

Chevington Beat Newsletter

Welcome to the New Year edition of the Chevington Beat News



Community Engagement
Officer Adrian Cantle-Jones
with PC Paul Dent.

December Beat Meeting

As well as enjoying mulled wine, mince pies and a festive hamper draw residents took time out to raise a number of concerns.

What you said: Concern was expressed at the general speed of cars through Red Row and the roads around Hadston. It was felt the problem was particularly bad in Red Row in the morning and early evening because of parking congestion.

What is being done: A slow down campaign is being developed which will involve:

- Writing to staff at Aklington Prison and other employers to encourage their staff to slow down.
- Sending out the 'Slow Down' beat newsletter to Chevington residents.
- Targeting the area to catch those who break speed limits.
- Referring the matter to the parish council.

What you said: The need to include more people in the Chevington Beat meetings was discussed. There has been a steady attendance at Beat meetings since October however it was felt that it was now important to get a picture of the wider policing concerns of the Chevington Community especially those people unable to attend meetings.

What was decided: It was agreed that at the next beat meeting on the 24th January the group would look at different ideas and ways of getting the views and concerns of the wider community.

What you said: Young people kicking footballs in the car park causing damage to cars.

What is being done: The outreach youth team from Coquet High school should be encouraged to talk to the young people. Providing alternative places for them to play football should be looked into. It was suggested that the school might be the place to do this. This would be raised at the next youth providers meeting.

Pie and Peas

Why Not get involved yourself.
Come along to the next beat meeting and get a free pie and peas supper on: **Monday 24th January 5.45pm at Chevington Community Centre.**

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Safe Speed For Life

Slow Down!

Residents and Police are urging everyone who drives in the Chevington area to watch their speed and observe the limit. The Police will be conducting some local speed camera enforcement in the coming weeks to clamp down on speeding drivers.



PC Paul Dent.

The Law

Breaking the speed limit results in three points on your licence and a £60 fine. Cause an accident and you could lose your licence and be sent to jail. If you receive 12 penalty points over a period of time you will lose your licence.

Watch your speed

Speeding is a major factor in fatal road accidents. And being only one or two miles over the limit can make a difference to whether someone lives or dies. If you speed and cause an accident you could be prosecuted, face court action and lose your licence. But this is nothing compared to the fact that you may have been responsible for killing or injuring someone.

New drivers

If you are a new driver and receive two speeding convictions or six points on your licence you will lose your full licence and have to apply for a provisional one and retake your theory and practical driving tests before you can drive again.

Your job

If you rely on your car to do your job then losing your licence could also mean losing your job.

Hadston good neighbours keep watch

A special neighbourhood watch meeting will take place on January 24 at 7pm in the Chevington community centre following the Chevington Beat meeting. Why not come along to both?

Chevington Beat Meeting Dates

- Monday 24 January at 5.45pm (followed by Hadston Neighbourhood Watch meeting at 7pm)
- Monday 21 February at 5.45pm

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Useful Numbers

- Police - Non Emergency (24 hrs) 01661 872555
- Chevington Beat Voicemail 01661 872555 ext. 61179
- Victim Support 01665 602863 (mob: 08453030900)
- Womens Aid/ Domestic Violence 01670 820 199
- National domestic violence helpline 0808 2000 247
- Reach (Rape Crisis) 0191 212 1551
- Castle Morpeth District Council Firstcall (weekdays 8-6pm) 01670 535000
- Childline 0800 1111
- Drinkline 0800 917 8282
- Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 769 7555
- Samaritans 0845 790 9090
- National drug helpline 0800 766 600