

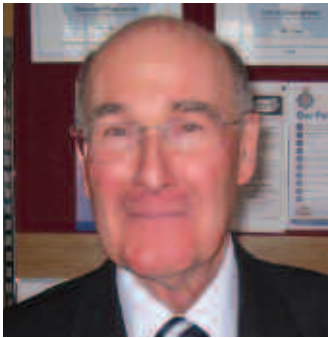
Council News

Stanley Town Council

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YOUR COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING YOUR AREA, THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND DEVELOPING A SENSE OF PRIDE BY WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT OUR ACTIONS REFLECT YOUR PRIORITIES.....

The Chairman says



"It's been a busy time since the last issue as the Town Council becomes increasingly effective at getting things done on your behalf. As shown by the centre pages **STANLEY'S NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SERVICE IS HERE...!**"

You said...We will do...

Councillor Tom Pattinson
(Chair of the Town Council, 2010-11)

ACTION ON THE GROUND IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:

In the last issue I said that I'd been negotiating on your behalf with local service providers about improved services in the Town Council's area and I'm sure that as you read on you'll agree that our partners are rising to the challenge of meeting increasing public expectations during a period of scarce resources. In response to your feedback the Town



Neighbourhood Wardens (01207) 693 693

Council has entered into a partnership arrangement with our County Council partners to help the police and other authorities tackle the public's top priority of Crime, Safety and the Environment".

You said...

We will do...



Russell Morgan
(Clerk)



Police: Non emergency 0345 60 60 365
Emergency 999



What's inside

- Introducing: Belinda Snow, Paul Rutherford, John Bevils and Helen Douglas.
- Service of Remembrance.
- Carry on Corporal....!
- War Memorials.
- Know your local Town Councillors.

Stanley Town Council's Priorities:

LEISURE, HERITAGE AND THE ECONOMY, COUNCILLOR JACK PYE WELCOMES BOWLING'S 'HOME INTERNATIONALS' WHICH COME TO STANLEY IN 2011

Councillor **JACK PYE** (Stanley Hall ward) was born and bred in Stanley and has spent all of his life living with his family in the area. Jack says "I grew up in East Stanley and attended schools in East Stanley and



Shield Row. As an adult I established and ran a successful Building Merchant business in the Stanley area for 28 years until retiring in 2002.

I've also been an active member of many local organisations which included holding the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Stanley and the Chair of the North East region of the Builders' Merchant Federation.

Now retired I have the time and enthusiasm to represent local people to the best of my ability and I became a Councillor to: contribute towards the redevelopment of the Town Centre; work for a safer community, and; ensure that the local community is properly consulted about decisions which affect their lives.

I'm pleased to be part of a team of elected Councillors with similar objectives and a shared commitment to achieving our 'mission statement' (see front cover) and the goals set out in our 'Action Plan' which is based on a series of public meetings held across the whole area where you told us what our priorities should be and I hope you'll see the fruits of our labour on your behalf in the near future".

Jack firmly believes that Stanley needs to put itself on the map as part of the regeneration process and is therefore delighted to represent the Town Council on a group of people and organisations responsible for bring a nationally significant event to the Stanley Indoor Bowls Arena.

Built in 1977 above the ASDA supermarket, the centre is recognized as one of the very best in Europe and was recently awarded the honour of hosting the prestigious **JOINT BRITISH ISLES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS** and **INTERNATIONAL SERIES** between the 11th and 19th of March 2011. For those old enough to remember the annual football 'home internationals, the bowling equivalent is similarly billed as *"the most explosive and competitive team competition in the sport!"*

As in any sporting confrontation that features matches between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales the will to win is never an issue! No other competition attracts so many World, Commonwealth, British Isles and National Champions who are selected within each country's 24 member teams.

This event will **attract over 800 people per day** for the International Series events and your help, as 'real' people living and working in the many surrounding neighbourhoods, can assist with promoting the event through the community. The organisers also hope to run other events over the next year which will be televised and therefore put the Indoor Bowling Club, the Stanley Area and the North East Region in the national and international spotlight.

