

OSCOTT WARD FORUM MEETING:

Date: Thursday 11th July 2019

Venue: 610 Community Centre, Kingstanding Road

Time: 1:30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome: By Councillor Barbara Dring
2. Notice of Recording: Read by Councillor Barbara
3. Apologies:

Kay Thomas

4. Petitions: None
5. **Police Update: PCSO Choudhury: Date Range of Crime Search: 01/04/2019 – 01/07/2019
THERE HAVE BEEN 60 REPORTED CRIMES IN THIS PERIOD OF TIME.**
 - Burglary (BDH) (Residential) – 12
 - Attempted Burglary (BDH) -6
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle (TOMV) – 5
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle (TFMV) – 12
 - Robbery (Residential / Business) – 5
 - Assaults – 20

ROADS THAT BURGLARIES OCCURED BETWEEN: 26/5/2019 – 29/06/2019

Queslett Road, Tresham Road, Deer Park Drive, Sundridge Road, Grinleford Road, Ashworth Road, Kingstanding Road, Dyas Road, Delhurst Road

- METHOD of ACCESS USED BY BURGLARS:
- Gained entry through a rear UPVC insecure patio door.
- Forced open lower panel of UPVC rear door.
- Snapped front lock and forcing off the security chain.
- Gained access through UPVC rear door by snapping the lock.

PLEASE NOTE: Most burglars gain access into the property mainly by snapping front or rear locks.

We advise residents, if they have normal front and back door, to consider installing composite front and back door. It is often unbreakable. For normal and UPVC Patio door, please consider installing Anti-Snap Locks and Pad Lock.

ROADS THAT THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE OCCURRED BETWEEN: 24/06/2019 – 01/07/2019

Booths Lane, Old Oscott Hill, Bandywood Road, Chelmorton Road, Kingstanding Road

TYPE OF VEHICLES STOLEN:

- White Ford Transit Van x2
- Silver Honda
- White Audi
- Mercedes Sprinter Van

Predominantly , Ford White Vans are often stolen, but this stolen but, this time it appears that offenders also targeted others vehicles.

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN:

- Officers will continue to increase the stops on white transit vans as well as others types of vehicle.
- Local Neighbourhood officers and officers from other departments will increase their patrols from 21:00 x 06:00 hours.
- We advise the residents that they consider installing a ghost immobiliser for your vehicle. In addition, consider having a steering lock which may deter the burglars entering your property for car keys.
- Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place, such as under the doormat or in a flowerpot – a burglar will look there first.

ROADS THAT THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE OCCURRED BETWEEN 20/05/2019 - 21/06/2019

Fairford Road, Warren Hill Road, Ringinglow Road, Boswell Road, Kings Road, Elimbridge Road, Wingfield Road, Kingstanding Road, Dyas Road, Birkenshaw Road, Old Oscott Hill.

TYPES OF ITEM HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM THE VEHICLES

- Offenders gained access through damaged window and stolen some change and bank cards were left in the vehicle. Offenders then used bank card online and at various locations x2
- Vehicle was left unsecured, Offenders stolen DIY items from the vehicle x2

- Offenders only stolen vehicle registration x2
- Offenders gained access into a locked vehicle and stolen laptop. They perhaps used keyless entry system.
- Offenders gained access into the vehicle and stolen £25 cash, CDs and a Tom Tom. Possibly, the vehicle was not locked.
- Police advise the residents that their vehicles are locked at all times and valuable items are not left in their vehicles.

ROADS THAT ROBBERIES OCCURRED BETWEEN: 19.05.2019 – 19/06/2019

Aldridge Road x2, Kingstanding Circle x2, Queslett Road, Hawthorn Road, Dyas Road.

TYPES OF ITEMS HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM THE VEHICLES

- Offenders grabbed 3 iphones from mobile shop and run away
- Offender entered into a supermarket, grabbed £60 worth of lamb and walked out showing a knife to the staff.
- Offenders took bicycle from the victim and rode off.
- Four offenders threatened a taxi driver, grabbed his wallet and run off in foot.

ROADS THAT ASSULTS OCCURRED BETWEEN: 21/05/2019 – 30/06/2019

Copthorpe Road, Beeches Road, Birdbrook Road, Dyas Road, Oscott School Lane, Ashover Road, Old Oscott Hill, Darledale Avenue, Bowman Road, Swains Grove, Felstone Road, Elmbridge Road, Cooksey Lane.

