

## **20mph Limit**

Local PCSOs Chris Cheshire and Tom Dewberry maintained the effort to reduce the speeds of traffic on the estate last week when they joined WCBC Safer Roads Officer Paul Williams in deploying SID on Hampden Way. SID is a device that combines a speed gun with an illuminated sign which tells drivers their speed. Drivers travelling at the correct speed – 20mph - also see a smiley face, whilst those travelling too fast see a frown. During the hour long operation 36 cars travelled past the SID with 8 vehicles recorded at excessive speed. These drivers were given words of advice by the Officers present. It was noticeable that nearly all the vehicles found to be travelling too fast were professional drivers of buses and taxis, with one travelling at 33mph – more than 50% over the correct speed limit. The exercise is part of ongoing efforts to increase awareness of the 20mph limit on the estate, which is a priority of the Community Safety Group in Plas Madoc. PMCF would like to thank the PCSOs and Paul Williams for their support.

## **Ruabon Gateway Development**

Decision time for the Ruabon Gateway project is not far off now. PMCF is supporting the effort to bring a Sainsbury's store and business park to the area, which will hopefully provide much needed employment opportunities for the surrounding communities, which have been hit hard over the last few months. If you too are in support of the development you need to express your views to your local elected member and also the Chief Planning Officer at Wrexham County Borough Council. If you require help in doing this PMCF can provide a template letter for your use. Please pop into The Opportunity Centre or ring Andrew Harradine on 01978 813910.

## **Environmental Audits**

Each month on Plas Madoc, North Wales Police, Wrexham County Borough Council and PMCF undertake an audit of the local environment and identify issues that need resolving. During the May audit last week the following tasks were shown to have been completed over the last month:

- 3 concrete bases have been installed for new litter bins at bus stops on Hampden Way
- Dropped kerbs in place at Whalley's Way Junction with Peris
- Parking on the grass verge at Oak Road has stopped following a letter to residents
- The previously damaged grass / verge area at Glaslyn has been re-surfaced and is awaiting seeding.

## **Boat naming ceremony- On the Dee**

Plas Madoc Communities First coracle project which is funded through "The Heritage Lottery"-Young roots programme is planning its very own boat naming ceremony, on the banks of the River Dee, during a mini regatta on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. For further information please contact David Gittins on 01978 813914, or call into The Plas Madoc Communities First, The Opportunity Centre, Hampden Way.

## **Early Years Support**

If you live on Plas Madoc, have a child aged 2 or over and do not currently access any services for your child, please contact Claire or Sharon on 813918.

## **Little Sunflowers**

Sharon and the Little Sunflowers staff would like to thank the parents who attended the Flying Start Book Launch. Each child went home with a book they had chosen with their parent/carer and a lovely new book bag. The afternoon started with song time followed by smoothies and fruit kebabs which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Every fortnight Nerys Woodall the Early Years Librarian from Wrexham Libraries visits the Flying Start children and the Rising 3's and 4's children. The children eagerly await the visit and enjoy an hour of colorful stories and fun action rhymes. Nerys is currently organizing a teddy bears picnic for local Flying Start and Early Education settings. For information on all Little Sunflowers services please call Sharon on 01978 813916/01978 812786.

Sharon and Nicola would like to thank the staff of Little Sunflowers for all their hard work and commitment and for the dedication in providing a setting where the children have lots for fun and be involved in new play experiences and opportunities. As the weather is changing the children will be having more outdoor play so it is advised that parents apply sun cream and provide hats to protect them from the sun.

## **Plas Madoc Food Co-op**

Due to the bank holiday Monday, next week's Food Co-op will be held on Tuesday 26 May, between 1:30 – 3:30p.m at The Opportunity Centre on Hampden Way. This week the £3 veg bag contained 2lb new potatoes, 3 onions, 1 ½ lb carrots, a swede and a cauliflower. Come along and place your order, which will be ready to collect the following Monday. Healthy Start vouchers are also accepted as a method of payment. For more information contact Siân Hughes on 813918 or pop into the Opportunity Centre.

## **Carers Support Group**

Do you look after a son, daughter or grandchild, who, because of a disability, special needs and/or sensory impairment could not cope without your help? If yes, then you are a Carer. Working in partnership with Wrexham Carers Service, Plas Madoc Communities First holds a friendly and relaxed Parent Carers Support group every other Thursday between 10:30 – 12:30 at The Opportunity Centre on Plas Madoc, with the next session taking place on Thursday 21 May. Come along and find out what support and information is available to you, people from all areas and of all ages are welcome. For more information contact Siân Hughes on 813918 or pop into the Opportunity Centre.

