

REDDICAP WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES

WARD: Reddicap Ward	DATE: 9 th October 2023
VENUE/ VIRTUAL: Falcon Lodge Community Centre	START/FINISH TIMES: 18.30 to 20.00
COUNCILLOR/S: Richard Parkin	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 4
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keith Smith Kier and Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S):

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. Community Chest update – Cllr Parkin

- Request from Friends of Rectory Park Proposed project: Labour and materials to reinforce the retaining timber sleeper wall of the Memorial Garden in Rectory Park total cost £3000.

Ward Priority this project aligns with

- Priority 4: To invest in open spaces to protect, maintain and enhance the local environment.
- Priority 6: To engage with the local community in identifying areas of concern, and then take action and make decisions that improve the daily lives of residents .
- There was a discussion on the merits of the project, the Ward decided to support this application.

4. Highways – Keith Smith from Kier

- Highway maintenance work is carrying on as normal, however due to the section 114 notice the large schemes i.e. planned resurfacing work were on hold and being double checked by B.C.C .
- Berryfields Road resurfacing on hold due to s114 notice process with anticipated delay of three months plus, with temporary repairs if areas become dangerous.
- Discussion on cost implications of delays ,cost of materials such as tarmac and emergency patching .
- Springfield Rd- resident reported an unsafe tree in front the Jehovah's witness church. Action Keith to investigate

5. Local Police update – The local Police team were unable to attend however they provided the following written update read out by Cllr Parkin .

Cllr Parkin,

Please accept and pass on my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, please let me know any future dates as I am keen to meet the local residents.

Our intel systems only allow us to breakdown the comparative figures on a ward by ward basis so I have included the below crime comparison figures YTD ending 30th September. You will below the statistics are looking healthy with a reduction across almost all crime types – most notably for residential burglary and serious youth violence.

You will see there is +46.88% increase in Robbery offences, the majority of these offences relates to the town centre whereby school/college kids have been targeted for there mobile phones. As a team we have made considerable efforts to work in partnership with the secondary schools and the college to deliver assemblies and make the kids aware. The team have also been out every day with the British Transport Police and safer travel during school kick out times to prevent any further offences, the team have already identified a number of the individuals involved and are working hard to ID the rest of them. several corporate messages have been sent out via mainstream social media channels. See links:

- https://x.com/Sutton_WMP/status/1709495807269822652?s=20
- [Police and partner operation in Sutton Coldfield | News | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](#)

Reduction KPIs

`22/23 YTD (e/o last month) ... `23/24 YTD (e/o last month) ... `23/24 YTD (e/o last month) ...

Total Crime	1,526	1,205	-21.04 %
Serious Youth Violence	47	31	-34.04%
Serious Youth Violence (Knife Used)	2	2	0.00%
Domestic Abuse	205	153	-25.37%
Vehicle Crime (KPI)	124	104	-16.13 %
Burglary - Dwelling	73	31	-57.53 %
Robbery	32	47	+46.88 %
Theft From The Person	15	10	-33.33 %

In regards to anti-social behaviour, the repeated area of concern appears to be off road motor bikes, the team do patrol when they have the opportunity to either identify or deter however given the geographical area and lack of appropriate resources to deal with these matters makes it difficult to tackle. As a team we are requesting the use of the force's off-road motorbike team, traffic and drones to help us however these are in high demand as we share our frustrations with many other neighbouring wards who are also competing to have use of them. Where residents have video evidence, my ask is that this is emailed through to us, alternatively they can use 101 or webchat to log their report and my team will pick this up. Numerous residents have voiced there

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concerns over the use of 101, however I have been advised that the force contact centre has received an uplift in staff so the time it takes to answer a call should be reduced.

In relation to the rough drinkers which frequent New Hall Valley and the town centre, the team has identified the establishment responsible for supplying the alcohol and have requested this to stop, we will enforce licencing legislation if its proven that he has continued to supply, we will also be speaking with other stores such as B&M and Aldi to ensure they are aware also. We have identified the individuals that are drinking and have started to issue them with community protection warnings which we can escalate if there is sufficient evidence.

As Christmas approaches we will be working with the local venues to ensure they will be offering a safe and enjoyable space for people to visit, we are also looking at staffing to ensure we have appropriate cover in case of any incidents. Where licence holders fall short of their conditions I will pursue this with the licencing team. I am already receiving temporary event notices from venues asking to increase their opening hours over the Xmas/New year period, whilst the finical decision rests with licencing I will raise any areas of concern. Planning is still underway so I will keep you up to date.

6. General ward round up. Attached as an additional document.

AOB:

7. A.O.B

- Overgrown hedgerow Lindridge Road, believed to be the responsibility of Western Power, Cllr Parkin to investigate.
- Wildflower Planting- unfortunately the planting had been full of weeds this year and had been taken up early by the Town Rangers.

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
Over hanging tree Springfield Road – Keith Smith to investigate.	Keith Smith	As soon as possible.
Over grown hedgerow on Lindridge Road.	Cllr Parkin	As soon as possible.