

Nailsea Newsletter

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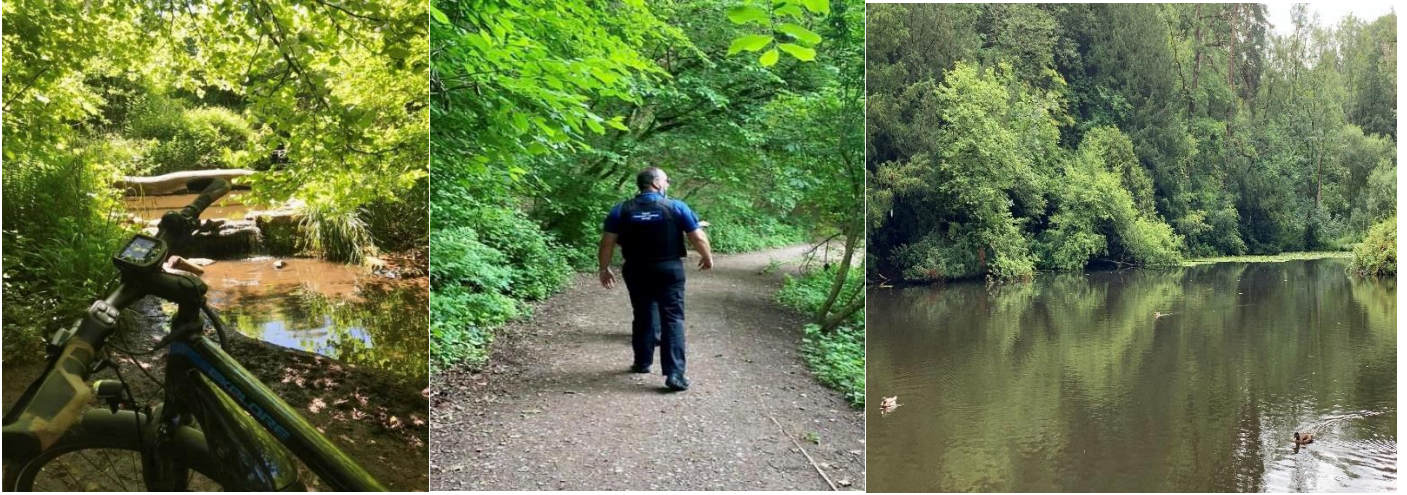
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Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111**

As touched upon in previous newsletters the Nailsea beat team are responsible for covering a very large area as well as the Nailsea beat and to illustrate that the Nailsea beat team have been doing their bit in patrolling Abbots Pool near Abbots Leigh, the popular local beauty spot. Andy, Chea and Amy shall be patrolling the location during the peak Summer period. The pool and nature reserve was closed to the public last summer following increasing concerns for public health and issues with anti social behaviour and environmental damage. Large numbers of people were present, particularly on weekends with many people swimming, ignoring social distancing, dumping litter and using the site as a toilet. This Summer we are seeing a rise in numbers attending and the issues above are rearing their head again.

As a result, while preferring to educate we now have the powers to issue PSPOs (Public Space Protection Orders). They are enforced by designated council staff, police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and other officers authorised by the council. Anyone breaching a PSPO is reported to the council who deal with each offence on a case-by-case basis when deciding the most appropriate action to take. This could include a written warning, restorative justice, a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 (reduced to £50 if paid within 10 days) or, in some cases, prosecution.

It is a shame that this course of action is being taken but it is necessary to protect this location from long term damage and for the enjoyment of the majority of people who treat the area with respect.



We have received an email from a concerned Nailsea resident reference the issue of pavement parking. The below is a sample from that email and illustrates the issues that inconsiderate parking can cause -

“ Pavement parking is a nightmare for people with poor vision, limited vision or no meaningful sight. My friend, ***** who lives in ***** , has to negotiate pavement parked cars almost every time he ventures out. Its already bad enough trying to cope with uneven pavements. ***** can distinguish light from dark but little else. One of his regular routes is ***** Avenue. Following a letter to residents of ***** Avenue a couple of years ago from local police (which I drafted) most residents have risen to the challenge and not pavement parked. Often, with a couple of notable exceptions, it is largely tradesmen visitors who cause the obstruction. There are other locations which have meant that ***** has had to reduce the range of his travels “.

The issue of pavement parking is a grey area as the Highway Code states -

“You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.”

The key word there, if you live outside of London, is ‘should’. It is an advisory term indicating there is no specific law governing pavement parking.

The offence is driving on the pavement but we do have the powers to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for vehicles causing an unnecessary obstruction and we have issued these in the past.

We prefer to educate with the issue of pavement parking and we would appreciate the support of Nailsea residents in raising awareness of the issue with friends, neighbours and visitors.



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Our colleagues Sue and Julie enjoyed a very busy mobile Meet Us Talk To Us at the Farmers Market on June 19th.

We shall be announcing further Meet Us Talk To Us events on our Facebook page above. If you have not already visited our Facebook page please do so as it will give you an insight into the work carried out by all the beat teams.

PCSO's	Area Covered
<p>Nailsea Beat</p> <p>PCSO Andy 7268 PCSO Amy 6398</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nailsea - Wraxall
<p>Redwood Beat</p> <p>PCSO Connor 9382 PCSO Olivia 9473 PCSO Chea 7280</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flax Bourton - Abbots Leigh - Barrow Gurney - Dundry - Failand - Felton - Ham Green - Pill - Long Ashton - Winford
<p>Backwell Beat</p> <p>PCSO Sue 8471</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backwell - Cleeve
<p>Yeo Vale Beat</p> <p>PCSO Kate 7948 PCSO Julie 9779</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congresbury - Writton - Langford - Blagdon - Hewish - Puxton