

## **Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group**

As a reminder, the Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group is a partnership of residents, Residents' Associations, Police and Parish Council. Its role is to focus on local issues related to crime and the fear of crime in the Hughenden Parish area. Each year a questionnaire to determine the top three issues is completed by residents and this recently completed exercise identified speeding, litter and parking.

Various roads in the parish suffer from thoughtless drivers exceeding the speed limit, and considerable speeding data has been gathered by the Speed Reduction Working Group. The police are already focussing their attention on these stretches, and it is proposed that Community Speedwatch teams will be set up to reinforce the determination of residents to reduce the problem.

Many areas in the Parish illustrate that to some littering is normal behaviour. Some parents no longer teach their children to keep the environment clean, so they become accustomed to the litter. The NAG is determined to improve matters and residents in the parish are being asked to remove any litter in the front of their property, as is done on the Continent. Together with street volunteers this should make a great impact. The argument that "I pay for this through the rates" is mistaken, as weekly litter picking of our streets would cost a fortune and the rates would increase accordingly.

Parking is mainly an issue around schools at peak times. Each problem school is being addressed individually in an attempt to solve its problems to the reasonable satisfaction of all stakeholders.

Further information is available from Stan Jones (716278) or PC Lee Turnham (736773).

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