



BLANDFORD PACT PANEL – TOWN AND RURAL

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The PACT process and Local Communities

As many will be aware the PACT (Partners and Community Together) as a Home Office National initiative was established locally in Blandford Town in September 2007 with the aim of providing a public forum to identify issues of concern for residents and through representatives of partner organizations, set out to address these issues.

In June 2008 the communities supported by the Police Blandford Rural South and North teams, a total of thirty parishes and villages, was incorporated into an enlarged PACT process, which holds a public meeting once a quarter in the Blandford Corn Exchange.

Although PACT Minutes are always available via the Blandford Town Council Website it has been decided to produce a quarterly Newsletter that will be sent to Parish Clerks and other interested parties in electronic form. These will summarise current issues and action and also include news and information regarding your Police support personnel and other items of interest.

Public Meeting January 13th 2009

Nineteen members of the public attended the meeting in the Blandford Corn Exchange and heard what action had been taken by partners regarding Town and Rural Issues since October 2008.

Subsequent discussions and vote led to the following issues being agreed for the next quarterly period: -

Blandford Town

Issue 1: Anti social behaviour in Salisbury Street

Issue 2: Dog Fouling in Blandford Town Centre

Issue 3: Anti social behaviour in Short's lane

Blandford Rural North

Issue 1: Speeding traffic through Pimperne

Blandford Rural South

Issue 1: Speeding traffic in West Street, Winterborne Kingston

Issue 2: Speeding and dangerous traffic in Fairmile, New Road and Dorchester Hill, Blandford St Mary

The next Newsletter will detail the action taken by partner organizations and the degree of success or otherwise.

The most recent Blandford PACT Minutes can be viewed at the Blandford Town Council offices in Church Lane or via the Council Website

The next Public Meeting of the combined Town and Rural Panels will be held in the Corn Exchange Blandford at 7 pm Tuesday 7th April.

Team News

As many will have read the Blandford Safer Neighbourhood Team headed by Sergeant Justin Woodward has been awarded the Dorset Police Safer Neighbourhood Team of the Year 2008. This well deserved accolade is a reflection of all the hard work by Justin and his colleagues working tirelessly to provide a safer environment for us all.



The Team at the Award ceremony in Dorchester

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