



Brian Hill: NAG Chair, Princess Risborough, and has been involved for the past two and a-half years.

“I am proud because we have managed to tackle anti-social use of cars and related behaviour that used to be a nuisance.

“In a bid to be free from anti-social behaviour we have used Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in the area – and the majority of them work.

“We have also managed to encourage students from the Princess Risborough Upper School to join. They bring a youth perspective into the NAG”.



Anna Palfrey is a secondary school student and a member of Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Action Group.

“I think, through joining the neighbourhood action group, I have become closer to the community and feel as though I can make a difference in my local area and benefit the people around me.

“Adding to this, I have become more confident in voicing my opinion. I also feel I am helping build relationships between young people and adults; in the NAG I provide the opinion of young people in the area”.



Martin Carter has been the chair of the Haymill Neighbourhood Action Group since May 2008.

Apart from taking action on local issues like campaigning to save the post office Martin, is working with the council and police to find solutions to parking concerns, safety issues and anti-social behaviour.

“I particularly like the NAG because there is a real focus on the word ‘action’. We believe that instead of just fixing problems over and over again, we need a clear strategy and then clear action to change things for the better and that is exactly what we are doing as a team”.

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Neighbourhood Action Groups

Working in partnership to make our community safer



What is a Neighbourhood Action Group?

A Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is a multi-agency problem-solving body focused on tackling the top three priorities as identified by the community.

NAGs are made up of volunteer representatives from the community. They bring together organisations and partners like residents, the police, local authorities, businesses and schools and normally meet every 4 – 6 weeks.

They are key to the success of neighbourhood policing. They plan on behalf of the community and organise tasks to be completed. This improves community safety and reassurance and reduces crime, disorder and disproportionate fear of crime.

Who can get involved?

A NAG should be representative of the different communities in the neighbourhood. In particular, those who are under-represented, such as young people and the disabled, are encouraged to join.

Apart from a wide community representation, a NAG will benefit from a broad range of skills and experience on the team. Administrative, organisational, practical and communications ability will all be valued highly.

People who represent others are also welcome. They bring a lot to a NAG, for example, a member of a Residents' Association can put across the views of this organisation and will bring the added benefit of a group of people able to help with doing some of the work.

Members will be agreed by the NAG. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact your local neighbourhood team.



What's in it for me?

You and people from a range of organisations will be heavily involved in making your community safer and a better place to live.

As a member of a NAG you will be able to influence decisions about your neighbourhood and public service.

Ultimately you will have a real ability to change things for the better in your local community and gain a sense of satisfaction from doing so.

Voluntary work of this nature also looks excellent on your CV and can demonstrate all kinds of skills to a prospective employer.

If you are attending as a locally elected representative, it is a great opportunity to engage with your community, take action on their behalf and help co-ordinate the work of the council with that of other organisations.



Neighbourhood Action Groups

To find out more about neighbourhood policing and the work of the many NAGs already in existence, please visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk and visit the neighbourhood policing pages. For information about getting involved please call 0845 8 505 505 and ask to speak to a representative from your neighbourhood policing team or visit your local police station.