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BLANDFORD PACT PANEL – TOWN AND RURAL

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Public Meeting Jul 7th 2009

The July public meeting saw more members of the public attending than ever before. An audience of forty six heard Safer Neighbourhood Team members and representatives from partner organisations outline the positive steps taken to help mitigate problems.

The new Town Issues voted for action over the forthcoming quarter were: -

**Speeding in Holland and Jubilee Way (188 votes)
ASB in Salisbury and Bryanston Street (29 Votes)
Litter in East Street (7 votes)**

PC Dave Mullins went on to detail action taken on earlier issues and list the new rural issues for the period Jul – Oct 2009. These are all related to speeding and irresponsible driving in Pimperne, Iwerne Minster and Milton Abbas.

A number of speed checks in many areas have been carried out and will continue.



Checks at Bryanston, PC Dave Mullins & County Councillor Hilary Cox.

A PACT 'engagement' BBQ was held on Friday 31st July at Blandford skate-park. The BBQ was organised by PC Simon Evans and Melissa Fear (NDDC) in response to concerns raised by Blandford School children in a mock PACT meeting. The year 7 pupils decided, in a majority vote, that the biggest concern that they had about their community was anti-social behaviour and underage drinking at the skate-park, which meant that they often felt too intimidated to go and use the facility.

A whole host of agencies attended the event which included Connexions, Shadows, Sexual health screening service, Dorset Police, Dorset Fire & Rescue, DT11 youth forum and Blandford Youth Club. Agencies in attendance were able to offer the young people practical advice and support about any concerns that they had. In addition to the BBQ a mobile climbing wall was also on offer and provided a great challenge and entertainment for the youngsters.



The event was a great success and it is estimated that around 75 young people turned out for a free burger and a chat with local agencies.

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