



## **Whinfield Ward Newsletter Spring 2017**

**Your Councillors are:**

**Tom Nutt - 01325 360953 email - [Thomas.nutt@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:Thomas.nutt@darlington.gov.uk)**

**Helen Crumbie 01325 462642 email - [Helen.crumbie@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.crumbie@darlington.gov.uk)**

**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 until 11 am or by phone or email.

We now have a Facebook page to enable us to keep you up to date on what is happening in the ward, please visit Cllr Tom Nutt and Cllr Helen Crumbie.

### **SPEED WATCH ACTIVITIES**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of March the police along with residents and ourselves, carried out a speed watch on Whinbush Way promoting safety in the ward. Over 100 vehicles were recorded and none exceeded 30 mph. If you would like to become involved, please contact us, your local councillors to enable us to arrange activities and ensure that you are contacted with the relevant details.

### **STREET SCENE INITIATIVE**

As councillors for Whinfield Ward we recognise how 40% cuts to our Street scene services have impacted on the ward. A new Street scene initiative is being aimed at recruiting volunteers to assist in keeping our area clean and tidy. As local councillors we are leading on this and are totally involved in activities. We have begun recruiting volunteers, so if you are interested in volunteering in your area of the ward, please contact us for more information.

### **DOG FOULING**

Green Lane running parallel to the end of Springfield Park has been identified as a dog fouling hot spot in the ward and we will be carrying out a survey and inspections here. Please continue to report dog fouling and let's ensure that we pick up our dog fouling and dispose of it correctly.

## **WHINFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING FRIENDS OF BEECH WOOD**

If you wish to find out more please visit [www.whinfieldresidents.co.uk](http://www.whinfieldresidents.co.uk) or to contact visit [info@whinfieldresidents.co.uk](mailto:info@whinfieldresidents.co.uk)

On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, the Association held a big Spring clean. Volunteers collected around 20 bags of litter in areas of the Ward, including Beech Wood and Springfield Park.

## **POLICE, CRIME AND VICTIM'S COMMISSIONER**

Documents from your PCVC Ron Hogg.

**Public Performance Report:** <http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/Your-Police/Performance/Police-Performance.aspx>

**HoggWatch magazine:** [https://issuu.com/durham\\_pcc/docs/pcvc\\_hoggwatch\\_magazine\\_spring\\_2017](https://issuu.com/durham_pcc/docs/pcvc_hoggwatch_magazine_spring_2017)

## **On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, voters in Darlington will go to the polls for the Election of the Mayor for Tees Valley Combined Authority.**

The Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) is a partnership that was created in April 2016. It was set up by the five Councils - Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton - to improve the creation of jobs and bring more business into the area. The TVCA is now delivering projects to help young people into work, improve broadband speeds and support new business to grow.

The Government is supporting the TVCA, with extra funding of £15m per year and by giving the area more say over other funds that are currently decided in London. Part of the deal with Government for that extra money was that the TVCA should have a directly elected Mayor. The Mayor will work closely with the five Councils and all of the Councils will have an important say in what happens and how money gets spent.

We believe that it is important that voters in Darlington have their say on who the new Mayor should be.

Only people who are registered can vote in the election. If you have not registered then make sure you are.

Registering is easy and you can apply online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) in just a few minutes. You will need your date of birth and National Insurance Number. Those who would prefer can still apply using a paper form. The form can be downloaded from the registration site, or alternatively it can be requested from the Elections Team at Darlington Borough Council on 01325 406444. The deadline to register to vote is **Thursday 13 April 2017**.