

**Minutes of the North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association, (NWNHWA)**  
**Meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at**  
**Grimstock Hotel, Coleshill**

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**1. Present**

Tony Hardman (Kingsbury) (Chairman) TH; Phil Bent (Kingsbury) (Treas) PB  
John Andrews (Over Whitacre); Colin Cartwright (Austrey), (Secretary) CPC;  
WCC: Paul Gudger PG; David Atkin (Asst. Sec.) Mancetter; Jane Owen NW South SNT;  
Cllr Marian Humphreys

**2. Apologies**

Brian/Beryl Grix (Austrey); Cllr David Humphreys; Cllr Sue Hanratty  
Keith Woodward (N. Whitacre), (Vice Chair) KW; Jill Mawson (Ridge Lane) JM;  
Cllr David Reilly; Scot Ramsell NW SNT; Carol Cotterill (Shuttington/Rural Watch) CC

**3. Open Forum**

- *Roadshows*  
Tony reported that we have attended 33 events in 2018. Tony is working on the 2019 roadshow dates and hopes to circulate them in the New Year.  
David Atkin commented on how much time Tony has put into organising and attending events. Members thanked Tony for all his hard work.  
NHW will continue to help provide property marking and crime prevention advice. Please try to attend an event if there is one advertised in your area and pick up some property marking pens to enable you to do your own property marking. Property marking helps the Police to get stolen items back to the owner and also helps the Police link an offender to a crime and get a conviction.
- *Core Security Products* Good stocks of Minder Signal Blockers (£3 each). We now have a smaller pouch (£2.50 each) – They are a protective storage pouch. Pouch protects against remote entry / keyless entry signals being stolen from Key Fobs. 'Relay' theft is on the rise. This can occur even when the car key is inside your house. The pouches continue to be well received at Roadshows. We are sourcing a smaller version that will take a single key.  
We have been continuing our support of free items enabling residents to property mark their property and protect themselves from purse snatching. These free items have been funded by the PCC...
- *'A' Boards* – We are now our A Boards to display crime prevention messages.
- *Community Messaging Service* – No update.
- *NHW Support* NWNHW will continue to offer our assistance to the SNT's across North Warwickshire when attending events in local communities. It is hoped that our attendance will greatly improve the link between NHW co-ordinators and also improve ongoing support across the NW area.
- *NWNHW Meetings*: We currently hold 6 meetings across 3 venues and have been reviewing the frequency and venues. Following a discussion, it was felt that 4 meetings per year would be adequate. Members are considering holding a meeting in each SNT area per year. Suggested that meetings should follow SIG/County Meetings. Marian to investigate if we can get local councils involved with any of the meetings we hold. Marian will also try to obtain a list of statutory meetings that are held in North Warwickshire.
- *Venues* – Tony would like to pass on our thanks to the venue organisers where we hold our meetings. A special thanks to the Grimstock Hotel for their support.
- No other items raised additional to those reported below
- *Security Product Price List*: The Security Product price list can be downloaded from our website. New products will be added in the New Year.
- NWNHW – Following the success of house to house visits on new housing estates, we have now obtained more crime prevention leaflets for new builds. We are planning more visits to new properties and will be handing out more of our home security advice packs and property marking pens. We have received positive feedback from residents visited so far. We also hope to hold a series of property marking events.
- NHW to investigate sharing information through local Community Magazines, Parish Councils, Libraries and Doctors Surgeries.
- Residents were asked to continue to report incidents or suspicious activity to the Police as soon as possible as this would help the Police deal with local issues.
- Avoid being a victim of car crime by making sure that you do not leave any valuables or even small change on view. Remove your tools from vans overnight. If you have a shed or garage, consider fitting a shed alarm. These alarms are not expensive but can be very effective.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** Minutes Adopted as presented.

5. **Ongoing Background/Action Points**

**Datalink** These continue to be popular at the Road Shows and have been widely distributed. Sufficient stock for Roadshows.

**Smart Water**

NWNHW continues to offer supplies of Smart Water via a voucher scheme. The new kits will property mark up to 30 items and are available through NWNHW at a cost of £11 each.

**Guidance notes on erection criteria for street signs and application forms for completion and submission to the Highway authority are available on request from Core Group members.**

**Rural Crime Project**

Attended both days of the National Ploughing Championships at Austrey.  
Arranged the two community engagement evenings for residents in North Warwickshire, one was held in Coleshill and the other in Atherstone. Between eighty and one hundred people attended over the two nights which included stands from eleven partners. Good feedback received.  
Coordinated a number of activities for National Rural Crime Action Day which included officers and partners doing checks on scrap yards in our area, off road bike team covering hot spot areas in North Warwickshire and Rural Rugby, teams visiting farms with special packs that we made up, poaching team in hot spot area plus some other visits addressing different issues in rural locations. Good day with positive feedback.  
Presently on a wildlife course addressing the different types of crime involved.  
Working with a number of villages, some will become part of the 'Supported Villages Scheme'.  
Thank you to everyone in North Warwickshire NHW over the year who I have had the pleasure to work with. In the villages, at every opportunity, we promote NHW and during the year with joint meetings and events have engaged with a number of coordinators and assisted in bringing new ones on board.  
Sign posting people to the many security items you provide works really well and has helped a lot of people.  
Well done on all the great work that you do and my sincere thanks goes out to you all. I look forward to continuing our partnership and helping the residents in our area in the next 12 months..  
**Carol Cotterill - Rural Crime Officer - North Warks.**  
NWNHW would like to thank Carol for the above update.

