

West Bletchley Council

Crime and Disorder

West Bletchley Council acknowledges its responsibility in relation to Crime and Disorder as stated in Section 17 of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 in that all Local Authorities including Parishes have a duty to consider the impact of all of their decisions, actions and functions with crime and disorder in mind, aiming to prevent and reduce this.

The Council understands that Anti-Social Behaviour, defined as “Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the perpetrator”, can often impact on residents.

West Bletchley Council recognises the importance of working closely with the Police and other key agencies in a multi-agency partnership approach in dealing with Crime Prevention to create a safer community for its residents. With this in mind the Council monitors crime statistics and looks for patterns and trends to see if it can help reduce these. The Council also uses its speed and traffic recording devices on a regular basis across the Parish in an effort to educate drivers.

West Bletchley Council employs a Community Safety Officer to coordinate its crime reduction work and has carried out a “best value review” to ensure continual improvements in its Community Safety function.

The Council recognises the importance of working with the local community to reduce crime and has successfully promoted the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch, with well over 100 new schemes being established within the Parish.

The Council both acts as a reporting centre for hate crimes and holds regular community events with cultural themes that encourage community cohesion.

West Bletchley Council is committed to addressing the fear of crime and understands the need to improve people’s perception of their local environment to achieve this. The Council works on behalf of its residents to secure improvements in the principal authority’s services. These include: litter picking, graffiti removal, removal of abandoned vehicles, repair of broken street lights, repair of potholes and footpath trips. The council also continues to educate residents regarding dog fouling, weekly waste presentation’s using social media and its newsletter. To address social isolation it has established regular contact points and activities for its older and vulnerable residents.

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