

## **9 September 2007 – Press release for immediate use**

### **Busbridge Community Forum to consult with new Waverley Chief**

Busbridge Community Forum is to hold a consultation with Waverley's new Chief Executive, Mary Orton. This will be the main item in the Forum's meeting on 19 September 2007 to be held at 7 for 7.30 PM in the Holloway Hill Sports Association Clubhouse.

Mary Orton has already declared herself to be the new broom that Waverley's administration needs by telling the national press, "I'm especially keen to make sure that residents in Waverley are confident that the council listens to them and that we tailor our services to meet their needs. We may need to re-structure some of our services and will carefully monitor performance and efficiency."

Forum chairman Mike Harrison said, "The pattern of this meeting follows on from the success of our consultation with Surrey's Highways Manager for Waverley earlier in the year. I hope Forum members will raise their most challenging questions at the meeting – we've been given a chance to put our point of view while policy is in the melting pot. It really is a great compliment to the Forum that it has been given a slot in Ms Orton's busy diary."

All Forum meetings include a discussion of priorities for police work alongside the main item for the evening. Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC Peter Harris will attend and is expected to be asked to address the increasing evidence of cannabis use in the open spaces of the area. It is hoped that this will lead to some further collaboration between police, local authority and residents to curb youth misbehaviour in our parks.

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#### **Notes to editors**

Busbridge Community Forum was founded in October 2006. It serves an area in the residential streets to the south of the town of Godalming, covering the districts of Busbridge, Holloway Hill, Crownpits and Bargate Wood. Residents can exchange information and express their views to the authorities through the forum.

Forum meetings are held approximately four times a year and there is also a lively exchange of views by e-mail. Residents can sign up for an e-mail list.

The forum is independent and non-political. It does not serve sectional interests or seek to usurp the function of other organisations within the area. Its function is to provide a focus for inclusive community action and help residents communicate their views to the authorities, including councils, the police, Royal Mail, road authorities and licensees in the area.

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