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Hello and welcome to Edition 8 of the South West (Swindon) Warden Resource Centre Newsletter.



We Wish you all a Very Happy Christmas  
and  
Prosperous New Year 2006

**Lynn Jarvie – Training Officer**

I joined the South West Warden Resource Centre as Training Officer in February 2005 after spending the past 16 years in a variety of training and resourcing posts within the Automobile Association and British Gas.

I have experience of designing and delivering training on a range of topics, including behavioral skills such as assertiveness, presentation skills and problem solving, job related skills such as telephone techniques, recruitment skills, business writing and now, of course, warden core training.



In addition I have also worked on a variety of projects introducing new pc based systems, developing selection tools and developing and implementing competency frameworks and linking these to NVQ's and performance management.

Since joining the resource centre, I have been impressed by the knowledge, skills and enthusiasm displayed by all the wardens I have worked with. The dedication everyone concerned with the warden movement displays to their community is incredible and I hope that through providing development opportunities for all our schemes in the South West that the Resource Centre will be able to help everyone make the best use of their talents.

A new Wardens Perspective by Bryan Wood  
Poole Borough Council



After being totally surprised that I got the job, and not being quite sure of everything I would be involved with, I found I settled in very well and the team of people I work with including my boss Ian and Robin the other warden who has been in post about a year, were really friendly.

When I started patrolling around, I found I did get a few strange looks from people but as I have made myself known more, people are more used to seeing me and a lot will stop and chat as they are interested in what I do.

I found making good contacts in the local youth clubs and churches very helpful and a good way of speaking to young people who, after all, are a large part of the job. It is good because you never know what you are going to be doing from one day to the next and it's not just another 9 to 5 job where you feel you are achieving nothing.

It is a good way of giving something back to my hometown of Poole where I have always lived.

Vacancy

The Bournemouth Borough Council Street Warden Team will soon be looking to recruit a new Warden.

If you would like any more information please give Hannah a call on 01202 720511 or 07736114046.  
Alternatively you can leave you details via email

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Becky Dudley is the Warden Team Leader at a pilot scheme started by the Swindon Borough Council in West Swindon and has been in the area for over three months. They are making a tremendous impact on the area and are getting positive feedback. Having found their feet, they decided to get the young people in the area involved. With this idea they teamed along with Freshbrook Church Youth Leader Dave to give a fresh look to the area.



Photo Courtesy The Link Magazine

Becky, together with her team of three neighbourhood caretakers provided the litter pickers, gloves and rubbish bags as well as their services. Dave came along with 25 youths and they divided themselves into two teams. The enthusiastic youths armed with litter pickers and positive attitude were swift in their job and cleared the whole area of rubbish. Within two hours they had gathered such a huge pile that the wardens had to get their van to collect the bags.

Before setting out Chantelle Shand, one of the youth said, *“We want to do this for the good of our community and we’re going to have fun at the same time”*,

Leah Staples added,

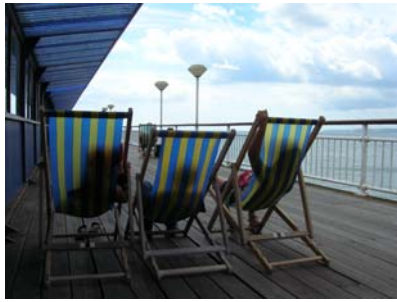
*“Some bits of our community are very messy. Young people care about their neighbourhood and want to do something about it”*.

Residents were full of praise and commended the youths on the splendid effort and pride taken by them in the community.

Dave said *‘they were really enthusiastic about doing something positive for their area; their efforts are a credit to them and they were great to work with’*.

The youngsters were treated to a well-deserved lunch at Pizza Hut after a hard morning’s work. With the help of the local Beat Officer, future events like this are being planned, with special attention to ‘graffiti’ within the area.

Bournemouth Street Wardens  
Photographic Community Art Project



Bournemouth Borough Council Street Wardens had the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to tackle an issue relating to anti-social behaviour. After submitting a proposal for an art project to be based in a central subway they received the full grant.

The photography project, which is currently well underway, has engaged local groups of all ages in liaising with the Wardens to take photographs of their favourite places in Boscombe and Springbourne. One photo from each group will then be used to produce a large image including the groups name and a quote.



The subway, which is to the rear of the Sovereign Centre and next to Boscombe bus station, where the work will be displayed, has a constant flow of local residents and visitors to the area using it. By eliminating the blank canvass within this subway the Wardens hope to deter graffiti artists and taggers from targeting this particular location, raise awareness of the many beautiful locations in the area and also generally make the subway a more inviting and useable space.

The project is now at a stage where all of the photos have been taken and the final layout is being discussed between the Wardens and 'Think Signs' (based on Christchurch Road) who are working in partnership on the project.



The overall project will consist of approximately 12 very large images of areas in Boscombe and Springbourne,



which local people believe should be celebrated for various reasons and will be displayed as a permanent exhibition within the subway.

An exact date for the opening is yet to be finalised but the Wardens are hoping for it to take place during January 2006.

**Watch this space – We will feature the finished subway in the New Year**



## Regional Network Meeting



The next meeting of the South West Regional Network will be held on **13 January 2006 at Taunton Holiday Inn**. Here is a direct link to the hotel web page where you can get your map.  
<http://www.superbreak.com/home.cfm?GroupID=3600&content=hotel>

Date for your Diary for future meetings of the South West Regional Network at Taunton Holiday Inn.

17 March 2006

You can now book training at any time from the comfort of your office desk via our online booking system at [www.cbsrcswind.org](http://www.cbsrcswind.org)



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