

REDDICAP WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES

WARD: Reddicap Ward	DATE: 22nd January 2024
VENUE/ VIRTUAL: Falcon Lodge Community Centre	START/FINISH TIMES: 18.30 to 20.00
COUNCILLOR/S: Richard Parkin	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 6
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE PSG Daniel Fox ,PC Bailey Mansell and Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator – Reg Banks

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

Ward Priorities

A Bold Prosperous Sutton Reddicap Ward

A Bold Inclusive Sutton Reddicap Ward

A Bold Safe Sutton Reddicap Ward

A Bold Healthy Sutton Reddicap Ward

A Bold Green Sutton Reddicap Ward

A Bold Local Sutton Reddicap Ward

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MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Introductions – Councillor Richard Parkin

2. Notice of recording – the meeting to be advised that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

3. Local Police update – Police Sergeant Daniel Fox and Police Constable Bailey Mansell

- PSG Fox explained the recent changes in working practises - Local Policing teams are being moved around the city daily as they respond to the reporting of crime, local teams are also carrying out investigations with the consequence of reduced visibility on the streets in some locations.
- Staffing issues – Currently the Trinity team is 3 members of staff short.
- Local Crime KPI statistics – **Sutton Trinity reduction KPIs**

Last year's figures 2023 first (2022 figures in brackets)

Total Sutton Trinity crime: Last year 1,946 (2022 = 2,396) down 18.78%

Serious youth violence: 55 (72) down 23.61%

Serious youth violence (knife used): 2 (3) down 33.33%

Domestic abuse: 242 (324) down 25.31%

Vehicle crime (KPI): 162 (197) down 17.77%

Burglary - dwelling: 51 (110) down 53.64%

Robbery: 62 (55) up 12.73%

Discussion on the reporting of Crime - which included the importance of logging calls, keeping records, using the live chat, calls to 101, the Misuse of 999
The local Team recommends using the live webchat for non 999 reporting.

- Discussion on youth offending and rehabilitation.
- Domestic Violence protection orders explained, with victims receiving visits twice a month.
- Discussion on A.S.B – which included dog fouling, quad bikes drugs, graffiti, and local CCTV camera.
- Residents reported a fight that had taken place between two groups of school children on a local field. The details were noted by the officers.
- Sutton Coldfield now has a dedicated PC for all the secondary schools and a PCSO for primary Schools in Trinity.
- Discussion on bullying.
- All four schools in Reddicap have signed up to modeshift stars , safer routes to Schools.
- Speed watch update.
- Funding discussion – Policing budgets expected to be cuts by 28 million pounds over the next two years.
- The front desk at Sutton Police station is due to close 2025.

4. Neighbourhood Watch – Reg Banks

- West midlands neighbourhood watch association background given.
- Description of how neighbourhood watch schemes work, it's aim is crime prevention.
- Neighbourhood alert - individuals can register to this data base to receive information directly.
- Discussion on the role of a Neighbourhood Watch Co -Ordinator.
- The use and effectiveness of neighbourhood WhatsApp groups.
- The current issues on the Falcon Lodge and the need for a new Co Ordinator
- 200 people have signed up already to receive information directly.

- There are 65 neighbourhood watches across the Sutton Coldfield area.

Reg Commented - It is recommended that everyone should register with 'neighbourhoodalert' at ourwatch.org.uk so you can receive advice and information relevant to where you live from a limited number of organisations such as The Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Action Fraud. You can also join a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme or start one of your own.

5. General Ward round up. Attached as an additional document.

AOB:
None

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
None		

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