

## North Town Newsletter



### Police

North Town has generally been very peaceful. There have been no recent reports of anti-social behaviour or problem youths.

Thanks to useful and regular input from residents, a drug dealer was identified and has now moved from the County.

There have been some thefts of catalytic converters from commercial vehicles.

A letter and leaflets have been distributed to all schools advising parents about irresponsible parking in general and around schools in particular. This will be followed up by a greater presence and enforcement by the police around those schools.

Police Cadets have been used to further publicise Hampshire alerts. Their initiative has proved very successful.

### Rushmoor Borough Council and Hants County Council

There will be another 'Spring Clean' event for North Town, beginning at the Community Base on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Equipment and refreshment will be provided. Just turn up on the day with strong shoes and suitable clothing.

The North Lane Post Office reopens on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> although it is not yet known who, or what, will occupy the shop.

Speed visors have been installed in Deadbrook Lane.

Cllr. Keith Dibble is part of an RBC Parking Strategy Group. It is generally felt that parking issues are more culture- and emotion-related than strategic. It is a case of recognising that we all have to make the best of a shortage of road and parking spaces and of a surfeit of cars.

Paul Shackley has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council, following the retirement of Andrew Lloyd.

The KFC, at the end of North Lane opened in November. The Management are currently addressing key concerns raised by local residents:

**Signage** - The car park signage will limit customers stay to 2hrs and the litter signage will try and deter customers from dropping litter. There will also be signage to customers directing them out onto North Lane via North Close.

**Litter** – We are adding an additional 3 bins to our car park as well as continuing our litter picks 8 times a day (min). Litter picks are carried out through our car park and along Ash Road to the Junction of North Lane and then along North Lane and back down North Close.

**Traffic Congestion** – We have seen a reduction in congestion on site and at peak hours as our staff are now far better trained and able to run the store more efficiently day to day. There is still room for improvement and the operations team are looking at various ways to improve speed through the DT lane and at front of house.

**Car Park** – Now that the restaurant has been open for over 3 months we have now seen a significant improvement in car parking space availability. We will continue to monitor this.

**Lighting** – At this stage we are not proposing to add any additional lighting to our site or along North Close. MacDonald's is due to open in 2017 and this will improve the lighting and visibility to our site along North Close. We will still monitor the situation.

It has been decided that, from next September, Belle Vue, Newport and Connaught Schools will become a single administrative entity, to be known as Alderwood School.

Cllr. Rust is stressing the importance of Lower Farnham Road and North Lane in Hampshire Highways' priorities for urgent repair during the coming financial year.

## **First Wessex**

First Wessex and Sentinel Housing Associations are to become VIVID, headquartered in Basingstoke. The latest release of properties in My North Town, are 6-8 weeks behind schedule. New notice boards have been installed in North Lane and outside Melita Stores in Holly Road.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

A community event is to be organised at the end of May, with presentations by Police and Fire services.

## **Local Services**

Local residents, wishing to advertise their skills, products, or services have asked to be put on the following list. Also, they have recommended other people whose services they have used. Please let me know if any of the below are out of date (if your neighbours may have moved away without telling us)

- Building services/roofing/tiling/window cleaning: Gary Spreadborough at 107 Woodland Walk on 07901 515635
- Security and Burglar Alarm Systems: Simon Smalley at 116 Woodland Walk
- Fully qualified and certificated electrician: John Cook at 130 Woodland Walk 330770 or 07973 561981
- Registered child minder: Sally Green at 164 Woodland Walk, 01252 331224
- Elliots Carpet Cleaning 01252 594660 ([www.elliotscarpetcleaning.co.uk](http://www.elliotscarpetcleaning.co.uk))
- Supply and Installation of Garage Doors: Grant and Clare at 19 Vixen Drive
- Computer repairs and maintenance: Steve, 31 Vixen Drive 07435 567960
- Painting and decorating: Oliver Tiller, 07879 621437
- Bathrooms, Kitchens and carpentry: Simon Ash, 330310; 07968 592332
- Qualified Teacher of English & Media available for private tuition: Key Stages 3 – GCSE/A Level. Glyn Ingram: 07931 937537