

Cllr Jackson report – September 2023

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As I reported at the July SBPC meeting, there was a good turnout for the public meeting on July 19th. Subsequently, one of the three chaps who volunteered to get a Bartons Neighbourhood Watch started has had to drop out, but Craig Moss and Luke Ingram are in the process of finalising details. I mentioned to Craig the deadline for the September bulletin, and I was pleased that he gave an update.

SPEEDWATCH

We have had fewer sessions during August and September with holiday commitments etc. I have had useful correspondence with Roger Tyers (Chair of SBPC) and Jane McCrobie, who has collated the data we have accumulated since the new 20 mph limit was started. It will be helpful to discuss at the meeting what role the SBPC envisage for the Speedwatch volunteers.

OCC HIGHWAYS OFFICER

I have always had a splendid rapport with Chris Grain who started as our area highways officer just after I was first elected district councillor in 2018. I have had useful "tours" of the Bartons Ward with him in the past , sometimes accompanied by members of SBPC. In some correspondence with him in August , he informed me that the general role of the OCC highways officers is likely to change in November. He was not sure what this will entail , but it will be disappointing if our area does not have a designated person, if, say, each officer is given a certain area of "expertise", for example. I will try to get in touch with Chris before the meeting to find out if he has had any update on this.

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