

Harbury Parish Council

Statement on Duties of Crime & Disorder Act 1998

Under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Harbury Parish Council has a duty to consider the impact of its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in its area. This includes anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, the misuse of drugs and alcohol, and re-offending.

Harbury Parish Council works in partnership with all relevant authorities including the police, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council to:

- Reduce and detect crime.
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.
- Strengthen community involvement under Section 5(2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the right of town and parish councils to be consulted).

Harbury Parish Council carries out its duty by the following means:

- Inviting the police (Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team) to attend the monthly parish council meeting to exchange information with councillors and residents.
- Ensuring the prompt removal of litter, graffiti, and any signs of vandalism at public open spaces maintained by the parish council.
- Providing street lighting.
- Providing lighting and CCTV at Harbury playing field car park.
- Providing litter bins in public open spaces maintained by the parish council.
- Providing recreational facilities for youth at its playing fields.
- Supporting junior sports clubs and other youth organisations via its grant awards scheme.
- Publishing relevant information on its website and Facebook page to include links to local police initiatives and details of the community forum meetings which include an opportunity to meet the police and vote on local policing priorities.