

Ross-on-Wye PACT Meeting – 7th October 2009  
Action Sheet



Chair Colette Coleman

Present

Cllr Jarvis

Cllr Cutter

Cllr Bartrum

David Powell (JMT Member)

Inspector Jim McLoughlin

PC Mark Murphy

PC Wendy Powell

Craig Sandman (Community Protection)

Donna Watkins (Community Protection)

3 members of the public

Issues	Response
<p><b>Item 1 (update on 4<sup>th</sup> issue arising from last PACT's Waste Presentation)</b> regarding the impact of the new recycling arrangements on EnviroAbility's Blue Box scheme and its volunteers and employees</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> An agreement has been drawn up between EnviroAbility and FOCSA. This includes bringing in consultants to look at the issues regarding tin foil recycling. All EnviroAbility employees will be covered by TUPE employment protection regulations which will mean that FOCSA will find them suitable jobs if required.</p>
<p><b>Item 2 (further information on 5<sup>th</sup> issue arising from last PACT's Waste presentation)</b> How will Bank Holidays be handled, will there be a catch up days?</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> A scheme is being piloted from 2<sup>nd</sup> November whereby customers will be offered a text message service to remind them of collection dates. If successful it will be extended to other services such as schools.</p>
<p><b>Item 3 (issue arising from last PACT's Waste Presentation)</b> What about people in upstairs flats that cannot accommodate a wheelie bin?</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> They will be provided with clear sacks for everything except glass. Also special arrangements can be made for elderly or disabled people regardless of where they live. Wherever a bag collection is arranged these will be left with an information leaflet about collection dates. For further information or to notify of any problems please contact Louise Round on 01432 260644</p>

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<p><b>Item 4 (update on previous sheet Item 2)</b> Parking is still a problem in Alton Road.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> Meetings have now been held with the Traffic/Highways Department, including a site meeting in Alton Road. It is recognised that the situation could be potentially dangerous as the road is extensively used by HGVs. There is a need to consider further restrictions with great care as they could just move the problem somewhere else. The Police have talked to the Call Centre where the problem seems to be focused but their enforcement powers are restricted on a public road. Awaiting proposals from Traffic Department – matter carried forward.</p>
<p><b>Item 5 (update on previous sheet item 3)</b> The car park at the cricket ground is increasingly misused and littered.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> An additional bin will be provided.</p>
<p><b>Item 6 (previous sheet item 4)</b> It has been three years since the discussions regarding a 20 mph speed limit outside Gorsley School (on B4221). To date nothing has happened.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> WMC consider this to be a high priority issue and are undertaking regular, high visibility patrolling and speed enforcement in the vicinity of the school.</p>
<p><b>Item 7 (previous sheet item 7)</b> There are groups drinking in Blake’s Gardens. This has resulted in bottles and cans being left on the ground. This is particularly bad on a Friday and Saturday night. Drinking in the Garden of Remembrance is also a problem.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> This is still a WMC priority area and is heavily patrolled, resulting in a reduction in incidents.</p>
<p><b>Item 8 (previous sheet Item 8)</b> There is a considerable backlog of minor road repairs, potholes etc. Many are still outstanding since the flooding.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> Most of the pothole issues have now been addressed. Merrivale Lane work is scheduled. Please contact Streetscene for any outstanding items (01432 261800)</p>
<p><b>Item 9 (previous sheet item 10)</b> Energy meters are being issued by all libraries in the county. They can be booked out with a library card. These meters will show how much energy has being used and will indicate how fuel can be saved by simple efficiency measures.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> The scheme has been advertised on radio and through various websites. You@Home can help with installation if required.</p>

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<p><b>Item 10 (previous sheet Item 11)</b> The electricity companies often do not take actual meter readings. In one case this has led to an elderly person getting a bill for just under £2,000 for a 4 month period. Older people need help in taking their meter readings.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> HC are looking at ways to help people with their understanding of different energy tariffs. Also there are plans to introduce infrared mapping in the county to identify poorly insulated homes and offer advice to their occupants. Cllr. Cutter can supply leaflets on energy efficiency grants and rebates.</p>
<p><b>Item 11 (previous sheet item 12)</b> Is there any restriction on the distance a tractor can go on the highway and on the weight that can be carried&gt;</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> This is still being investigated by WMC – item carried forward.</p>
<p><b>Item 12</b> At the junction of Kent Avenue and Sussex Avenue the double yellow lines have not been completed – probably because of parked cars obstructing the painting work.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> This will be investigated.</p>
<p><b>Item 13</b> The A40 junction at Whitchurch is still very dangerous</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> The Highways Agency will shortly be installing new signs and speed cameras are also about to be installed.</p>
<p><b>Community Protection Presentation Issues</b></p>	
<p><b>Item 14</b> What are the fixed penalty tariffs for environmental violations?</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> Litter violations - £80 (discounted to £50 if paid within 10 days) Fly tipping – up to £50,000 Noise violations – up to £500</p>
<p><b>Item 15</b> What kind of preventative work is going on?</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> Education via PACT meetings and Open PACTS, Litter Picks, and visits to Youth Clubs. Also street cleaners and highway operatives now notify the community protection team of any incidents or hotspots.</p>