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## Rural Vision of Success

The latest Operation Vision “high impact” day took place on Saturday 15 January 2011 and over 100 Bedfordshire Special Constables, police staff, cadets and police officers were out and about in the rural towns of Central Bedfordshire.

Operation Vision aims to find out what local residents’ priorities are and boost public safety, satisfaction and confidence in Bedfordshire Police by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

On Saturday they set up mobile police stations in Shefford and Barton and called at 724 homes in Shefford, Barton Le Clay, Silsoe and Shillington.

Over 100 officers and staff took part in the event including 50 Special Constables, 33 Police staff volunteers and 21 Police Cadets. They asked residents about their local priorities and distributed leaflets highlighting key police contact numbers, police surgeries and “Street Meets”.

Chief Inspector Jim Lunn, in charge of Operation Vision, said: “This was the first Operation Vision in Central Bedfordshire and was led entirely by the Special Constabulary. We received plenty of positive feedback from residents and this gave our Specials and our volunteer staff an excellent opportunity to engage with local people and understand the particular issues facing rural communities.

“The sight of so many yellow jackets on the streets of our rural towns also provided public reassurance that we take their concerns seriously and are working to tackle them in the most effective ways. “

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**Editors Note: Please find attached pictures from top to bottom, of the Mayor of Shefford Mr Paul Mackin, Kay Ferris and Special Assistant Chief Officer Wayne Humberstone.**



**Left to right, Vice Chair of Shillington Parish Council David Simpkins, Special Assistant Chief Officer Wayne Humberstone, Shillington Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and Chair of Shillington Parish Council Sally Stapleton.**



**Left to right, Special Chief Inspector Angela Williamson, Parish Councillor for Barton Sue Waller and Special Assistant Chief Officer Wayne Humberstone.**



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Volunteers walk about in Shillington and door to door.

