

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

September 09 Newsletter

We'd like to start with our thanks to all villagers who were quick to exchange information recently when suspicious characters were spotted in the village. Unfortunately one robbery did take place but it might have been worse if the Neighbourhood Watch system hadn't operated so successfully. Congratulations to all who helped. If you would like to join, please email melaniegrimsdale@tiscali.co.uk.

As you will be well aware, work has taken place to improve the local road surfaces. We are concerned that on many sections there is already sign of wear with pooling of water which could result in the breaking up of the surface in colder months. We are chasing BCC to get a roads representative out to check the quality of the job. "Yes" it would have been better to strip the old surface and relay it but "No" there was no chance of this happening in the current economic climate. If you have any comments, we would like to receive them.

Bucks County Council continues to inch towards a solution for the problem of HGVs entering the village and ruining the verges when turning round, not to mention the hazard presented when doing so. BCC has designed a sign which should be more obvious to foreign lorry drivers and is currently working through the legislative process to allow these to be erected.

Our new PCSO is Sarah Turner and she can be contacted on 08458-505 505.



Local police have been providing short surgeries in the various parishes with sessions held at the Fox in Ibstone. Their speed awareness campaign has been very successful with visits to local schools. At the end of last term the Parish Council, in conjunction with local PC Claire Marchant, presented prizes to young artists at Ibstone School for their creative speed awareness posters.

We have reported the two broken stiles on footpath 14 to Wormsley Estate and asked them to repair these as soon as possible. We will be making some improvements to the children's slide next to the cricket ground so this might have to be taken out of commission in order for this work to be carried out. Hopefully this will be done in winter months and cause minimum inconvenience.

We are in need of a Tree Warden for Ibstone. Two candidates have already indicated their interest in the vacancy and if you would like to add your name to the list for this voluntary position, please contact our Clerk, clerk@ibstone.org.uk.

Our next meeting is at 7.30 on Monday the 2nd of November at the cricket pavilion. We hope to see you there. In the meantime, we look forward to receiving your comments and ideas.