need to change the road layout for a short period of time. At various times during June and July we will be using temporary traffic lights to control the amount of traffic using the road at any one time. A 40mph speed limit has been in force from early June.

Once the signalised crossings are complete, there will be two sets of traffic lights on the B4463; these will be used to separate local traffic from large construction vehicles.

This arrangement will remain in place until early next year.

### On the A46 Warwick Bypass

We are planning to close the A46 Warwick Bypass on Saturday night over three weekends in August and September. In order for you to plan your journey advanced notification will be given about when this closure will take place.

The demolition of Budbrooke Bridge is provisionally planned for the 2 and 3 August. We have applied for permission to close the A46 for 18 hours starting at 18:00 on Saturday 2 August until 12:00 on Sunday 3rd August.

Further road closures are planned to allow us to begin the preparation work for diverting a large gas main.

In order to allow us to carry out these gas works safely we will need to reduce the speed limit to 50mph and reduce the lane widths on the A46. These restrictions will be in place from the Hampton Road Bridge to the M40 junction 15 and we will be placing concrete barriers along the southbound carriageway to separate traffic from the workforce.

This arrangement will be in place until October 08.

### On the M40 Junction 15

In August we will be starting on the construction of the new M40 bridge supports. We will give you warning of when these works will start and what restrictions will be in place to allow you to plan your journey.

Advance notification will be put onto our scheme webpage: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/4730.aspx> or you can contact us at [m40j15\\_bypass@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:m40j15_bypass@highways.gsi.gov.uk)

When we are carrying out these road improvements we will do our best to limit any delays to your journey.

### Environmental Award

We are pleased to announce that our project has been awarded the Interim Client & Outline Design Award – Excellent Level by The Civil Engineering Environmental Quality Assessment and Awards Scheme" (CEEQUAL). This Award is given by industry professional institutions and it is in recognition of our efforts to minimise the effect of this project on the environment.

For real time traffic information:

**08700 660 115**

[www.highways.gov.uk/trafficinfo](http://www.highways.gov.uk/trafficinfo)

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

(Calls from BT landlines to 0870 numbers will cost no more than 8p per minute; mobile calls usually cost more)

For general Highways Agency information:

**08457 50 40 30**

email: [ha\\_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk)

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

(Calls from BT landlines to 0845 numbers will cost no more than 4p per minute; mobile calls usually cost more)

### Safe driving at roadworks

*Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.*



**During 2006 two workers were killed and 19 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads.**

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, when you are approaching roadworks:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety.
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching.
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks.
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks.
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front.
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you.

## **SUMMARY POINTS FROM POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING – 27.06.2008.**

The meeting was attended by representatives from Meriden PC and Balsall PC; 5 RA committee members and 2 members of the public with Mel King & Howard Johns from the Neighbourhood Police & Tim Parker from the Airport Police.

There was a brief presentation from Tim Parker asking for public support in identifying and reporting any suspicious activity in the areas & villages around the airport. Such activity should be reported to the 24 hour anti-terrorist hotline on 07957 334 692 or by ringing 999.

Mike Longfield thanked the police for their support at the Jubilee Centre.

Questions relating to the availability of Fusion sports pitches for villages in the south of the borough will be referred to Inspector Sarling.

The Speedwatch community monitoring scheme is now up and running in Tidbury Green and will be available to the other nominated areas shortly. Berkswell Parish is one of these nominated areas. The initial cost of the kit is £600 which has to be funded locally. It was re-affirmed that the scheme is only applicable to roads with a 40mph and below speed limit and to daylight hours. Interest was expressed in establishing a Balsall Common scheme.

The police speed enforcement team have issued 28 notices and 8 penalty tickets in Balsall Street.

The police were asked to follow up complaints about the car delivery vehicle to the Mercedes showroom blocking the A452 clearway. Also about speeding cars on Kenilworth Road between Dengate Drive roundabout and Station Road and groups of youths on Friday & Saturday night going up Kenilworth Road from the village centre.

Two of the shops in the village have been served with fixed penalty tickets for the sale of alcohol to underage youths. One shop has received 3 such tickets in the last 6 months and trading standards will be opposing its licence renewal. The other shop is currently on 2 such tickets.

There was a report from Kath Hemmings, SMBC Neighbourhood Manager.

Susan East has left and Sean Moran 0121 704 6435 is temporarily covering her area pending recruitment of a replacement.

There have been 53 visits to Balsall Common from SMBC parking wardens and 10 penalty notices have been issued.

Finance for the replacement litter bins in the Station Road shops area has been approved.

The planting scheme for the area opposite the White Horse has been funded and is scheduled for the autumn.

The meeting closed with Cedric Lea thanking the police for their help & support.

## CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME DATA Eastern Neighbourhood March 2008		
Offence	07/08	▼ ▲
Burglary Dwelling	14/9	▼
Vehicle Crime (TFMV/TOMV)	78/40	▼
Violent Crime (not robbery)	18/18	-
Robbery / Theft From Person	5/8	▲
Criminal Damage (inc. to veh.)	46/28	▼
<i>Total Crime Mar 2007 = 283            Total Crime Mar 2008 = 208            Total Crime down = -75 ▼            These figures now include            Marston Green</i>		

CRIME DATA Eastern Neighbourhood April 2008		
Offence	07/08	▼ ▲
Burglary Dwelling	19/9	▼
Vehicle Crime (TFMV/TOMV)	25/23	▼
Violent Crime (not robbery)	15/16	▲
Robbery / Theft From Person	3/8	▲
Criminal Damage (inc. to veh.)	41/18	▼
<i>Total Crime Apr 2007 = 158            Total Crime Apr 2008 = 156            Total Crime down = -2 ▼            These figures now include            Marston Green</i>		

CRIME DATA Eastern Neighbourhood May 2008		
Offence	07/08	▼ ▲
Burglary Dwelling	10/13	▲
Vehicle Crime (TFMV/TOMV)	37/23	▼
Violent Crime (not robbery)	21/25	▲
Robbery / Theft From Person	2/1	▼
Criminal Damage (inc. to veh.)	22/27	▲
<i>Total Crime May 2007 = 166            Total Crime May 2008 = 188            Total Crime down = +22 ▲            These figures now include            Marston Green</i>		



**Our 28th July meeting is at 2-00pm in The Village Hall, Station Road, and the talk will be Civil Engineering Heritage. All our meetings conclude with the coordinators of our interest groups updating members on future events.**

**This month we have the Gardens Group going to Hill Close Gardens Warwick. Church visits The latter-Day Saints in Solihull. Art Appreciation to Compton Verney and Questers visit our local Holly Lane Police Dogs Training Centre.**

**The Social Committee have arranged an evening at Warwick Races. We are always pleased to welcome prospective members to our meetings**

**More information is available on [www.balsallcommonu3a.org](http://www.balsallcommonu3a.org) or contact Anne Santos on [info@balsallcommonu3a.org](mailto:info@balsallcommonu3a.org) or 01676 534003**

**BERKSWELL & DISTRICT HISTORY  
GROUP - NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 8.00pm**  
**"Little Known Warwickshire -Part 2"**  
*Illustrated Talk By Alan Winterburn*

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**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 8.00pm**  
**"Midlands Murderers"**  
*Illustrated Talk By*  
*Graham Sutherland*

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**Both Events at Berkswell Reading  
Room.**

**Everyone Welcome. Admission:  
Non-Members £2.50, Members £1.50.  
including refreshments.**

For details of future meetings visit our website:  
[www.berkswell-history.org](http://www.berkswell-history.org)

or telephone 01676 535782 or 532645

## **USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS**

### **POLICE CONTACTS**

To report non-emergencies: 0845 113 5000

WM Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 (Call anonymously with information about crime)

Anti Terrorist Hotline (24hrs.): 07957 334 692

National Terrorist Hotline (24 hrs): 0800 789 321

Inspector Nigel Sarling: 0845 113 5000 Extension 7928 6230

e-mail: [n.sarling@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:n.sarling@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

Sergeant Mel King: 0845 113 5000 Extension 7601 6148

e-mail: [m.king@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:m.king@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

### **SMBC CONTACTS LIST**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
Drainage and Flooding	Barry Gardner	0121 704 6530
Drop Kerbs	Oliver Monk	0121 704 8409
Empty Bin Request	Contact Centre	0121 704 8000
Fly Tipping	Environmental Health	0121 704 6833
Fly Posting and Graffiti		0121 717 1580
Lighting	Bruce Brant	0121 704 6339
Garden Sacks	Tina Haywood	0121 704 6492
Grass Cutting	Roger Smith	0121 704 6543
Green Wheelie Bins not emptied	Waste and Recycling	0121 704 8000
Litter Bins	Roger Smith	0121 704 6543
Missed waste collections		0121 704 8000
Noise	Environmental Health	0121 704 6833
Parks	Dave Tipping	0121 704 6577
Potholes		0121 704 8000
Recycling	Donna Palfrey	0121 704 8479
Rights Of Way	David Keaney	0121 704 6429
Spillage on Highway		0121 704 8000
If in doubt call the contact centre on 0121 704 8000 and they will be able to point you in the right direction.		

**AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING & EXCESS NOISE** – To report: 0121 767 7433

### **CALLER VALIDATION**

Severn Trent Water: 0800 783 4444

npower: 08456 011 102

### **VICTIM OF CRIME Pre-recorded Advice Lines**

Domestic Violence Burglary Vehicle Crime Road Traffic Collisions Being A Witness At Court	Telephone  0121 626 6663	or visit  <a href="http://www.west-midlands.police.uk">www.west-midlands.police.uk</a>
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**BALSALL COMMON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**2008 Meeting Dates**

Tuesdays unless stated otherwise.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday)  
February 5<sup>th</sup>  
March 4<sup>th</sup>  
April 1<sup>st</sup>  
AGM – April 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
May 13<sup>th</sup>  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 1<sup>st</sup>  
August (No meeting)  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October 7<sup>th</sup>  
November 4<sup>th</sup>  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meetings held in the Committee Room at the rear of the Village Hall.