

# The Wychwood

**T**HE AREA OF THE WYCHWOODS is a very pleasant one in which to live, and through the magazine we are given constant reminders of how much people contribute in time, expertise and money for the benefit of others. A superb community spirit exists, but I do not understand what happens to us when we get into a car, see Police Notebook, (which had to be moved from its usual p. 2 to pp 27/28).

Why do we speed through our villages? The last speed check revealed that local residents were the main culprits. We agonise over which traffic calming measures might help, which incidentally have to be paid for by local councils, when the best and cheapest answer lies in our own hands – stick to the speed limits. Why is it so difficult? If every one of us decides not to speed, that is all it takes to reduce accidents, save lives and money. Maybe the Speedwatch scheme described by PC Dave Rich will help.

In July a happy gathering assembled at the Beaconsfield Hall to open Shipton's new skateboard ramp. The young people who initially came to the Parish Council to request somewhere for a skateboard facility have been very patient and worked hard with Malcolm Cochrane to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

We were also very pleased to receive a Shipton Directory which will be in the next issue.



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