



# **Whinfield Ward Newsletter Spring**

## **2016**

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**POLICE NON EMERGENCY NUMBER - 101**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - 346832 DOG WARDEN - 388799**

### **YOUR COUNCILLORS**

If you think we can assist you please contact us at our monthly surgery, held on the first Saturday of every month in Asda foyer commencing at 10.00 am or by phone or email.

### **POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER**

Pact meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month at the Education village and begin at 6.00 pm.

### **SPEEDWATCH ACTIVITY**

We are carrying out a speed watch on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 pm. We will meet at the junction on Barmpton Lane leading to Barmpton Village. If you are interested in attending as a volunteer, please contact your local councillors.

### **LITTER SPRING CLEAN EVENT**

We are holding a litter spring clean event as part of the litter free campaign. This will take place on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> and everyone is encouraged to meet at Springfield Park at 11.00 am. We will then move on to Green Lane as these areas have been identified as ward litter hot spots. Our Asda store will also be involved and litter picking equipment will be provided. Please come along and support this event as we will be working towards this becoming a regular worthwhile activity. There is also an opportunity to chat and meet new people.

## **DOG FOULING**

Please continue to report this issue and let's ensure that we all pick up after our dogs. Also, please remember that it will become law in April 2016 for all dogs to be microchipped. See [www.chipmydog.org.uk](http://www.chipmydog.org.uk)

## **COMMUNITY PEER MENTORS TRAINING COURSE**

A great opportunity to be a volunteer and the 5 week course will start on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Darlington Fire Station starting at 6pm for 2.5 hours. We are looking for motivated, caring and enthusiastic individuals of all ages to help support vulnerable and isolated individuals by becoming 'Community Peer Mentors' No previous experience in volunteering or supporting people needed as training is provided. This project is a joint initiative between the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner and Darlington Borough Council. For further information please contact 01325-405565 or [jim.cunningham@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:jim.cunningham@darlington.gov.uk).

## **WHINFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATING THE FRIENDS OF BEECH WOOD)**

"Whinfield Residents Association" has a new website, located at [www.whinfieldresidents.co.uk](http://www.whinfieldresidents.co.uk) . It is packed with information about a whole range of local issues, who to contact to find out more and when meetings are held, together with copies of the minutes and agenda. There is also a new email address to contact WRA at [info@whinfieldresidents.co.uk](mailto:info@whinfieldresidents.co.uk) . The next meeting of the WRA will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May and the following meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, both held at 7pm in Oban Court. In conjunction with WRA, the children of Whinfield Primary School are taking part in a competition to design a poster to raise awareness that people should not be taking supermarket trollies away without returning them, since this is costing the company a lot of money and spoiling the environment. The best posters will be displayed at Asda for the public to judge them and the final decision on a winner will be taken by the WRA and Asda together. A prize will be awarded to the winning child. In April a litter pick is being organised by WRA in Beech Wood and Springfield Park. For details of how to get involved, please check our website. A WRA table top sale will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 in Asda foyer. Donations of items to sell would be gratefully received, if you would like to contact WRA via our email address or through the website.