Darren Critchlow of the English Indoor Bowls Association added that "winning the Annual International Series is the most prized team achievement in indoor bowls and we hope that the people living in and around Stanley of all ages will be a part of it". Watch out for further announcements and in the meantime check out <http://stanleyibc.co.uk/index.html> or phone 01207 236941 for more information.



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING: Families First
 Team are friendly advisers who are here to help you, your partner or a family member find the right path into work. The team are based in the Town Council's Offices (at: 57-61 Lenin Terrace, South Stanley which some people may know as the former 'Green Corridor' building).

If you live in Stanley, we can help you find work. We can support people with their job search, help with job applications, offer support and coaching for interviews, and help with financial 'in work' support.

You may have some concerns as you begin to think about returning to work after ill health, being a full time mum, you may have been made redundant or you may be considering retraining so why not **call us for a chat** over a cup of tea/coffee and meet one of the team!

We are available on freephone **0808 178 1898** or **01207 693812** and can also be contacted at: **Housing Office, Front Street**, Stanley on Monday 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm; **Annfield Plain Library** on Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.00pm; **Stanley Primary Care Centre** on a Thursday 10am to 12 noon and Friday 1.30pm to 3.30pm, and; The **Bridge Enterprise Centre** on Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

INFORMATION, SERVICES AND THE ECONOMY: Prince Bishops Credit Union is a **Community Bank** which encourages people to save and help manage their money allowing them access to affordable loans, instead of dealing with the typical doorstep lender.

Research shows if a typical low-income household borrowed from a credit union instead of a loan shark £500 could have been saved in debt repayments. Christmas 2009 was the worst in a generation, as more residents had been targeted

by loan sharks and many will still be in debt in the run-up to Christmas this year.

It doesn't have to be like that, why not **Budget to Save** in Prince Bishops Credit Union each week/month and set goals for the year such as Christmas, holidays or unforeseen expenses etc.

The Credit Union is regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) and savings are protected by The Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Members receive **free Life Insurance** meaning in the event of their death beneficiaries will receive double their savings (up to 64years) or their savings +25% (65-79years). All outstanding loan balances are covered by the insurance.

Councillor Jean Carleton, an active supporter of the Credit Union said **"anyone can join** and we encourage children from a very young age to do so to enable them to understand and manage their money so they don't fall into the hands of doorstep lenders, illegal loan sharks or anyone charging high rates of interest".



See how quickly your money will grow once you save with the Credit Union by contacting: Lesley Richardson, Manager, Prince Bishops Credit Union, 01207 593443; Debbie Benfold, 01207 59345, or; Lynn Reay, 01207 593445. Alternatively please call into our office between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday at Glenroyd House Medomsley Road, Consett, DH8 5HI.

Stanley Town Council's Priorities:

CRIME, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW **NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SERVICE**

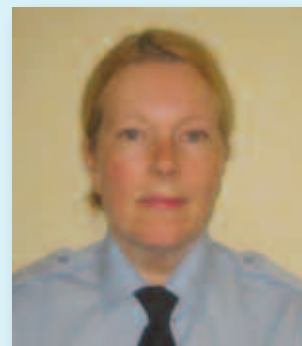
Hi, I'm **Peter Fearon** (**Neighbourhood Warden Team Leader**) for the team

of Neighbourhood Wardens covering the whole area in and around Stanley.

This new service is based on similar examples elsewhere in the county which

have been very successful and popular with local residents. Stanley Town Council has enhanced the service that the County Council is able to provide by funding an extra five front line officers which means that, along with myself, there are eight of us in total.

Whilst we will of course operate as a team, the fact that the Town Council has more than doubled the size of the service means that each warden will be responsible for patrolling a specific area based on the Town Council's electoral 'wards', as follows:



Andrea Hodgson
(Tanfield Warden)



Geoff Knight
(Annfield Plain Warden)



Chris Brown
(Stanley Hall Warden)



Jason Collins
(Catchgate Warden)



Leigh James
(Havannah Warden)



David Donnelly
(Craghead & South Stanley Warden)



Stuart Champion
(South Moor Warden)

Once the wardens have completed the training programme that is currently underway, their duties will include dealing with **dog fouling, littering, fly tipping, abandoned and untaxed vehicles, fly posting, untidy gardens and yards**, and low level **anti-social behaviour** including youth nuisance.

