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## Community spirit alive and well in Uckfield? - oh yes!

'Question Time' at Manor Primary School saw over 40 people from Manor Park and Hempstead fields gathered to fire questions at a panel of experts.

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association organised the evening which was hailed as a great success by its Chairman, Paul Sparks.

'I was really pleased to see so many residents turn out for this event. The breadth of topics put to the panel and the level of interest in our community was really very inspiring' said Paul. 'We explored subjects as diverse as the young drivers, crime, fire safety and even dog poo! The panel were absolutely excellent and handled the questions with expertise and good humour'

Parking around the schools in Downsview Crescent at pick-up time attracted a lot of discussion as did the need for a pedestrian crossing, or a crossing patrol, at the lower end of Browns Lane.

The audience also heard about what the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service is doing to reduce the numbers of killed and seriously injured on our roads and the recently introduced on the spot £75 fine just introduced by Wealden Council for dog fouling. Other topics included how to deal with congregations of noisy youngsters and the closure of Uckfield Police Station.

For those that were unable to attend, the Residents' Association has posted a useful summary of the questions and the panels' responses on its website <u>www.manorparkhempfieldsresidents.co.uk/</u>

The panel included representatives from Sussex Police, East Sussex Highways, Wealden Council and the Fire and Rescue Service.

The Association which was formed in November 2012 has 130 paid up members and an active Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/ManorParkResAssoc</u>

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