

We have been working to develop relationships with our partner agencies and an understanding of the concerns that our citizens have in the Sheldon Ward.

The Safer, Cleaner and Greener theme of work has identified the following concerns:

1. Quad Bikes specifically driving within the Granby Avenue Industrial estate causing harassment alarm and distress to businesses, their staff, and local residents. The nature of their anti-social behaviour poses a risk to themselves, and the local residents that surround the estate. Initial meetings with the police and the district engineer have resulted in ideas and suggestions to limit the risk to surrounding residents by limiting the egress from the site, and thereby reducing the risk. This matter is currently on going with relevant agencies. Consultation with local residents is also planned to discuss their concerns, ideas and the impact this anti-social behaviour is having on them and their lives.

Concerns over Quad Bikes are widespread, in areas such as, Sheldon Country Park and the surround roads. This has resulted in joint partnership work with the Police and local residents in order to resolve the anti-social behaviour. We are working across neighbourhoods to see whether the new Anti-Social Behaviour Powers can support residents in alleviating this nuisance across this and other Wards.

2. Speeding – Resident groups identified that speeding was a priority issue and identified locations where this presented a real concern to them. Led by the Police a speedwatch group has been a regular occurrence within the Sheldon ward and meets on a regular basis. It is supported by residents and is essential to identifying speeding drivers and advising them of the risks to the local residents. It also empowers the community by allowing them to take direct action.
3. In order to address concerns over fly tipping and general rubbish dumping, we are now working jointly with Environmental Officers, Enforcement Officer, Fleet and Waste Refuse to combat this problem. Enforcement action along with fines can be taken, both actions have been successful across the area. Inspections are carried out on a regular basis to combat this problem.
4. Looking at developing activities for young people within the Sheldon Ward to keep them active and occupied to reduce the levels of anti-social behaviour.
5. We are working with the District Engineer and our development team to improve the appearance of various pieces of neglected land. Identifying ownership and then progressing its development into different usage or ensuring the relevant responsibilities for maintenance are met.
6. Through the use of social media residents will be informed and have the opportunity to engage directly with us and to have a direct impact on what we do or raise their own concerns. This will be another tool for residents to communicate and shape our place.
7. We are now working with our partners in Fleet and Waste to improve and educate residents in the use of recycling and disposal of their bulk waste.