

# Your Village

## Humberside Police Monthly Open Surgery 20 March 2009

Following consultation with members of the public and looking at the needs of the community I will be holding a monthly surgery at Goxhill. This will be held in the Library in Howe Lane on **March 20** between the hours of **1530 and 1900** to coincide with Library opening hours.

This is an opportunity for you to meet me and to report non urgent incidents, be informed of the actual crime trends and reported incidents. You will be able to discuss your policing needs and concerns and be able to generally discuss any issues first hand with my self and other officers.

I am offering this service after discussions we have held with yourselves and hope to develop the service in order to meet the needs of the community. I look forward to meeting you this day and should you wish to discuss non-urgent other matters in the interim period you are welcome to contact me at the police station in Barton upon Humber in person or by the general phone number **0845 60 60 222**. For urgent police matters and for incidents and crimes in process you should call the national Emergency number 999. The Humberside Police is committed to serving its community and your feedback is always welcome.

*Pc John White*

The parish council is pleased to be associated with the Humberside Police Open Surgery which commences on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at The Howe Lane Library. This service is being provided after discussions with the community and the Police about bringing the face of the police to Goxhill at a dedicated time and place. The parish council in the past, following parishioners representations have raised many concerns about the level of policing provided in Goxhill, and whilst many of you would wish to have a dedicated police presence in the village we need to look at the policing needs of the whole of North Lincolnshire and have to concede that other areas do have more pressing needs for policing and it is only right those areas are policed accordingly. You will be aware that Pc J White and additionally his Police Community Support officers do spend more time in the village and this Open Surgery is another initiative by John to listen to your needs. Please support the surgery and should you wish it to be developed further then contact John or any Parish Council representative.

You should also be aware of the Ferry Ward Neighbourhood Action Team which is supported by many partners including Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue the Ambulance Service, North Lincolnshire Council (all departments), and other agencies. This service is there for the community of Goxhill and its neighbouring Villages and takes reports of incidents causing concerns to residents. These include Policing, Anti Social Behaviour, All North Lincolnshire Council Services which impact upon the community. The Team meet six times per year and discuss all areas of concern, these concerns are then collated and actioned with a strategic action plan to resolve issues. Those issues which cannot be concluded are then taken to a monthly North Lincolnshire Action Team so that a more concerted effort by the respective agencies can be formulated. As an example South Killingholme had in the past a major Anti Social Behaviour problem in the vicinity of its community centre. This issue had been raised by residents and its parish council to the police in order that action should be taken against the offenders. The Ferry Ward Neighbourhood Action Team looked at the problem in conjunction with the Police, the housing association, The Parish Council, The North Lincolnshire Council Safer Neighbourhoods Team and the probation service. It would be easy to have had a major police presence at the Centre, however a more collective response was instigated, this consisted of the Local Housing Association writing to its residents explaining the issues, The Safer Neighbourhoods Team visiting known offenders, the probation service clearing the overgrown vegetation in the vicinity of the Community Centre, and the Parish Council accepting its responsibilities for the protection of its own buildings by the provision of CCTV Cameras. The result of this concerted effort by the various agencies has now resulted in the community centre having much less Anti Social Behaviour and it has freed up the police to police other pressing needs and to have more time to have a general patrol of areas like Goxhill (South Killingholme is policed under the same policing area as Goxhill).

I do hope this has given a picture of the N.A.T. and what it can do for the community, should you have an area of concern which you feel the Team should look at please contact either the Parish Council or myself on 01469 532208 (Mike) and it will be investigated. You will always be informed of the outcome of any matter investigated by the Neighbourhood Action Team.

*Mike Gathercole*