

## Community Ranger

The Parish Council pays for a Community Ranger service which is provided by Group Response security who run other, similar schemes in the city. This service patrols the area at night and acts a bit like a neighbourhood security guard, dealing with low level nuisance problems such as noise and minor acts of antisocial behavior. This service is not intended to be a replacement for the police, who often work jointly with rangers in York, but to provide support for members of the public who may experience problems which they think are too trivial to bother the police with.

The Community Ranger control room can be contacted on (01757) 213270.

## The Parish Council

The Parish Council was saddened by the recent resignation of Paul Webster who had been a Parish Councillor for several years. Paul will be sorely missed by the council, but his departure means that the council now has a vacancy. Would you like to become involved in shaping the future of your area? If so this could be the opportunity for you, The Parish Council is non-political and open to all residents over the age of 18. Contact the council clerk or a member of the council for more information.

**CLIFTON (WITHOUT) PARISH COUNCIL**

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# POLICE SPECIAL



Clifton (Without) Parish Council invites you to join us as we call on the cops for this special Police edition newsletter. We contacted our very own Dixon of Clifton Green, PCSO Robert Milliner, with some questions about policing in our area...

We understand that policing in the city is divided into separate areas each with dedicated community policing teams. Which area is Clifton (Without) in?

*“Policing in the city is divided into three areas, Central, South and North. Clifton (Without) is part of the area of York North.”*

We seem to be seeing more police on our streets over the past couple of years, is this likely to continue?

*“The increase in Police on the streets over the last couple of years is due to the inception of the Safer neighbourhood teams. These are dedicated policing teams in a specific area working to improve quality of life for local residents.”*

Much of the patrolling now seems to be done by PCSOs. How is a PCSO different from a Police Constable?

*“A PCSO's main duty is High Visibility Patrol, a PCSO is an approachable figure in the community who should be the first point of contact for the public. A PCSO has different powers from a Constable and as such is less likely to be taken away from their duties of patrolling their dedicated area.”*

Over recent years the Parish Council has been keen to encourage Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the area. How important are these schemes in reducing crime?

*“Neighbourhood Watch schemes are extremely important to reducing crime. The SNT team will routinely liaise with Co-ordinators as well as other key community figures to increase public awareness of any community issues.”*

PCSO Milliner went on to tell us about the outcome of the recent ward meeting and passed on information about current crime in the area...

*“The police attended the last community ward meeting which was held on Thursday 1st October. The meeting went well with very few issues raised and a public attendance of over 30 residents. Damage to the play park was raised along with issues of people parking too close to junctions. Other than that the meeting was positive with the police outlining the latest crime data which was as follows:*

*Car Crime is down by -41.67% on last year,  
Domestic burglary is down by -21.05% on last year,  
Burglary other (such as sheds) is down by -19.05% on last year,  
Criminal damage is down by -41.38% on last year.  
Theft is -1.35% down by on last year.  
Overall Crime is down by -13.43%.*

*On an additional note the summer holidays were a success overall with anti social behaviour being kept in check. The previous issues of drunken and rowdy behaviour at Rawcliffe Recreational ground that had been experienced did not occur, and in the main calls for service for youth related incidents were low.”*

On behalf of the community we would like to thank PCSO Milliner and his colleagues for helping to ensure that Clifton (Without) and the surrounding areas remain safe places to live and work.

To find out more about the work of the Police in our area and across the city visit [www.northyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk).

**Got a problem? Don't want to bother the police? Perhaps the Community Ranger can help, see the back cover for more information.**

## What's on in Your Parish?

In our last news letter we told you about the Kenshinkan Karate club ([www.yorkkarateclub.com](http://www.yorkkarateclub.com)). In this edition be prepared take to the water with 1<sup>st</sup> Clifton Sea Scouts. Don't forget your woggle...

## Scouting for Boys (and Girls)

Next year the 1<sup>st</sup> Clifton Sea Scout Group will celebrate 80 years of Scouting in the area. Each week the Group attracts over 100 boys and girls to its meetings at the Green Lane Scout Hut which was established 30 years ago.



During the daytime the hut is used by a number of community groups but on an evening plays host to a huge range of scouting activities including Beaver Scouts for the 6 to 8 year olds, Cub Scouts for the 8 to 10 ½ year olds and Sea Scouts for the 10½ to 14½ year olds. After this, the young people may progress to “Explorer Scouts & Network Scouting” until the age of 25.

So why Sea Scouts when we are 40 miles from the sea? Well the simple answer is that messing about in boats gives an extra edge to the activity programme. Youngsters take part in and learn the skills of canoeing, kayaking, and sailing as well as rowing as part of a boat crew. Plus the disciplines and safety requirements of water activities challenge the youngsters to find out more about each other and develop their own skills.

Many former scouts will remember their camping days and camping is still perhaps the most popular activity of the movement. In camp we are able to put into practice the skills that we have learned. For many, these experiences are the foundation stones of life skills that have stood them in good stead and continue to do so today.

This year the group have been celebrating with other groups nationally 100 years of Sea Scouts and are proud to wear the badge of “Admiralty Recognition”, which they have held for the last 20 or so years, illustrating that they have passed inspections by the Admiralty and reached standards of proficiency over a wide range of skill areas. But none of it would happen without the voluntary giving of time and knowledge of the leaders, who's sole reward is the smile of recognition on a youngsters face as a new skill has been mastered.

**If you would like to join or know more about Clifton Sea Scouts contact Peter on 621471.** We wish you all – good sea scouting.