

# Action plan is helping to cut crime

CONCERNED residents converged on Ascot Racecourse to set their Neighbourhood Action Group's (NAG) priorities for the coming year.

More than 120 people packed into the Pavilion at the Racecourse on Wednesday, March 11, to meet with the members of the Nag which covers Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale.

Burglary, anti-social behaviour, speeding and parking are still top of the list for the majority of

residents despite the progress made in these areas last year. Inspector Pete Dalton, of the Nag, said: "The vast majority of our success in burglary has been achieved by prevention and by providing advice such as ensuring doors and windows are locked and keys are not left within reach of the letter box.

"The Nag has played an essential role in helping to improve the number of burglaries. They are down by 9.1% on last year's figures.

Shed burglaries are also down by 33% which is again due to crime prevention advice." The organisation posted hundreds of home security advice leaflets through people's doors in a bid to crack down on the problem.

At the meeting people wrote their top three priorities on a number of boards with different headings such as violent crimes, environmental, burglary and anti-social behaviour – and burglary was by far the board

with the highest number of points on it. Royal Borough councillor David Hilton, who is also chairman of the Nag, said: "Although we have achieved an awful lot in a short space of time, Ascot should continue to be a safe place in which we can live and work."

The Nag has also created a website to send out messages and give people the opportunity to communicate back. Go to [www.ascotnag.com](http://www.ascotnag.com) or email [info@ascotnag.com](mailto:info@ascotnag.com)