



Wixams News

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Lack of funding for Bedfordshire Police WILL affect policing in Wixams. Sign the petition now!



Source www.express.co.uk - UK budget cuts 'causing a national security crisis' warns police chief

Bedfordshire has the fourth worst gun crime statistics, fifth highest for robbery and burglary, and the seventh for knife crime

The Prime Minister took time to praise Bedfordshire Police for doing a "good job" of fighting crime while saving money, but the reality remains that the county has 169 officers per 100,000 people. The national police average is 232 officers for the same population levels and London has a ratio of 388 officers.

Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins has launched an online petition to get the issue debated in the Commons. He says: "This is not about the rights or wrongs of police funding cuts, it is about the fact that Bedfordshire Police is already the worst funded force in the country and is acutely under-resourced in the face of the policing threats it faces. The impact of further cuts to this already anaemic force will be high-risk not just for Bedfordshire but for national security."

Sign the petition at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110333>

Wixams Parish Council



The parish council recognises that crime prevention in our village may well come to the forefront of residents' concerns. As such we are therefore considering the cost of installing cctv cameras in key points around Wixams.

This entails much planning and liaising with various authorities and utility companies, as well as taking into consideration the views of our residents.

We are putting together a working group to come up with an action plan to present to the full council as soon as possible.

Anthony Pedder
Chairman



Parish Council Website

The Parish Council is currently in the process of setting up a website in order to help cascade information to residents in Wixams. We will be working on getting the site up and running and including information that may be of use in the wider community. If residents have any ideas that would be useful to include on the website please do get in touch at wixamspc@gmail.com.



Allotment update

We have received a lot of interest from residents wishing to secure an allotment plot, as such we are now operating a waiting list due to the demand. It is likely that the site will be fully occupied by the end of the year.

At the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed to proceed with forming an allotments working group and 3 allotment tenants came forward to express an interest in helping form this group, alongside 3 councillors. The group will be working together to discuss ideas about the site to bring back to the full Council in the future.

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