

## **Notes on meeting with Andy Wallace, Snr. Housing Officer for NWLDC 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

Andy is very interested in working more with whole communities, rather than just with tenants.

He is responsible for neighbourhoods and enforcement, so deals with litter, ASB, estate management and rent arrears. Another section of his department deals with sustainable tenancies and new tenancies.

Problems regularly reported to him are:

- Litter
- Dog fouling
- Parking on grass verges
- Nuisance from noise

We subsequently discussed litter generally, what we have done regarding litter picking and environmental action days in Grace Dieu Woods, dog fouling on Shrewsbury Walk in particular, pointed out by our litter pick team, and signage regarding dog fouling.

There are likely to be extra signs going up on dog fouling shortly.

There are two more fixed penalty dog fouling notices coming to village residents shortly.

We also discussed residents and tenants associations, and how best FoT could work together on issues affecting the whole village.

He is going to do an editorial for the next Bauble, and will be sending details of tenancy inspections and other things to promote. He also wants us to include on our website details of the tenant contact numbers under the Useful Numbers section, which we will do.

He is going to be our guest speaker at our July meeting.

Following on from London Councils who have reward schemes for youngsters who volunteer to collect litter or carry out clearance/conservation work, he is looking at an area on Dalkeith/Melrose which could become a community garden/youth project area. There is something similar at Greenhill, and it has given kids a focus and improved litter and graffiti problems on that estate. This project could potentially involve the siting of 3 boulders for kids to decorate, but before anything happens, there will be public consultation.

We discussed the restorative justice scheme, and I said that we had been approached over this in the past, and that we won't be minders when doing litter picks, but did mention the excellent work with the Primary School and that we agree that working with kids is the way forward.

Useful meeting and potentially very productive.