

Is the Tardis from the past or the future? Who knows? It is a wonderful device to bring the fantasy of Dr Who's life to the point that children can identify with it – in spite of the fact that they will never have seen a real police telephone box.

The actual development has been the reverse. Instead of everything being able to fit into the Tardis, the police box has become small enough to fit into a pocket.

The pockets belong to Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who are helping adults relate to police work by getting involved with the local community. The phones are used to call for assistance or pass on information.

Jenna is such a PCSO. She and her colleague, James, came to explain how they work and how they can help.

They talked to the members of the computer club about their police duties, methods of work, and their objectives. They gave a tour of the website "ourbobby.com". James is the marketing officer and was obliged to justify his existence – which he did with energy and enthusiasm. He and Jenna set out the main features of their work and invited discussion.

Our members usually interact with the speakers and these speakers might have been a little surprised at how much interaction there was!

Blunt questions were asked about the little local difficulties that abound and members were pleasantly surprised to get positive answers. Each PCSO is assigned a specific area. You can find out who your PCSO is from the website. They organise PACT (Partnerships And Communities Together) meetings with the local community. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Any local issues are identified and a range of actions discussed. Three priority items are noted and progress on dealing with them is reported back at a future meeting.

In this way the PCSO can act as the eyes and ears of the community. To further the togetherness between themselves and the people they serve, they have started a "bobbyknocking" scheme whereby they will be visiting every house, street by street, to get to know the residents.

If you bump into Dr Who locally, you can ask him if his ship could transport all our problems to the distant past. We'd like that.

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