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Leamside News

We hope the information opposite is useful. If you would like to share any feedback, discuss other issues or be part of a Leamside community group, please email:

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or ring/text:

07765450499

Wishing you all a lovely Spring,

Becky (resident)

In light of recent issues in the village, we would like to inform residents of the following:

Antisocial Behaviour

Not something you would expect in a lovely, small, rural village like ours but some of you may have noticed a rise in antisocial behavior from a group of teenagers recently, in particular a group of approximately two teenage girls and two-three boys around the railway line, Low Station Road, Salters Lane and the bend into Pithouse Lane. The teenagers are aged between approximately 12 and 15 years old and can be seen wearing hoods and tracksuits and often riding bikes (the boys).

Reports have included intimidating behaviour, knocking on and kicking residents' doors, playing of loud music and shouting when congregating directly outside homes, repeatedly kicking the postbox/squirting blue product into the postbox, quad bikes/off road bikes, litter and rude, obnoxious comments being made directly to residents in the area.

A group of residents reported the behavior in early January over a series of weeks, resulting in increased police presence and a house visit from our PCSO. This seemed to stop the issues for a number of weeks, however residents have noticed they have started again recently with the male teenagers now also coming down from Linden House on Station Road and West Rainton village.

If you are experiencing antisocial behaviour please know you are not on your own. A group of neighbours regularly watch the area and are vigilant – we would like to ask all residents of Leamside to do the same and report any issue to the following contacts:

Linden House Direct Line: 0191 5842631 * (Staff should be patrolling the area and need to be informed if the boys are causing disturbances in the community on an evening).

Phone: 101 – Durham Constabulary.

Our PCSO for Leamside is PC Shamiul Islam and can be contacted by email on Shamiul.islam@durham.pnn.police.uk

If you can, please also contact Becky (resident) on 07765450499 who is keeping a log of all events and has further contacts with the Northern Erase Team and the police.

* Note: Linden House on Station Road is a care home for young people with behavioural and social difficulties. It is ran by 'Cambian Group' and currently has two young boys housed with them. Craig Cowans is the manager there and has met with Becky to discuss the issues.