

PRESS RELEASE

2008/09 CIRENCESTER CCTV REPORT

At a recent meeting of the Council, Cirencester Town Council received CCTV figures from Cotswold District Council.

In 2008/09 there were a total of 342 CCTV related incidents reported which led to 99 arrests.

2008/09	Camera	Third Party	Storenet	Total	Arrests
April	20	11	7	38	7
May	43	13	7	63	7
June	23	10	2	35	5
July	20	0	16	36	5
August	12	1	3	16	4
September	18	0	3	21	9
October	36	0	4	40	14
November	23	2	4	29	11
December	20	0	2	22	19
January	17	0	0	17	9
February	9	0	1	10	4
March	13	1	1	15	5
	254	38	50	342	99

ATM SURFING SUSPECTS CAUGHT

In the first two months of 2009/10 there have been a total of 48 reported incidents involving the use of the town's CCTV system, which resulted in 7 arrests including 4 in Swindon following the identification of ATM surfing suspects in Cirencester.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CCTV

CCTV figures emphasize the importance of providing a CCTV service in Cirencester, towards which the Town Council makes a significant financial contribution.

The Town Council recognizes the importance of community safety in the town following recent incidents and continues to contribute up to £20,000 towards the enhancement of services in Cirencester.

The Council has regular meetings with representatives of the Gloucestershire Constabulary to discuss areas of particular concern which can be focused on and targeted.

SPITALGATE ESTATE, CIRENCESTER

The Town Council has recently discussed the Spitalgate estate in Cirencester, which is an estate that has a number of areas of land that were not disposed of by sale or adopted by

local authorities. There is accordingly concern regarding the responsibility for maintenance and future liability.

The principal concern at this time relates to an unadopted wall which is in a poor state of repair and is adjacent to 48-62 Hereward Road and leads into Spitalgate Lane. The cost of the repair has been estimated at £5,500.

Members felt that all options should be explored with regard to the future liability of the wall and other areas in the estate, but the repair needed to be addressed in the first instance.

The Council has contacted Gloucestershire County Council and Cotswold District Council with a view to each part funding the repair. The Council is pleased that the County Council has identified its support and a positive response is awaited from the Cotswold District Council.

The Council resolved that it would part fund the repair on a tripartite basis with Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council and the future liability of the wall and other areas be considered at a future date.

The Council hopes that the repair will be carried out in the not too distant future and that it can move forward towards identifying a solution to the future liability of the unadopted areas in the estate.

Election Fever in Cirencester Watermoor Ward

A poll for the election of a Councillor for Cirencester Town Council, Watermoor Ward is being held on Thursday, 16 July 2009, between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.

The number of Councillors to be elected is one and three are standing, they are Nicholas Fishlock, David Fowles and Gary Selwyn.

The polling station will be situated at the Bingham Hall, King Street, Cirencester.

Grants Recently Awarded.....Limited Ward Grants Remain Available!!!

The Council is pleased to announce that it has recently awarded the following ward grants: -

- Chesterton Project (£180 grant aid towards the cost of hiring a local hall for its meetings)
- The Living Memory Historical Association (£150 grant aid to assist in sustaining their work at their premises in Sheep Street)
- Subway Group (£150 grant aid towards the paint, etc., for the designs enhancing the subway at Chesterton)

Further ward specific grants are available and if anyone is interested in applying for such a grant they should contact the Customer Information Point on 01285 655646 for an application form.

Latest Newsletter

The Town Council's latest newsletter [has been](#) distributed to all residents in Cirencester – if anyone has not received their copy please pop-in to the Customer Information Point at Dyer House, Dyer Street, to pick your copy up, alternatively phone 01285 655646 and we'll be happy to post a copy to you.

Our newsletter is the way in which we are able to communicate with the local community, to keep everyone up to date on what we are doing on their behalf and to advertise meetings which the public are able to attend and participate in.

The Council continues to take seriously the needs and aspirations of everyone who lives, works or goes to school/college in Cirencester – if you have a concern or compliment please let us know.

Further information on any of the above issues can be obtained from the Council's Customer Information Point on 01285 655646.