

## **Whinfield Ward Newsletter Winter 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 until 11 am or by phone or email.

### **OFF ROAD MOTORBIKES**

A key priority for us as your local councillors remains to tackle the issue of off road motorbikes. We are working with local police to resolve this serious issue. If you have any intelligence regarding this, please get in touch via telephone or e-mail or use [ASBBIKES@durham.pnn.police.uk/](mailto:ASBBIKES@durham.pnn.police.uk)

### **SPEEDWATCH ACTIVITIES**

With the help of resident's participation this can become a frequent activity across the ward. 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.

### **LITTER / DOG FOULING**

Litter is a problem for all of us and we all have a part to play in keeping our streets clean and tidy. You can now also check online when your street is going to be cleaned or the litter / dog bins emptied by logging on at [www.darlington.gov.uk](http://www.darlington.gov.uk) Please continue to report dog fouling and fly-tipping and let's ensure that we all pick up our dog fouling / litter and dispose of them correctly.

### **WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

We would like to hear your thoughts concerning the wildflower meadow at the top of Beech Wood so a decision can be made on the suitability and maintenance of this project. Please could you contact us, your local councillors by December 16<sup>th</sup> regarding your views on this matter.

## **ARRIVA SURVEY**

Following the results of the survey Arriva's findings concluded that it was not beneficial at this point in time to re-instate the No 10 bus route clockwise, however as some residents would benefit greatly if this were to be implemented, this matter will be re-visited in the future.

## **BARMPTON LANE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

Names are being taken for future lets, so if you are interested please contact [Steve-jackson@ntlworld.com](mailto:Steve-jackson@ntlworld.com)

## **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) . The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.00 pm in Oban Court. Please come along and get involved.

## **TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY**

Tees Valley Combined Authority was originally created in April 2016. Its purpose is to drive economic growth and job creation in the area. It is a partnership of five authorities: Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton, working with the business community and other partners. By working together, the Combined Authority is able to maximise the resources, which can be brought into the area, for investment in our local economy and to create jobs. It means that important decisions on such things as investment can be made here, rather than in Westminster and Whitehall. The Combined Authority is currently delivering programmes to improve business growth, transport, infrastructure and skills. Working together means there is a stronger voice representing the Tees Valley, giving the area greater influence and resources to improve our local economy. As part of the Tees Valley's Devolution Deal with central government, residents of Tees Valley will be able to elect a Tees Valley Mayor on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The new Tees Valley Mayor will then work with Council Leaders and others to oversee the work of the Combined Authority and be accountable to the public for its decisions. .

**We Would Like To Wish All Of Our Residents A Very Happy Christmas And A Wonderful New Year.**

**Tom and Helen**