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Unit, Neighbourhood Watch and Birstall Parish Council is a starting point to reduce anti-social behaviour within the parish. We need your help in reporting acts of antisocial behaviour/crimes within your village to the Police. The Police can only respond if they are aware of the issues. In addition we need you to notify Charnwood Borough Council when you see graffiti in order that it can be removed promptly."

He added: "Birstall Parish Council have a representative on the Police Joint Action Group and are happy to raise residents' concerns within this forum if you feel issues are not being dealt with."

To have your concerns raised please either write to the parish council Manager, Birstall Parish Council, Council Office, Birstall LE4 4DH or use the 'village fault reporting form' on the council's website www.birstallparishcouncil.org.uk

The week's events were supported by Charnwood Community Safety Partnership, the Police, County Council Youth Services, the Youth Offending Service and Birstall Village Watch.



Pics: (top left) Michael Adams, Daniel Mayes, Jake Simmons & Joe Dolby took part in a football match on the School Lane playing field. (Top) Dones & Emptea from Kolorblindesignz led a graffiti workshop

Grffiti

BIRSTALL PARISH Council is urging residents to report all graffiti they see in the village.

Following a successful clean up as part of their Environmental Action day last month, the Council wants residents to report all new graffiti to Charnwood Borough Council.

Charnwood will remove graffiti at their cost from shops, businesses and domestic dwellings, once they have obtained written permission from the owner to do so. Offensive graffiti, such as racist remarks, will be removed in 24 hours and 'detrimental' graffiti within seven days.

Grffiti on other premises or street furniture should also be reported to Charnwood who will then take action to have it removed in line with its 'Grffiti Protocol'. This includes cable boxes, post boxes, street signs, lamp posts, canal locks and school premises.

To report graffiti call Charnwood on 01509 634563 or do it online at www.chnwood.gov.uk/pages/graffiti. The website also includes details of the Grffiti Protocol.

Safety slogan

A LONGSLADE student will have his competition winning road safety slogan used on promotional banners across the county.

After watching a thought-provoking road safety play called 'Legal Weapon', young people took part in a workshop and were asked to come up with a slogan for the County Council's Community Speedwatch Initiative – this is a pioneering scheme where local volunteers monitor speeding drivers and forward details to the police.

'Legal Weapon' focuses on a young driver who has an accident whilst speeding and kills his girlfriend's best friend.

The winning entry was 'Having a blast doesn't involve driving fast' which was penned by 17-year-old James Hughes from Longslade College in Birstall.

His prize was £100 towards driving lessons but as James has already passed his test it will go towards 'Pass Plus' lessons instead. Pass Plus builds on the 'learner' lessons and can help in reducing insurance costs. He also received £25 worth of cinema vouchers.

The banner featuring the winning entry will be used at many County Council events including 'Young Driver Days' that help new drivers improve their skills and confidence.

To learn more about Community Speed Watch visit www.bealocalhero.com

The runners-up were: 'If you lift off the gas the longer you'll last' by Tom Darlinson, also from Longslade College, and 'Life is a story,

don't make yours a short one' by Tom Boden from Oadby Beauchamp.

Being recorded by a Speed Watch volunteer does not lead to prosecution – drivers receive a warning letter from the police instead, and the scheme helps towards underlining the community's commitment to getting drivers to behave responsibly towards others and reducing their speed.

Pic: James Hughes (left) with Mike Wilson, Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator

Free DVD

BORROW A DVD, CD or a talking book for free at Birstall library before March 6.

Leicestershire libraries have been running this offer since February – to get your free loan you must borrow six books at the same time.

The April issue of **THE BIRSTALL POST** will be published on Mar 28. The copy deadline is Mar 13.

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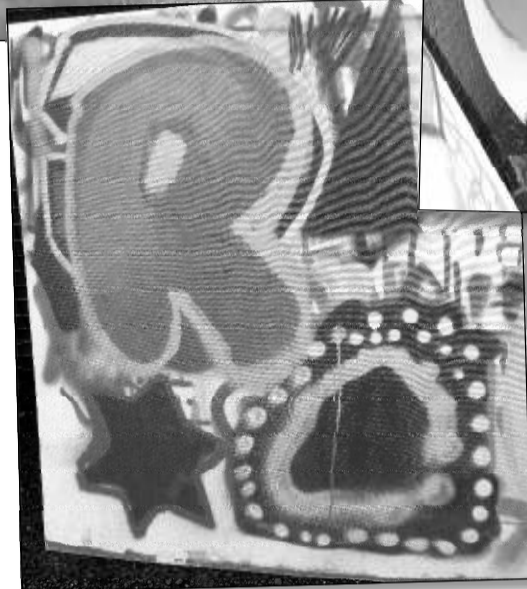
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Parish Council notes

A FULL meeting of Birstall Parish Council was held on February 9.

Six Police Officers attended, including two Special Constables, to update the Council on the actions they have taken alongside other agencies to address problems of antisocial behaviour in Birstall.

It was reported that calls about antisocial behaviour had reduced significantly but the importance of reporting all incidents was stressed, so the police know where to direct their resources. Plain clothes police officers continue to be deployed in the village to identify problem areas, and all the local off licences have been visited – the police say they are pleased with their co-operation.

It was reported that the planning application to erect three detached dwellings on land to the rear of 4-12 Oakfield Avenue had been approved by Charnwood, subject to several conditions.

It was reported that the Parish Council have received a Stepping Stones grant of £5000 for the Sibson Road car park. A Shires Grant of £9800 has also been awarded by the County Council, and £26,800 of section 106 money has also been secured. These are contributions made by developers for community facilities.

Council tax

BIRSTALL PARISH Council's precept for 2009/10 will be £335,298.

This represents a four per cent increase on the figure for 2008/09.

The precept is a component of the Council Tax, collected from rate payers. The Parish Council's budget for 2009/10 is £406,221: the difference will be made up from reserves.

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY Council's council tax will increase by 2.9% for the year 2009/10.

This amounts to a £29 increase in the County Council's share of a band D property, to £1037.

Each year the County Council spends £660 million on services. £335 million is for schools, provided by a direct government grant. £96 million is then provided by the government with the rest collected as Council Tax.

Your final Council Tax bill is made up from amounts levied by Charnwood, the Parish Council and the police and fire authorities.

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