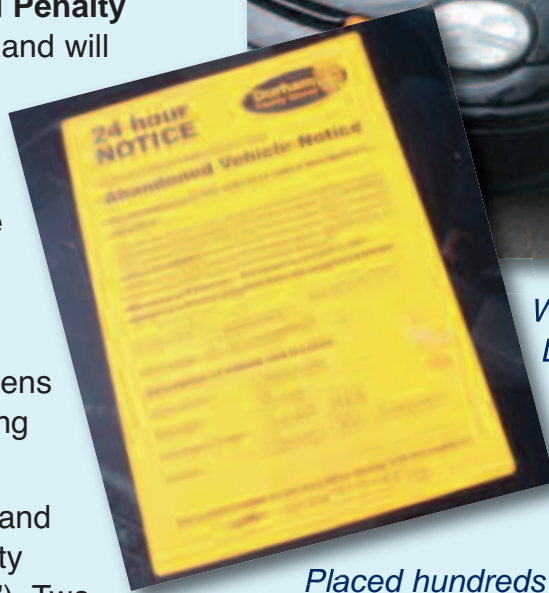
They will be able to issue **Fixed Penalty Notices** for the above offences and will also be able to **seize alcohol** and **tobacco** products from juveniles.

The wardens are **patrolling the area now** and **can be approached by anyone** who wishes to speak to them about problems in the area. The Wardens can also be contacted by phoning (01207) **693693**.

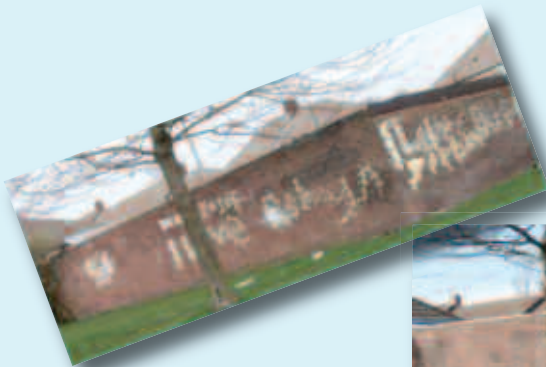
So far two wardens are trained and authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (often known as 'FPNs'). Two FPNs have already been issued in Stanley for failing to clear dog faeces, and; littering. Lots of other action has also started so that the service can 'hit the ground running' as it were. A few examples include:



Working with the Driver Vehicle Licencing Agency (DVLA) to arrange the removal of an untaxed vehicle from the Town Centre.



Placed hundreds of Dog Control Order signs reminding people to clean up after their dog and the possible cost of failing to do so.



Arranged for graffiti to be cleared from various locations.



Carried out numerous high visibility patrols to get to know the community and the key issues affecting each area.

Clearance of an untended footpath.



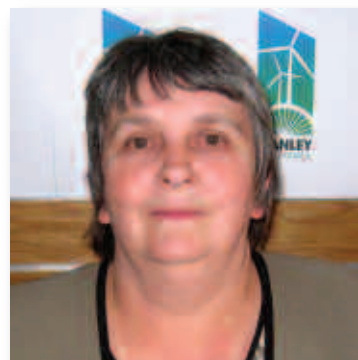
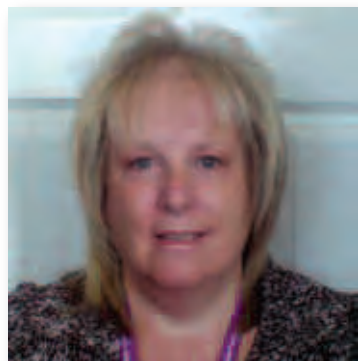
INSPECTOR CATHRINE TALKS ABOUT ONE OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL'S TOP PRIORITIES: CRIME, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING

"This has been a very successful year for Stanley in terms of crime reduction and detection. Overall we recorded 16% less crime than the previous year and our detection rate rose to 35% which is 5% higher than both the previous year and the Force target.

