

Steyping Parish Council

Monthly Report Nov 2014

Anti Social Behaviour

November has seen an increase of cold callers in the area, we have been working alongside the local neighbourhood policing team and have on a number of occasions stopped individuals and asked to see identification. The majority of these are genuine for example some individuals working on behalf of the British Heart foundation.

Potential rogue traders are of more concern. These individuals are normally part of a group who are using high pressure sales techniques, on elderly and vulnerable people.

We had one call from a carer, for a resident in shooting field who advised us that just minutes after a salesman left the door; someone was calling the house phone trying to harass the individual into making a decision. We suspect the group were calling from nearby on a mobile. We attended with PCSO slaughter but were unable to find the group on this occasion. We do have an accurate description and intelligence has been submitted through the police system.

We would like to encourage any residents that have concerns over rogue traders or cold callers to call either ourselves or the police on 101.

We received a call from a resident regarding a group of youths congregating in the nearby twitten between Breech Close and Coxham Lane. It is reported they have also been congregating near the garages, causing general noise nuisance, littering and using the area for smoking (Cigarettes).

We carried out a weeks worth of patrols at the times we were given by the resident, but did not come across this group. The resident has been advised to call us if any further problems arise and we will look to respond and engage with this group.

We have continued with an increase of our regular patrols of the memorial playing field. We have been concentrating in particular on the fenced play park area, in light of previous reports of drugs bags or "baggies" being found. We have not encountered any anti social behaviour or drug use of any kind and have not had any further reports made to us.

Community

We continue to run the new Dingemans & Friends social club and have an up and coming race night this month. We are also providing transport for many of the members to ashington for a Christmas meal on the 29th of November.

We have now completed our NVQ Level 2 in mental health awareness.