

The Town Council have been informed by WDC that the residents parking scheme is due to come in to operation at the beginning of February 2008. Chediston Street is scheduled to be resurfaced on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> February. Permits for all streets affected will be available to purchase from WDC in the latter part of January.

At the Town Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December the Police informed us of 10 reported offences for the month of November, 4 criminal damage, 2 theft, 1 assault, 1 driving, 1 fraud and 1 arson. The detection rate was 33%, 44.9% overall for the sector. There were 2 noise nuisance reported in connection with the HEART Foyer but far less complaints since the change of residents. A new PCSO, Justin Moss will be starting in January 2008 and the Town Council welcomes the addition to our force. The police asked the council to look into better lighting for certain pathways in the Town, and were assured that street lighting is a priority on the agenda.

SCC have awarded a performance reward of £4700 for the long awaited Power points in the Market Place, thanks to Chris Reeve [Waveney Rural Community Partnership] for applying for the funding and winning the bid on our behalf. Also Peter Eyles [WDC] has obtained £2000 from Economic Regeneration and Wendy Mawer [SCC] £2000 from her Locality budget, the Town Council have also applied for £1000 which combined will cover the installation costs of the project.

Early in January 2008 a seat is to be placed in the Skate Park and another removed from London Road and placed outside 98 Dukes Drive, thanks to the generous offer of the site by the property owner.

Several councillors attended World of Planning meetings in the district to find out how they can use Section 106 monies to the benefit of the community and to extend their knowledge on planning matters. All agreed they were well run by WDC and worth attending. WDC Cllr. Mike Ryland assured the committee that despite rumours the Halesworth Swimming Pool will be open in 2008.

The Town Council has written to WDC to express concerns for local residents over the loss of Pest Control Services in WDC as it removes the cap on prices that private companies could charge and their presence helps to underpin the local office building. This action is seen as the thin edge of the wedge.

The next meeting of the Schools Organisation Review will be 22<sup>nd</sup> January 8pm in the Middle school and councillors feel that it is important that the views of parents and teachers are listened to before decisions are made determining the educational future for Halesworth.

The handing over of the Teen Shelter by WDC to the Town Council on 5<sup>th</sup> December was well attended despite the pouring rain.

It has been agreed to purchase a new chain of office and to get the current one engraved up to date.

The weather held off for a talent packed Festive lights, Santa made a special visit to Halesworth to give presents to the children, carols were beautifully sung by Halesworth Middle School and Phoenix Chorale Choirs, then the six winning bands from the Amplifier Project performed their winning songs to an appreciative audience. The CD's of the bands music were a sellout and new discs have had to be cut to meet demand. All helped raise money for the next Amplifier project. The Halesworth Barmaid Calendars were also on sale with every penny of the £7 going to Halesworth Community Nurses Fund and the Halesworth 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, two very worthwhile causes close to our hearts.

A Healthy Happy New Year to all.

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