**Warwickshire Community Safety Project Update**

**Targeted Activity:** I've been working with local SNT and WCC's Business Crime Advisor in carrying out targeted activities in Atherstone and the surrounding areas with regards to purse thefts, commercial burglary, residential burglary, shoplifting and ASB.  
**Operation Impression:** This is a youth knife crime educational initiative being carried out within secondary schools and colleges across North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth and Rugby, in response to the national concern around knife crime.  
This operation focuses on educating students to the dangers of carrying knives and the consequences of associated offences.  
A PSP (Problem Solving Plan) led by Inspector Boulton and myself is in place to manage the project.  
Alongside monthly meetings with participating schools, a survey on knife crime is going into schools and all students will be offered the chance to complete; two different educational presentations are to be carried out in each school and depending on the outcomes of the survey and presentations, and each school will get further assistance from Police and other agencies.

Other matters raised at North Warwickshire SIG, Tasking and ASB meetings are being dealt with as appropriate.

**Paul Gudger**  
**Community Safety Project Manager**

**Car Anti Tamper screws - Note: This is an ongoing issue to guard against in that an element of car crime is directed at stealing number plates for criminal purposes. This is an easy crime to counter by using the screws that we provide FREE. An increasing number of people are using the screws for caravan plates too. Use the application form (available on line), copy and pass them around your Watch area.**  
There are still cases of theft arising around the Borough but not focussed on any particular area at this time.  
Tony Hardman is running the scheme throughout North Warwickshire on behalf of the force and the NW Association.  
FREE anti tamper number plate screws are also available at the Coleshill Hub, Coleshill library, Polesworth and Atherstone libraries and through individual coordinators in their watch areas.  
**Need supplies? - contact Tony Hardman 01827 873774 or email [aphardman@aol.com](mailto:aphardman@aol.com)**

**Liaison using the Database.** . Anyone wishing to contact coordinators in their local area should contact CPC who will forward their details to fellow local coordinators for them to respond and make contact. This procedure is necessary to comply with the Data Protection Act, as contact details cannot be freely circulated to other members without their agreement.

**6. Police Update NWN SNT/ NWE SNT – Update received from Inspector Dave Williams**

PCSO Jane Owen was present from the local SNT to provide feedback and answer any questions relating to local policing.

We have received the following update from the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

There has been a fair amount of police activity in and around the Coleshill and surrounding areas in recent weeks and the Police understand the concerns of residents based on some of the recent incidents.

There has been a sharing of information and intelligence between Warwickshire & West Midlands Police, especially where there are links to cross border offenders committing similar crime types. There are periods where North Warwickshire Police will pull together their resources in joint cross border operations to tackle crimes such as vehicle theft and burglaries. North Warwickshire Police has the same working agreement with other bordering forces such as Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.

To provide further reassurance, the Police have been operating a number of high visibility patrols within the North Warwickshire area over the past few weeks with a particular emphasis on Corley/Fillongley areas. They have increased the number of Reactive and Safer Neighbourhood Team patrols. Please keep reporting suspicious persons or activity to 101.

Jane advised that there had been a string of thefts of Vauxhall Corsa Car Parts from vehicles between 6th September and 13th November 2018. Since the 6th September 5 Vauxhall Corsa's have had their passenger windows smashed and the vehicles have been stripped down of the front bumpers, lights, grille, associated wiring and bonnet.

Police are also advising owners of Vauxhall Corsa's to be particularly aware of this latest trend and consider, where available: Parking the vehicle in a secure garage; Parking the vehicle under a CCTV Camera; Investing in a good quality aftermarket alarm with bonnet trigger; Parking the vehicle nose on a driveway, close to a garage or wall to prevent access to the front of the vehicle.

North Warwickshire Police are aware that West Midlands Police are also suffering with a staggering increase in these incidents and they are working cross border to identify those responsible.

PC Scot Ramsell is creating an article for the Coleshill Post and creating a leaflet to offer advice on vehicle crime prevention.

Tony Hardman asked Jane to pass on our thanks to the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and thank everyone for all their support.

**7. Treasurers Report NWN Account Balance as at 7th November 2018: £8062.07  
PCC balance £360.03  
Councillors Fund Balance £1318.20**

The PCC funding is allocated/spent in accordance with the basis set out in the submitted bid.

North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Councillors Fund for all their support. We would not be able to perform the work we do without their funding.

**8. Report on other groups – Update at next meeting.**

**9. Other Items – Update at next meeting**

**10. AOB**

- Tony to review GDPR. We need to ensure we comply with the new legislation.

The meeting Closed at 9.30 pm

**Signed Chairman:**

**Date:**