

# Safer Communities

## The Issues:

Everyone should feel safe in our villages and on our roads.

## Background

The main issue is speeding traffic and at least seven “hot-spots” were identified from the questionnaire, including the Main Road, Thornhill Road and Chapel Road. The majority of people feel that there is not

enough police presence in the villages which leads to many “nuisance” complaints often being ignored. Some residents feel intimidated by the number of young people who congregate at certain places. The 13-18 year olds have nowhere to meet. Some residents feel uneasy and there are concerns about incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The need for more safe play areas, particularly in the Thornhill Road area.



## Partners:

The Police  
Parish Council  
Neighbourhood Watch groups  
Speedwatch Volunteers,  
Church and Chapels  
BMDC Youth Services, local groups such as fellowships etc.

## Action:

Establish a working party to further the provision of a community focal point.  
Continue to consult on a regular basis with members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.  
Maintain Parish Council representation at the Police Ward Tasking meetings.  
Encourage the Neighbourhood Policing Team to spend more time on the beat in the parish.  
Encourage members of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be more involved in safety issues in the villages.  
Encourage the establishment of more Neighbourhood Watch schemes.  
Support anti-crime initiatives.

**Timescale:**  
2008-2013