There was also robbery from shops where goods and money was stolen. There was an incident where a perpetrator was imprisoned but will be coming out of prison.

Minor assaults in the Ward on particular road, not clear what the reasons are for the robbery or attacks on individual. How many Police officers patrol the area day and night. Taking a long time for the Police to respond to incidents, but will respond if an emergency. Bikers around the Rec causing anti-social behaviour. 101 was none responsive from residents making a call. 29 rings before responding, Cllr Keith said there are now 5 officers working in the area, trying to set up a street watch and speed watch assisted by the Police. Need more volunteers to respond to issues and you can call your councillors as well as the police. The slow responses are happening everywhere by the Police, but where there is an emergency please call 999! What is happening with drug dealing in the road in the early evenings? Will try to increase visibilities in the Ward. Residents are encouraged to make a note of the registration and send it to the Police without putting yourself in danger.

6. Working Group on School Parking – Update: Councillor Keith reported that these meetings take place about every 3 months or so between ward meetings at local schools, where most schools in the Ward do attend. All relevant partners come together to discuss the issues around inconsiderate and safer parking around schools. The idea is trying to educate the parents about safer travel to schools and have extra enforcement to those who don't comply, in terms of double yellow lines and other control measures to encourage parents and residents to park safer and be more aware and considerate to the environment. They are making small steps but, by working together it is hoped this issue will slowly make a huge difference. There are 6 pilots across the city to prevent and banning parking around schools. Cllr Keith has been leading on this supported by Cllr Dring and Perry Barr Lead Officer Neil De-Costa.
Councillor Linnecor said photographic evidence of inconsiderate parking can be taken and sent to the Police who will in turn send letters and tickets to the perpetrators. At the meetings the schools do try and look at best practice to try and resolve these matters.
7. Ward Plan Update: Ken gave an update on the DRAFT Ward Plans following the previous meeting discussions on the priorities, each priority was mentioned and discussed and those who heard the Ward priorities agreed with them too. The only question that followed was if there was any funding available at the moment.
8. Progress on Village Green: Cllr Barbara gave an update on the Village Green, and Glenmead was down to be sold off to building houses. Cllrs made strong objections against the field been used for section 77 to the government by the Education. So evidence has been gathered along with Schools, Witton Lodge, and other partners to go through a Village Green status. Sutton Coldfield and Oscott are they only two at the moment to be considering a VGS, so the budget for saving the fields has been taken out of this years budget but may come back in next year. An application will be considered by barrister – A letter or motion will be agreed at Oscott ward committee to agree to going forward for trying to save Glenmead playing fields. Want to try and stop building as what has been recently agreed for Burford playing fields. Some very hard work going on behind the scene. Notices has been put up to say the fields are going to be a VGS. Also trying to get the grass cut on the fields of Glenmeads.
9. Local Concerns / Updates What is happening at the land by Asda? - no planning application has gone in.

Missing litter bins on Shady Lane?

Next meeting AGM for the Oscott elderly residents group and the residents association on the 17th July 2019 at 11am. The groups have trips and discussions for all and it's important along with QNR more support for all groups .

Holiday programmes going on this summer for the ages of 5-16 by family support. Happy Healthy Holidays

Food bank at Kettle House Road, Tuesday morning to have more looking for wider support to help others in the area.

Land up for sale on the land next to Asda – on the internet 6th July, cut -off date for bids is the 15.7.19. The Aldi application was rejected by the council. After taking it to the Secretary of State, Aldi withdrew their application.

Residents are asking if it could be considered as part of the QNR to keep the land on behalf of the friend of QNR – Request support from councillors to have the land transferred to QNR rather than it going out to Tender for possible sale.

The City are trying to raise funds by selling land and it would be difficult to stop this process before Monday 15.7.19 when the tender process will begin. The Ward will consider a petition to prevent the sale of the land. Oscott resident groups will send in letters of support to the Ward councillors to support Oscott ward proposing a motion to stop the sale of the land by Aldi.

Oscott Ward will send a motion to the planning department for them to make the land open green space. Given this land is next to a 'Sling' and the land should be appropriated to the QNR.