

Some notable points from Crawley Question Time, Town-Wide Forum and Older Persons' Forum

Anti-social behaviour: (Crawley Older Persons' Forum) Crawley Borough Council has an Anti-social behaviour management team, dealing with private and council property, for cases of abuse, harassment, noise, nuisance neighbours, misuse of communal areas, drug use, ball games on community areas, dog mess etc.

This can be reported to the Anti-social team at the Town Hall. They work closely with Community Wardens, liaise with Police and other agencies, and they do go out to the nuisance and can often resolve it with the person concerned. The complainant remains anonymous.

Homelessness (C QT) Every homeless person in Crawley is offered a place to go. People come to Crawley because it is said to be affluent. Some passers-by insist on giving to rough sleepers, but it's counter-productive. Charlie from Open House said give to Open House, rather than the beggars. There is a contact number which is available 24/7: 01293 447702

Hospital services (Crawley Question Time) Alan Kennedy from NHS said there would be no full-blown A & E in Crawley. It would be unsafe because there are too few people to ensure sufficient staff in all areas

However, Crawley Hospital is providing more services, and more people are to be treated in Crawley to keep them near home. (Cllr Peter Lamb said he'd had a variety of injuries, all treated successfully by the Urgent Treatment Centre. You do not need East Surrey for everything.)

But people don't know where to go for treatment, said one panellist, and communication especially with vulnerable people is lacking.

Streetscene improvement: (TWF) pilot trials of new ways of working have been successful eg in Bewbush, and now the Council is extending this. The new ways include push mowers, which can be used when ground is soft or wet, replacing old plants in shrub beds with low maintenance shrubs, cleaning street furniture and relocating litter bins.

At **Crawley Q. Time: Trees** and looking after them was raised by John Cooban (tree warden). He said that trees create wellbeing – in one study people gained 7 years life!

Cllr. Peter Smith replied that the tree warden scheme would be revived – the Council is keen to look after its stock of trees.

George Frame, CBC Arboriculture Officer, (at the **Town Wide Forum**) told us about new plan, inspecting every tree every 5 years. Volunteers could map trees in the verges for CBC database. He would like CBC to take over responsibility for all Crawley's trees. Not all trees in Crawley are on CBC land.

CBC will plant with permission from WSCC in WSCC areas. (You can ask CBC to check their system for ownership of land/trees.)

They are asking for local support and monitoring of planting. There is 40% mortality of new trees, most due to vandalism. Most vandalism is from grass cutters and trimmers.