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## A blooming great display by society at flower show

TEN members of the Midlands Dahlia Society travelled to Shepton Mallet to compete at the National Dahlia Show, run by the UK National Dahlia Society.

The Midlands members were hailed a success winning the coveted Herbert Brown Trophy for the best UK Society exhibit.

Marie Jane Roberts won the Weston Trophy for miniature cactus dahlias as well as both the basket and bowl of dahlias classes. Society president Les Jones was second in the Maurice Lord Cup and second to Marie Jane Roberts in the G.F. Crowley Cup for the Best new British Seedling.

Society chairman Ron Guest, who was also a judge at the show, came second in the Stephen Treseder Cup.

John Digweed came second in the Perpetual Challenge Cup with some of the miniature decorative dahlias he has bred, including Suzanne Marston and Barberry Rio Park varieties.

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# Yob culture is curbed by weekend patrols

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WEEKEND police patrols between 10pm and midnight in the town centre are having the desired effect on keeping anti-social behaviour at bay.

That was the announcement by Sgt Stewart Bosworth of Kenilworth police at the September meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel and Community Forum.

Sgt Bosworth said that high visibility foot and cycle patrols had been deployed within the town centre during weekend evenings.

The priority was for the Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhoods Team to provide a visible presence on at least four weekends, Friday and Saturday evenings, between 10pm and midnight to address any anti-social behaviour issues.

At the meeting it was also agreed that time and money should be spent on cleaning the skatepark in Kenilworth to

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encourage skaters to use the area. There have been complaints of broken glass and graffiti as well as youths hanging around which has deterred young skaters from using the equipment and pushed them to skate in banned areas.

Cllr Pauline Edwards, chair of the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel said: "When it first opened it was an absolutely fantastic facility and now it has gone downhill. It is covered in graffiti."

Panel member Andy Garsed, who helps tackle graffiti in the area, added: "We need to know if the users like the graffiti on there or if they want it to be removed. If they want it removed we have kits that should do the job. Those kits are available for residents to borrow as well should they have any graffiti they want to remove, espe-

cially on homes where fences and brickwork have been targeted."

Cllr Dave Shilton said: "We have got to ask the users themselves. The kids helped raise the cash towards the skate park so it gives some sense of ownership to the users."

At the meeting it was also suggested that neighbourhood watch should be re-introduced into areas that were not already covered by it.

Residents are being called upon to give their views on neighbourhood watch schemes and also suggest new priorities for the area.

The panel identified speeding and anti-social behaviour as priorities to concentrate on during the next few months.

But representatives on the panel are keen to hear the views of residents and what other priorities they should be focusing on.

To offer suggestions contact the team via the website [www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/warwick-district/kenilworth](http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/warwick-district/kenilworth) or call 684404.

## Energy minister opens new offices at SBGI

LORD Hunt of Kings Heath OBE, Minister of State at the Department of Energy and Climate Change, has formally opened the new offices of SBGI in Kenilworth.

Lord Hunt opened Camden House describing it as a "fantastic building" and gave a speech on the Government's approach to the challenges of ensuring energy security and achieving a low carbon society.

The SBGI, a national trade association serving the energy and utilities sector, purchased Camden House earlier this year and - after extensive refurbish-



ment work - moved in during the summer.

SBGI chief executive John Stiggers said: "We are delighted to be part of the business community in Kenilworth and look

forward to sharing our meeting rooms with local organisations. To this end we have joined the Kenilworth Chamber of Trade and will be supporting its exhibition on 24 September."

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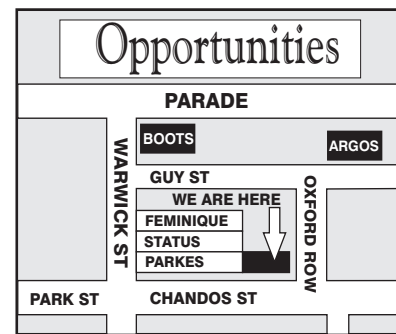
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