

Community Forum First

North Leamington

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Dates for your diary

North Leamington Community Forum

Thursday 17 September
Doors open at 6.30 pm
Lillington Free Church
Cubbington Road
Leamington Spa
CV32 7AL

On the programme

- Police Progress Report
- Results of the recent Place Survey
- Tidy Up Campaign
- Youth Activities
- The chance to talk to your local councillors and officers about local issues.
- PLUS the usual market place of information stands and advice on important local services

Future meetings

10 December 2009 (TBC)

18 March 2010

17 June 2010

16 September 2010

16 December 2010

Community Forum First brings you the latest news and actions following every Community Forum meeting. Community Forums are regular public meetings which allow you to raise issues or local concerns and are a way of keeping you up to date with what is happening in YOUR community.

YOUNG PEOPLE STEAL THE SHOW AT THE JUNE FORUM

The first North Leamington Community Forum, held at North Leamington School in June, saw a great turn out of over 70 residents, councillors and officers from all the public agencies.

An enthusiastic group of young people from the school, Lillington Youth Centre and Youth Parliament made a fantastic contribution to the workshop discussions and took the lead in some of the groups. Lots of ideas were put forward for the Forum to consider as part of their action plan and people were asked to prioritise which actions they would spend money on that would have the biggest impact on the community. This is what they suggested:



- Extending the range of everyday facilities and out of school activities for young people – having more 'chill zones'
- Having a 'Tidy up' campaign
- Re-generating green spaces/parks
- Providing opportunities and facilities to promote intergenerational activities in order to build respect

The Planning Group have been working away to come up with some actions to deliver these issues and will bring them back to the September Forum for discussion and agreement.

Round your way

You may have lived in the North Leamington area all your life, or just for a few weeks or months but did you know the area consists of the wards of **Milverton, Clarendon, Manor and Crown** and includes the county council electoral divisions of **Leamington Milverton & Leamington North**.

It covers an area of approximately four square miles, and is primarily residential except for the main Leamington town centre and business district and the Campions Hills and Newbold Comyn areas.

Meet the Chair

Councillor Robert Cunliffe is a familiar face at the North Leamington Community Forum as he chairs the meetings. Here's a little more about him...



Chair of the North Leamington Community Forum Robert Cunliffe is a retired Engineer. Originally from Derby he settled in Leamington in 1963. He was employed by the Automotive Products Company in Leamington for twelve years and later worked at Rolls-Royce, Ansty, Coventry. He has been married since 1965 and has one son. His wife is Leamington born and bred.

The changes in Leamington town in recent years inspired him to become an active campaigner. He and his wife petitioned for the Morrell Street pedestrian crossing in Clarendon Avenue and won this with the support of 2000 signatories. They edit a local news sheet and he also holds the position of Chairman of the Clarendon Neighbourhood Watch Group.

He was elected as a Lib Dem Councillor for the Royal Leamington Spa Town Council in 2007 with a strong majority. In May 2009 he was elected Deputy Mayor.

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Councillor Cunliffe is pictured above campaigning to clear up Christchurch Gardens

Cash boost for community projects

Did you know you can apply to your local Community Forum for funds to help support community projects?

The Forum particularly wants to support projects which:

- Directly benefit communities
- Help to deliver the local priorities identified by the Community Forum
- Promote the community's ambitions
- Build the capacity of the local people to take part in activities and address issues that affect their lives
- Stimulate local volunteering
- Encourage the broad participation and involvement of local people
- Work in partnership with other local groups and organisations
- Show innovation and creativity

To apply contact the Community Partnership Team Tel: 01926 4566683 or email: liz.young@warwickdc.gov.uk.

You can also pick up an application form at your local Forum meeting where you will also have the opportunity to share your ideas with your local councillors

We have a plan

So what happens in between each Forum meeting? The work doesn't stop at the end of each meeting, in fact it's only just starting!

The Community Forum Planning Group meets at least twice between each Forum meeting. This group, which is also chaired by Councillor Robert Cunliffe, is made up of representatives from the police, Warwick District and Warwickshire County Councils, community and voluntary groups and local councillors. These representatives are the 'doers' who are accountable for acting on the wishes of the forum and as such have pulled together an action plan based around the five priorities of Road Safety, Cycling, Acquisitive Crime, Youth and Improving the Local Environment.

Actions achieved so far have focussed on community safety as the priorities of youth and improving the local environment were only agreed at the June Forum. Examples of actions are 'Geared Up', an eight week course on practical vehicle maintenance skills for young people not in employment, education or training. Visual audits on hotspot graffiti areas to provide priorities for removal. Vehicle Crime Action Days to raise awareness of the problem plus increased permanent signage, stickers and leaflets for hotspot areas.

How will the Forum help benefit you?

Each Forum allocates time before the meeting to enable local residents to talk to their local councillors, representatives from the police, NHS Warwickshire and the local councils about any local issues.

You will be able to obtain answers to queries about local services such as policing levels, services available to young people, access to health and social care as well as joining in discussions about how services can be improved.

What Forums won't do

Although Forums will give you the opportunity to raise local issues, there are limitations to what can be dealt with during the meeting. A Forum is not able to look into details about individual cases or personal issues such as planning applications, case work or care and service received.

Each Forum has an individual 'Issues Box' where you can complete an issues form and post it in the box. Your issue will then be dealt with and directed to the appropriate agency or officer in the week following the Forum and you will be contacted within two weeks to inform you as to the outcomes.



June's Community Forum meeting was really well attended, but we want to hear from and see more local residents at the next meeting on Thursday 17 September - why not come along? The meeting starts at 6.30pm at Lillington Free Church, Cubbington Road

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Current Police priorities

The police priorities agreed at the Forum on 18 June are as follows:

Autocrime

Description: To maintain the work completed on the Vehicle Crime Action Plan by all agencies with a view to maintaining the recent decrease in autocrime in the North Leamington area. This will take the form of high visibility patrols, community safety signage and leaflet dropping in the hotspot areas and vehicle crime action days.



Actions:

- The police will spend a minimum of two hours a week patrolling the vehicle crime hotspot areas and attend multi agency events such as the vehicle crime action day
- The police will arrange one monthly high visibility autocrime operation

Road Safety – parking & speeding

Description: To reduce instances of poor and illegal parking and also to reduce speed on the main trunk roads in the North Leamington area

Action: The police will organise one high profile traffic operation a month targeting road and cycle safety

Cycling

Description: To improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists alike by developing cycle routes, improving road conditions and reducing the need to cycle on pavements

Action: The police will organise one high profile traffic operation targeting road and cycle safety The police will report back to the September Forum on the outcomes.



Useful links

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickcf

Find out details of all Community Forums in Warwick District

www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/lsn

Leamington North Safer Neighbourhood Team

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