

Dear Parish Chairmen.

I have been approached by a number of local residents who are adamant that they would like us to have a dedicated beat officer for our Parishes.

Following the meeting that Councillor Mark Ruffell and Edward Belcher had with ACC David Pryde on Monday of this week, it is clear that if we can find the funding for a dedicated beat officer then we can have a dedicated beat officer.

The cost of a dedicated beat officer is open to some negotiation and will be in the region of between £50,000 to £90,000 per annum and we will make an offer dependant on funds that are promised.

We have made significant progress in raising promised contributions but we know that some parishes have put aside some funds specifically to fund a dedicated beat officer.

It is important that this proposal receives "buy in" from a wide section of people. If your parish would like to contribute then please reply to me individually. I am happy for you to forward this email to others.

Kind Regards  
Daphne Taylor  
Chairman, Tunworth Parish Meeting