

Annual Police Report 2016-17

The last 12 months has continued to be busy throughout our policing area which extends from Whittington, Upton Snodsbury and Dormston in the north to Bredon and Beckford in the south. We have carried out active engagement within our policing area in the form of monthly police surgeries and local parish events. The whole team remain committed to tackling all levels of crime throughout the area including rural crime and poaching and providing security advice and support to victims and vulnerable residents.

This report is based using the recorded crime figures between 20/02/16 and 20/02/17 the comparison is relating to the corresponding dates in 2015/16.

Overall the police recorded 26 incidents that were reported by members of the public this is compared to 29 incidents reported the previous year.

Of the 19 incidents the Parish had 5 recordable crimes (incidents where a specific offence has occurred) this was in comparison to 7 recordable crimes the previous year.

The breakdown of offences is as follows:

| | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Burglary Dwellings | 0 | 0 |
| Theft | 0 | 3 |
| Criminal Damage | 1 | 2 |
| Other Offences | 4 | 2 |
| (Includes mostly domestic related incidents) | | |

Overall the figures show a steady but low crime rate for the past few years . We have continued with increased patrols in the area and have issued security advice.

The figures clearly present the picture that Great Comberton and the surrounding area is still a safe place to both live and work, however we all have a responsibility to ensure we maintain this.

On behalf of the team and myself I should like to offer my thanks to the Parish Council for all its help over the last 12 months. I would also like to say thank you to the Parish as a whole for its continued support of the local policing team and for the numerous calls we have received relating to suspicious activity, all we ask is that you continue to do this.

Pershore Rural North and South Local Policing Team

Non-emergency phone number: 101

GREAT COMBERTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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The hall was used regularly throughout the year by the Social Club, Parish Council, Line Dancers, WI, Wychavon District Council, the Weavers, The Church, Flower Show and private parties. The income from lettings showed an increase over the previous year which is encouraging.

A new ceramic tile floor was laid in the kitchen which was financed and laid by the Social Club for which we are grateful. We are also grateful to the Flower Show Committee for their continued financial support.

We are now in possession of a gazebo which is available for to augment our income.

A position has been agreed for the installation of the defribulator when this is available.

This year, we hope to refurbish the disabled persons toilet and applications for grants are currently being undertaken. The work is dependent on the funding being available.

Colin Cummins,
Chairman

Great Comberton Parish Council

Chairman's Report 1st March 2017

This year we have obtained grants for the purchase of a defibrillator, now installed just outside the kitchen door of the Village Hall. Emergency services are given the location and code and will relay these to anyone calling in where it might be of help. We are also arranging training in its use (full instructions are with the machine also) and general first aid, dates to follow.

We also used grant money to buy a small marquee for the Flower Show and other events. This will save some of the annual cost of hiring.

Our Lengthsman, Brian, has not been well but is now back and is going to repaint the phone box in the traditional red, and replace the decaying polycarbonate panels with glass. He continues to clear drains and carry out general maintenance around the village.

We have dealt with a number of planning applications over the year but have not objected to any. However, an application is now with Wychavon asking them to determine whether a change of use for the land at the Golf Club to a holiday caravan site would require an Environmental Statement under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. There are as yet no details on the website but I gather they plan 130 caravans. We will keep you informed as we find out more.

70th Great Comberton Flower Show.

I am delighted to report on another wonderfully successful Village show – Despite the heavy showers we had a fantastic crowd turnout. We had fun with the 70's theme, lots of Fancy Dress, Vol au vent's, 70's pictures, and classic cars.

The Dog show was a great draw, but had the misfortune to take place during one of the heaviest showers – however the organisers and competitors manfully continued in the deluging rain – impressive. The sun shone on the plank plodding and egg throwing though.

There were slightly less entries this year but the standard remains very high for a village show. The children's entries were down again, perhaps you might encourage your children or grandchildren to take part next year, we have some great classes, it's such fun and they can win money and cups.

During the heavy downpours we were grateful for all the cover, and used the Marquee for the traditional end of Show Auction. Many thanks to all who got involved, giving donations, helping at the show and those of you living round the hill, who keep supporting us. The day ended with celebrating in the marquee – thanks to the Social committee.

We are already planning for next year with some exciting ideas based round our "Day at the Races" theme. The date for next year is Saturday 26th August.

The weather resulted in a slight dip in takings to £5703 although attendance was up and profit was £2327.61. This has been distributed between the Church and Village hall with £200 going to the WI.

Suzanne Hamilton (chairman)

Great Comberton March 2017 – Annual report.

I have been looking back over my reports for the whole of last year to try to pick out the significant things which have happened.

March 2016 saw the culmination of 9 years of work on the SWDP passed by the inspector and I reported the 2016 council tax increase of £5 for a band D household and the intention of the boundary commission to reduce the number of parliamentary seats by 50 and try to make all the constituencies about the same sort of size. The preliminary thoughts were to combine our local area into Mid Worcestershire.

April 2016 saw the introduction of ‘webcasting’ council meetings and we had the first election of the year for the Police and crime commissioner on May 5th - won by John Campion. We also had the Intelligently Green awards with a representative of one of my Parishes winning – Mike Parker for his Sesame oil buying group.

June 2016 saw the EU Referendum 52% to 48% to leave the EU. Wychavon had a turnout of 90% and voted 44 thousand to 32 thousand to leave.

I again had a stand at the Great Comberton Flower show to give residents a chance to raise concerns with me. Apart from the weather, it was a good event.

There were 2 by-elections in September in Wychavon both won by Conservatives with good majorities.

October saw the eagerly awaited report on enforcement – lots of good ideas were in the report. There will be an annual review on improvement. Sadly I don’t see much improvement yet. The Pershore Plum festival won an award in the ‘Best Festival’ category for the fourth time. Broadband continued to be rolled out, but in November it was announced that the Severn Waste Environmental Fund was to close in April 2017 because of the transfer of residual waste from the waste site at Throckmorton to the waste to energy plant at Hartlebury.

In January Wychavon was placed third nationally in the Halifax ‘quality of life’ survey behind Winchester and the Orkney Isles.

February saw the change to the Planning application website.

Which brings us to March – a whole year gone.

Wychavon has voted for a 1.99% increase in the Wychavon element of the Council tax for a band ‘D’ household and there has been a massive increase in the Council Tax base.

Caused by the enormous number of new houses being built in the District. County Council elections will take place in May 2017. The next District Council elections are not for another 2 years. Later this year the refuse collection providers will change from Focsa to Serco, so you might see some small changes in the way the service is delivered – without affecting the excellent service which the District delivers to residents.

Any Questions?

Great Comberton

The Alderman Gibbs and Joseph Wright charities, the combined income of £140 was given to seven old age pensioners of this parish.

Hugh Peart

20/2/17