

## Crimestoppers

### Stronger Communities make Safer Communities

A **Neighbourhood Watch refresher event** is taking place on **Thursday 23rd October** at **West Oxfordshire District Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney**. Neighbourhood Watch has changed significantly over recent years and today's members are making their voices heard on important local issues connected with neighbourhood policing. There are currently 600 members in West Oxfordshire and we hope to attract more residents to join. Membership is completely free and crime-alerts, tailored to your neighbourhood, are distributed by Thames Valley Police.

The event runs from 7pm to 9pm with information packs to take away.

The Neighbourhood Action Group has run a competition in the **Wychwood School** after a number of complaints about bad parking and speeding cars outside the school. Pupils designed a poster and the winning entries will be printed and used to raise awareness of these issues that affect us all.

### Who's My Bobby?

[www.whosmybobby.co.uk](http://www.whosmybobby.co.uk) is approaching its second anniversary. We would like to hear your opinions on the website, which we are constantly reviewing. All completed surveys will be entered into a free prize-draw to win £50 of WH Smith vouchers. The closing date is **Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2008**.

The link to the survey is on the homepage of [www.whosmybobby.co.uk](http://www.whosmybobby.co.uk)  
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### Selling at the Door

Pedlars require a certificate from their respective police force to sell their goods from door to door. Pedlars from Nottingham have recently been operating in this area, one without a valid certificate.

This is an offence.

If you are visited by a pedlar please inform the police on: **0845 8 505 505** so that they can check their documentation.

## Shopmobility

**Witney Shopmobility** is based in the Langdale Gate building, which is close to the car park in Witney Town Centre and is open on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 4:00pm**. Dedicated parking spaces for those with disabilities are adjacent to the building and there is a bus stop for the Dial-a-Ride service.

Manual and powered wheelchairs and powered scooters can be hired free of charge. They can be used by anyone with a mobility difficulty as a result of age, accident or illness.

Trained staff are on hand to advise and help users and Manager Robin Brookes explains:

*“The wheelchairs and scooters are incredibly easy to use and our customers are all ages. The youngest we've had was nine years old and our oldest customer, at 103 years old, is one of our regular users.”*

For information or to make a booking telephone: 01993 864787 or email [shopmobility@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:shopmobility@oxford.gov.uk)