

Chevington Beat Newsletter

Spring pie and peas with your Community Beat Team



Tired of the dark winter nights? Looking forward to the spring? Well, why not help us see out the winter on Monday March 21st at the Chevington Beat Meeting.

The meeting will take place at **5.45pm in Hadston Community Centre, Hadston Precinct.**

A pie and pea supper will also be provided, with a spring Easter egg draw courtesy of the Hadston Co-op. Bring the slip below to receive a free cream egg and be entered in the draw.

Chevington Beat Survey Surveyors and interviewers wanted

Would you like to become a community surveyor or interviewer?

Would you like to receive some training in interview and survey skills?

Are you already interested or experienced in interviewing or survey work?

Would you like to do some rewarding local community work with the Police?

Can you spare a couple of hours a week during April?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and would like to find out more about the Chevington Beat Survey, then we want to hear from you.

For more information, contact Adrian Cattle-Jones, Northumbria Police Authority, on 0191 433 2809, or come along to the next Chevington Beat meeting on Monday March 21st .

Eggcited



Turn this slip into an egg! Just hand it in when you attend the next Chevington Beat meeting on **Monday March 21st** at **Chevington Community Centre in Hadston Precinct.**

You'll even be entered into our free Easter Egg draw.

The meeting starts at 5.45pm
- see you there!

February Beat Meeting Feedback

What you said

Graffiti - residents have noticed that more graffiti is appearing in the local bus stops and other public places. This appears to be occurring when youths are congregating, mainly after 10pm and particularly at weekends.

What we are doing

Community Beat Manager PC Paul Dent informed the meeting that this had already been noted. The local policing team, with assistance from Morpeth Police, were planning measures to deal with this aspect of anti-social behaviour in Hadston.

Paul undertook to report any progress he makes in dealing with the issue at the next Beat meeting.

What you said

Motor scooters in public places - Residents complained of two young people riding motorised bikes dangerously around Hadston, causing danger to pedestrians and older people. Full descriptions of the bikes and scooters were given along with the times and locations of incidents.

What we want to do

The beat team would very much like to encourage parents and young people not to allow dangerous and illegal use of these bikes. The Police have new powers to confiscate motorised bikes and scooters

being used dangerously. The owners could also face a substantial fine and storage charges.

The Police would like to encourage the local community to pass on any information in relation to the improper use of these bikes. You can do this by leaving a message on the Police Beat voicemail by phoning **01661 872555** and asking for **extension 61179**.

What you said

Fly tipping - A number of residents expressed concern at increases in the dumping of rubbish and furniture in public areas and on estates, especially at the factory entrance, Woodside, Simonside and Linhope.

What we did

Although fly tipping is not a Police issue, (fly tippers would normally be prosecuted by Castle Morpeth Borough Council) the Police can pass on information and refer problems.

PC Paul Dent agreed to speak to his council contacts about dumping in Hadston and pass on community concerns and information. The Council has been contacted and removed the dumped items.



PC Paul Dent

If you are concerned about dumped rubbish or other environmental problems, then you should phone **First Call Castle Morpeth 01670 535000**.

Young Peoples Multi Sport

Positive Futures offers multi-sport sessions for young people on **Thursday evenings at Chevington Community Centre**.

If you are under 19 and want to find out more, then why not pop along between **4.30 - 5.30pm** or phone **Positive Futures on 01670 794789**.

Junior and Senior Youth Drop-Ins re-launched in Hadston!

Thanks to Hadston House and local youth services, there is now more to do for younger people in Hadston.

- A new Junior Drop-In has opened at Hadston House Youth Centre on Tuesdays from 6-8 pm. The sessions are open to all youngsters aged between 9 and 13 years.
- A Senior Youth Drop-In is also operating at Hadston House on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9pm for 13-19 year olds.

These new drop-in sessions are supported by Amble Youth Service and East Chevington Parish Council.

If you want to become a volunteer at either of the drop-ins, and receive some future training in youth work, then contact **Gillian Stanton** at **Hadston House** on **01670 761537**.

Motor Vehicles - the dangers and the law

Pass your test

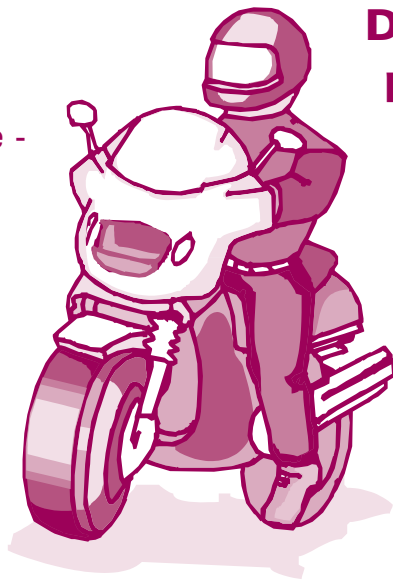
It is an offence to drive a motor vehicle - either a car or motorbike - independently unless you have passed the appropriate motor vehicle test.

Tax and insurance

Using motor scooters, motorbikes or quad bikes on the road requires the owner to have vehicle insurance and road tax. It is an offence to be in charge of a motorised vehicle on the road without tax or insurance, whether this is a car, motorbike, scooter or quad.

Protective helmets

Riding a motorcycle or scooter on the road without a helmet is an offence which can result in a fine and points on your licence.



Dangerous driving - new powers

If you are found to be in charge of a motorised scooter or bike and are driving dangerously or in contravention of the law, the police now have powers to confiscate the bike or scooter. The owners could also face a substantial fine plus storage charges.

Pedestrians

Riding a motorised vehicle on pavements is dangerous to pedestrians, especially children, mothers with children and older people, and is an offence.

Useful Numbers



- Police - Non Emergency (24 hrs) **01661 872555**
- Chevington Beat Voicemail **01661 872555 ext. 61179**
- Castle Morpeth District Council Firstcall (weekdays 8-6pm) **01670 535000**
- Coquet Medical Group (Broomhill Health Centre) **01670 760229**
- Hendersons the Chemists **01670 760236**
- Hadston Post Office **01670 760661**
- Hadston House Youth and Community Centre **01670 761537**
- Chevington Family Centre **01670 761496**
- Red Row First School **01670 760282**
- Broomhill First School **01670 760339**

- Druridge Bay Middle School **01670 760271**
- Hadston Library **01670 760578**
- Hadston Residents Association **01670 761959**
- East Chevington Parish Council **01670 512963**
- Victim Support (mob:08453030900) **01665 602863**
- Womens Aid/ Domestic Violence **01670 820 199**
- National Domestic Violence Helpline **0808 2000 247**
- Reach (Rape Crisis) **0191 212 1551**
- Childline **0800 1111**
- Drinkline **0800 917 8282**
- Alcoholics Anonymous **0845 769 7555**
- Samaritans **0845 790 9090**
- National Drug Helpline **0800 776 600**

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