

# MACKWORTH ESTATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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This is our 5<sup>th</sup> newsletter since the inception of the association and the 4<sup>th</sup> since the inaugural A. G. M, we have over the last twelve months had many highs and many lows, but we are still committed to working with **all** of the residents of Mackworth Estate to maintain and improve the environment in which we live.

We are a non-political organisation, but as residents of Mackworth Estate the elected committee have their own private views on which of the political parties they support, these views are never discussed or shared at any of the committee meetings. At the inaugural A.G.M it was stated that the democratically elected council representatives were welcome to attend the public meetings but, only as residents of Mackworth Estate and not as councillors.

The Mackworth Estate Community Association does work closely with the elected local councillors on issues which affects all of the residents of Mackworth Estate.

The Mackworth Centre is moving along frustratingly slow for all of us, although, the committee has secured the £30,000 to help put the drainage right on the Knightsbridge Recreation Ground which will allow the newly re-formed Mackworth St, Francis football teams a home base. At present there are two teams registered with the leagues in Derby a senior team and an under thirteen team. The youngsters are queuing up to join but unfortunately at present we do not have enough adults to help, so if you feel that you could spare a couple of hours a week and would like to help, please contact Paul Pegg 01332-521595 for more information.

It may look as if we are forgetting the more mature persons of Mackworth Estate, we can assure you that we have not, but until we can get the Mackworth Centre up and running it is difficult to organise or find a venue for activities.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> A. G. M. will be held on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2004 at Christ the King, Diocesans Centre, Prince Charles Avenue, Mackworth Estate starting at 7-30pm prompt, **ALL RESIDENTS OF MACKWORTH ESTATE ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.**

The election of the committee members will take place and anyone wishing to stand as a committee member should in the first instance do so in writing to the secretary Mrs Judy Kelsall 47 Willesden Avenue, Mackworth Estate, Derby DE22-4EZ no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2004.

## Article for Neighbourhood Watch

Hello to the Mackworth Community. I am Sgt Sean Dawson; I am the Sergeant responsible for the Beat Officers that work at Mackworth, as well as Officers who work in Allestree, Morley Estate, West End, Strutts Park and the City Centre Unit.

In total I am responsible for 17 Police Officers who work in the Communities of Derby. My background is that I have been a Police Officer for 15 years, mainly working in the CID arena. I was a Detective in Derby for several years before joining the National Crime squad for 5 years where I looked at Serious and Organised Crime throughout the UK. I came back to Derby last year when I was promoted to the Rank of Sergeant.

What am I passionate about?

I am passionate about dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour in our Communities especially when it affects the quality of life of the residents that live there. I look towards the Beat Officers that work in that Community to target the persons responsible for that behaviour so that they can be dealt with quickly and effectively.

I am very Crime orientated and I also look towards my Officers working pro-actively to combat Crime in their Communities.

How do we do that?

We do that by forging excellent links with the Community, which certainly exists in Mackworth. By working with the Community we are able to quickly identify problem areas. I then look at how we target those problems. Sometimes it is by deploying the Beat Officers in Plain clothes on the estates so that they can be covert in order to gather evidence. Other times we will do observations on an address or area, again to gather evidence but also to arrest Offenders, other times we will use high visibility Policing in order to achieve our Objectives.

Mackworth has an excellent Community Spirit and thanks to the hard work of members of its Community it is a low Crime area. The Links that have been forged by members of the Community and the Police have made it that way. I am always impressed with People who are prepared to put themselves out and stand up to be counted for their Community, and Mackworth has no shortage of those kind of individuals. I don't need to name names, they know who they are. It is my intention and aim to ensure that this continues, Mackworth currently has two excellent Beat Officers PC Darren Rumbelow and PC Rachel Knibbs and before long it will have the return of one of its Favourites PC Dave Wilson.

Dave is currently helping PC Kris Sekhar on the Morley Estate to deal with some problem issues there. They are currently having a good effect on that Estate and hopefully we'll get Dave back to Mackworth before too long.

Over the past six months as a Beat Team we have targeted several individuals on the Estate. We have executed up to twenty Drugs Warrants and arrested several individuals for various Offences from Drugs to Burglaries. We are able to do this because of the support of the Community and long may that continue.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Police Role in Mackworth or any ideas about how you think we can do things better, as an Organisation the Police do not have the monopoly on good ideas.

Thanks again for your support

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