It is difficult to attribute this success to any one operation or event, but there have been some very successful and innovative ones this year.

Operation Natron in South Moor last year, which aimed to decrease the incidence of crime and the fear of crime in that area after some high profile incidents involving firearms, was a multi agency operation involving the police, Derwentside Homes, Fire and Rescue, and Durham County Council to name but a few. By targeting prolific offenders, problematic tenants and persons committing anti-social behaviour and tackling environmental issues of concern, crime and reports of anti social behaviour dropped significantly and contribute hugely to the overall crime reduction.

Operation 'WAYS' (We Asked, You Said) in Annfield Plain over the last few months sought to identify the issues of concern to the residents and tackle them directly with our partners.



Councillors Michelle Hodgson and Joan Nicholson were heavily involved in this operation from start to finish. Issues such as youth nuisance, litter, fly tipping, nuisance dogs, and environmental issues connected with some businesses have all been addressed as part of this operation which culminated in a public meeting on 10th March.

You may have read in the press about Operation NIMROD which took place in Stanley on 31st March 2010. This intelligence led operation targeted known drug dealers operating in Stanley and the early morning raids, witnessed by invited members of the public and several Town Councillors, netted 13 suspects all of whom have been



charged with drug dealing offences. Some are currently remanded in custody until their court appearance. **This operation started out as a little bit of information from the public, which was developed over months leading up to the day of action. Please continue to feed in your suspicions to us, we will always act on any information supplied.**



You may have started to see police officers and community support officers on bicycles in the community. Most of the beat team have now been issued with cycling equipment and bicycles and are already enjoying the health benefits. I hope you agree that this is an excellent way to combine visibility, approachability and mobility.

Community Speedwatch is now in Stanley and has already been trialled in Burnopfield where it was very well received. This will be on the streets regularly over the next few months, particularly where a community has identified speeding as a priority at a local **PACT (Police And Communities Together)** Meeting.

Full details of the PACT Meetings for the rest of the year and the current PACT priorities can be found on our website at www.durham.police.uk/stanley

Amanda Cathrine

Neighbourhood Inspector



Useful numbers

- Alcoholics Anonymous: 0845 769 7555
- Be Enterprising: (Setting up a new business) 0800 030 4134
- Bereavement Support 01207 500 910
- Care and Repair: 01207 581 391
- Citizens' Advice Bureau: 01207 218845
- Connexions: 01207 502 795
- Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111
- Derwentside Employment Team: Freephone 0808 178 1898; employmentteam@derwentside.gov.uk
- Derwentside Homes: Emergency 08458 505 600;
- Derwentside Volunteer Bureau: 01207 218 855
- Emergency – National Gas Service: 0800 111 999 (if you smell gas)
- Food Co-op: 0794 454 4583
- GamCare (Gambling dependency): 0845 6000 133
- MacMillan Cancer Support: Freephone 0808 808 2020
- Neighbourhood Police: 0345 60 60 365
- Victim Support: 0207 735 9166; Victim Supportline: 0845 30 30 900

STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Town Council meetings are open to the public.

Notice of meetings and the Agenda to be covered are published throughout the area including local libraries.

Regular monthly meetings of the full Council (known as 'Ordinary' meetings) are held at **6.30pm** on the **second Tuesday** of the calendar month, (57-61 Lenin Tce).

Meetings of the Communications & Events Committee are held at 5.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month, (57-61 Lenin Tce).

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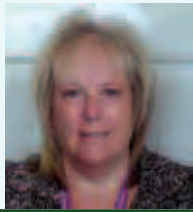
- Crime & Community Safety;
- Planning, and;
- Finance & General Purposes

Committees are scheduled as and when the need arises.

Know your local town councillors

Your council is committed to improving your area, improving the quality of life and developing a sense of pride by working together to ensure that our actions reflect your priorities...

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