

Minutes of the North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association, (NWNHWA)
Meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th January 2019 at
Polesworth Tithe Barn, Polesworth

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1. Present

Tony Hardman (Kingsbury) (Chairman) TH; Phil Bent (Kingsbury) (Treas) PB;
Colin Cartwright (Austrey), (Secretary) CPC; Cllr Sue Hanratty; David Hanratty
PC Dave Tew NW North SNT; PC Scot Ramsell NW West SNT;
David Atkin (Asst. Sec.); Carol Cotterill (Shuttington/Rural Watch) CC
10 Polesworth residents;

2. Apologies

Brian/Beryl Grix (Austrey); Cllr David Humphreys; Cllr Marian Humphreys
Keith Woodward (N.Whitacre), (Vice Chair) KW; Jill Mawson (Ridge Lane) JM;
Cllr David Reilly

3. Open Forum

- *Roadshows*
Tony is working on the 2019 roadshow dates and hopes to circulate them in the New Year.
Attended 33 events last year.
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 – Small /Large (£3 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 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...
- *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 will continue to hold our current 6 meetings across 3 venues for 2019 but will continue with reviewing the frequency and venues. Following a discussion, it was felt that 4 meetings per year would be adequate. We are considering holding a meeting in each SNT area per year. Suggested that meetings should follow SIG/County Meetings. Marian Humphreys 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 is being updated for 2019 and will be updated to our website ASAP. Members will be able to download a copy from our website. New products will be added in the update..
- 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. Thank you to North Warwickshire Police for providing NHW with a selection of crime prevention leaflets.
- 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 properly 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

I held a farmers meeting at Kingsbury Water Park in December for North Warwickshire farmers, horse owners and rural businesses. It was well attended with the PCC supporting and partners from the NFU, Fire, WCC, NWBC and Horse Watch all being part of the night.

On Tuesday this week we held a community engagement evening for the residents of Shuttington and Alvecote which was well attended. Shuttington is looking to be 'Supported Village'. Thank you to Tony for his support and bringing the NHW stand with items for sale.

Nether Whitacre will also soon become a Supported Village, where I have been working with Keith Woodward and the Parish Clerk Bev Woollaston.

Sgt Neil Pearsall, PC Shane Bird, PCSO Sarah Fretter and myself attended a week's residential wildlife training course in November and we are now trained wildlife officers for our area...

Carol Cotterill - Rural Crime Officer - North Warks.

NWNHW would like to thank Carol for the above update and support.

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

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 Dave Tew

PC David Tew thanked local Polesworth residents for attending the meeting.

A local resident had their home entered by force by 3 unknown male offenders on 9th January. The males were in the property for a period of time and then made off with the residents car. The resident spoke about her families ordeal and has received support from the local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

PC Dave Tew and PC Scot Ramsell gave lots of advice on home security. Crime prevention advice is also available on the Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Rural Watch websites.

PC Scot Ramsell has helped create a leaflet to offer advice on vehicle crime prevention

North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch to attend a local meeting with local residents and offer further advice and support and help them set up a local NHW scheme.

Mark English (Warwickshire Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor) to be contacted to see if he can attend the meeting and offer additional advice on home security.

PC Dave Tew had some good news to share. To provide further reassurance, the Police had been operating a number of high visibility patrols within the North Warwickshire area over the Christmas period with a particular emphasis on targeting burglary and car crime. There had been an increased number of Reactive and Safer Neighbourhood Team patrols and it was important that residents continue with reporting suspicious persons or activity to 101.

PC Scot Ramsell spoke about the excellent work with other Police Forces to help target cross border offenders and that OPU Warwickshire teams had been successful in helping to recover stolen vehicles.

PC Dave Tew advised that an offender out on license had been arrested and returned to prison. A PCSO had been assaulted in Atherstone.

Tony Hardman asked Dave 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 Novemberr 2018: £8026.37

Councillors Fund Balance £1681.45

PCC wrote to us in December 2018 to offer in-principal funding for North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch for the financial year of 2019-20.

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: