



Streatley Parish Council Newsletter

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Sharpenhoe &
Bushmead

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Happy New Year!

The councillors wish all residents of the Parish a very happy and peaceful 2016

Speed Watch

The Speed Watch campaign is gathering momentum. Two sessions, on 4 and 7 December, identified 35 speeding vehicles in Sharpenhoe Road, the details of which have been forwarded to the Police. Letters are sent to speeding drivers and it is hoped that the visible presence of Speed Watch volunteers will make other drivers think twice about speeding in our Parish.

Your Gritting Questions Answered

Central Bedfordshire Council is the body responsible for gritting roads throughout the Parish and has provided answers to some common questions.

How do you decide when to grit?

We grit when road temperatures are predicted to drop below zero and when the roads are expected to be damp. We receive a forecast from the Met Office specifically tailored to predict road surface temperatures – this differs from other forecasts which usually predict air temperatures. We also use a computer system that collects weather and road information at different sites across Central Bedfordshire.

Why don't you grit the side roads?

We grit the roads carrying the most traffic and the highest risk of accidents. This means just under half of the entire road network in Central Bedfordshire is gritted by us on a typical grit run. You can view a list of roads and a map showing where we grit online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/gritting.

How do I know who to get in touch with when I want to report a problem?

You can log faults and problems online, or you can ring us on 0300 300 8049.

Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor Trevor Hoar is the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the Streatley Parish part of Bushmead. There is a need for distributors throughout the Parish, to distribute leaflets occasionally, issuing alerts or appealing for witnesses to crime. There is also the need for a coordinator for Streatley village, to manage a scheme that already exists. Coordinators, but not distributors, are subject to police checks. Where there is a scheme, members can sometimes get a house insurance discount if they show their insurer the certificate. If you are interested in becoming involved, contact Trevor for more information or visit <http://www.bedfordshire-neighbourhoodwatch.co.uk>

Next Meeting

Monday 11 January 2016 at the Streatley Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm.

All local electors and members of the press are welcome to attend.

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