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Dear Parish Clerk

I am writing in relation to the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing in Cherwell, in particular the Bicester Rural Neighbourhood. I would like to invite a representative of your Parish Council to a 'Rural Surgery' where you will have the opportunity to meet the team, along with members from CDC and 'Have Your Say' in dealing with local issues in your neighbourhood

The meeting will take place at Cherwell District Council (CDC), Bodicote House between **4pm and 8pm on Friday 6th August 2010.**

The team will be available for an open 'Have Your Say' surgery together with the general public and yourselves. It would be most helpful if you could assist us by advertising this valuable opportunity within your parish.

Please let the team know whether you will be attending this event, either by emailing the bicesterruralneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. I am sorry we have not been able to attend recent requests at your AGM's but we have a capacity issue to balance against operational commitments and servicing 38 villages. As you are aware we held a large engagement opportunity at CDC in February, where members of the public and parish counsellors were invited for an engagement opportunity with the whole team. This was intended to be a much more consistent method of engagement giving all parishes equal access and a far more efficient use of our time I am sure you will agree.

As I am sure you are aware Neighbourhood Policing is a local service to improve 'quality of life' by working with communities and key agencies to target the issues most important to residents.

The NAG is conducting the annual engagement process, so it is a time where residents will really be able to influence policing priorities by participating in the survey at the event, or when the team visit the villages.

If you have not done so I would encourage you to sign up to receive direct community messaging through Ringmaster. Registrants receive messages containing the latest crime news which can help to prevent and detect further crime and anti-social behaviour in your area. Please email the Cherwell Coordinator if you wish to sign up for this service: cherwell@tvpcommunitymessaging.org.

Thank you for taking the time to assist with the engagement opportunities I have outlined, which I am sure will enable us to effectively share information, each of us playing a part to ensure Cherwell remains a safer place to live, work and visit. As I am sure you will agree there are now numerous methods that may be employed to keep your community informed and yourself kept 'in the loop' These are intended to ensure officers time is spent on patrol, providing visible reassurance, investigating crime and dealing with emergencies.

What next?

If you wish to find out any further information about NAGs or volunteering to assist with Speed Watch please visit the neighbourhood policing pages on www.thamesvalley.police.uk where you can email your request to the local team or, alternatively, call the Thames Valley non emergency number on **0845 8 5050 505** and ask to speak to a representative of your local neighbourhood policing team.

As part of our continuing pledge to improve our quality of service provided to you and improving how we keep you up to date, I wanted to use this opportunity to draw your attention to some important recent developments that may be of interest to you. If you take a look at the attached appendix I have provided some screen shots of some recently developed websites to provide you with access to information. We are often asked to provide an overview of crime trends for the parish meetings, however the details provided will enable you to have access to this data at any time for your neighbourhood. There is a wealth of information about crime types and how we compare to similar forces in delivering our service via a report card. There is information linked to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour together with all the latest team information through the force website under Neighbourhood Policing.

<http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>
<http://www.hmic.gov.uk/PoliceReportCard/ThamesValley>
<http://www.hmic.gov.uk/Howsafeismyarea>
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