



Stay Vigilant, Stay safe

OCTOBER 2018

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

AS TARRING'S "PICNIC IN THE PARK" AND OTHER LOCAL EVENTS COME UNDER THREAT!

As our regular readers and attendees at the Tarring Community Forum will be aware, this years Picnic in the Park, had to be cancelled due to a lack of volunteers. It is hoped that this popular and well attended event will be reinstated, next year, but this cannot happen without community participation. **We are looking for new faces to join us in bringing this wonderful event back to Tarring Park in the near future and to feature other exciting Community Events in the New Year.**

Please come along to the next TCForum at 7pm on 9th October and help us to plan for 2019, we want lot's of new ideas and lots of volunteers to help us get things started.

Even our community litter pick has seen fewer numbers of late



COME ON TARRING - SUPPORT THE MONTHLY LITTER PICK

TARRING PARK LITTER PICK

10am SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER



Whether you use the Park to; Walk the dog, have a 'kick about' in the MUGA, take the kids to the Play Area, have a little light exercise, or just get a breath of fresh air ***Come along and give us a hand!***

CHURCH HOUSE GARDENS

Our friends at the **Tarring Priory Bowling Club** have now installed CCTV to monitor activity around the Bowling Green and Clubhouse and New Signage, intended to address antisocial behaviour within Church House Gardens, has been installed by Worthing Borough Council

However, the requested permission for **TCForum "Friends of Tarring Park" group**, to take control of opening and closing Church House Gardens, has yet to be granted and despite receiving assurances that it is all going ahead, **we await the outcome of Worthing Borough Council's deliberations with increasing frustration!**

RAILWAY CROSSING GATES

Members of the TCForum Traffic Group have had meetings with Network Rail and other Agencies and individuals, in an attempt to get the the bottom of the problems caused by "extended" periods when crossing gates are closed, ostensibly for "Safety" reasons. **The matter will be on the agenda at the next Forum meeting.**

POLLUTION & WAITING TRAFFIC

Enquiries have also be made regarding the potential environmental impact from pollution caused by the stationary traffic waiting at the railway crossings. Sometimes enquiries, frustrate best intentions and in this case it seems a Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) diffusion tube has been in place since 2006 and consistently shows levels well below the annual mean objective for NO2 (40ug/m3).

Furthermore the pollution trend is downwards, please see the monitor read outs below.

N27 Tarring Road, Crossing	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Annual Mean (ug/m ³)	30	33	28	31	31	27	26	28	24	22	26	25

This however, does not mean residents should not seek to see even better levels.

Again the matter will be given agenda time at the next Forum meeting, so why not come along and make your voice heard.

DRUG LITTER

We can't mention litter, without addressing the latest "Social Media" & "Local News Reports" on the subject. Tarring does not have a "long" history of drugs and drug abuse. It is only recently that we have been coming across increasing amounts of drug paraphernalia.

Police are aware and recent reports from the public on drugs and antisocial behaviour had moved Tarring to the "high Interest" category and was receiving greater police attention (whatever some observers may believe).

Regrettably (probably through frustration) those reports have diminished resulting in a perceived reduction in this type of crime in the area.

However 'achingly' tiresome, Please report ALL criminal or suspicious behaviour. It does have an effect on police resource allocation.

We are working extremely hard to establish a higher priority for Tarring and maybe even a '**Local Action Team**', to focus on the problems, but local reporting is essential.

We also put in a regular "return" on Drug Litter to WSCC, this is based on our Monthly litter Pick and until recently we have had 'nothing' to report.

Unfortunately we are seeing fewer people at the litter pick and we need a good turn out "every time" to ensure we properly cover the Park, Gardens and Church Yard, to post genuine returns.

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

An Education ?

There's little point talking about this if no-one knows what you're talking about!

So, just what does constitute drug paraphernalia?

Please keep an eye open for small plastic bags approx 30mm square, gas canisters, syringes and balloons all of which constitute drug paraphernalia and are used in drug abuse.



Tarring Community Forum regularly provide statistics on these finds to the Safer Communities Agency.



Please report these to us, giving position, type and quantity, on worthingnhw@gmail.com

Hypodermic syringes MUST NOT be touched but reported direct to the Borough Cleaning Services on 01903 851729



**We look forward to seeing you at the next TCForum
7:00pm, Tuesday 9th October 2018
West Worthing Baptist Church Centre, South Street
Come and meet your local Councillors and NHW Coordinators**



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL OPEN MEETING AND AGM 2018
OFFINGTON METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH FARM ROAD, BN14 7TN
WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER – DOORS OPEN 6:45pm for 7pm**