

**Minutes of the North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association, (NWNHWA)**  
**Meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at**  
**Hartshill Community Centre, Hartshill**

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**1. Present**

Tony Hardman (Kingsbury) (Chairman) TH; Phil Bent (Kingsbury) (Treas) PB;  
Colin Cartwright (Austrey), (Secretary) CPC; Jill Mawson (Ridge Lane) JM;  
PC Dave Tew NW North SNT; Cllr Marian Humphreys; Cllr Ray Jarvis,  
4 Hartshill residents, 1 Atherstone resident

**2. Apologies**

Brian/Beryl Grix (Austrey); Cllr David Humphreys; Abigail Simkin (OPCC)  
Keith Woodward (N.Whitacre), (Vice Chair) KW; David Atkin (Asst. Sec.);  
Cllr David Reilly; Cllr Sue Hanratty; David Hanratty; Nick Blamire-Brown,  
Carol Cotterill (Shuttington/Rural Watch) CC

**3. Open Forum**

- *Roadshows*  
Tony is updating the 2019 roadshow dates and hopes to circulate them soon. We 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. We need to review the frequency and venues. Following a discussion, it was felt that 4 meetings per year would be adequate. One option is to hold 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 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.
- Tony advised that Neighbourhood Watch schemes have access to holiday security packs that can be loaned from NHW whilst residents are on holiday. Each pack consists of a number of items to help improve your security whilst you are away on holiday.

**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**

Carol was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. We will circulate an update separately.

**Carol Cotterill - Rural Crime Officer - North Warks.**

**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 Dave Tew**

PC Dave Tew thanked Tony and the NHW team for their support. He also thanked NHW co-ordinators for their support and help. Useful intelligence is being received from residents and investigated.

Dordon, Polesworth and Hartshill have had recent issues with offenders trying to open car doors and 9/10 incidents have involved theft where owners have left valuables such as laptops, mobile phones and handbags in their vehicles which encourages more opportunities for offences.

There have been a couple of number plate thefts. Free anti-tamper screws are available from local libraries and NHW.

Polesworth residents have reported seeing an offender wearing a balaclava and trying the front doors of homes. One resident had an image of an offender captured with a Ring Doorbell and the Police are following this up.

Junction 10 M42 services have had issues with offenders cutting the curtain sides of HGV's. The services management have put extra security in place to try to prevent these crimes being committed.

Residents in Polesworth & Dordon have been reporting drug issues and there are concerns about County Line offenders targeting youngsters to deal their drugs to young children.

A cannabis factory has been found in Polesworth and the Police are following up a couple of leads relating to cannabis farms in the area. The Police would welcome any intelligence regarding drug issues .

There have been a number of Anti-Social Behaviour issues in Oldbury Road, Hartshill. There are a small number of people causing these problems in our communities. The Police have an idea of the individuals committing these offences and are gathering evidence to target the offenders. Residents should contact 101 to report any issues in their local area.

There have been a number of thefts from allotments. Allotment holders have been visited and given crime prevention advice to help improve security on sites. This will be followed up with a SNT visit to provide property marking.

Incidents of sheep theft and butchery are being seen across Warwickshire and there have been some suspicious visits to farms. .

Dave reminded members to remain vigilant especially around holiday periods. Residents should review their security and consider using simple devices such as timer switches to turn lights on at night and play music. Do not leave rubbish bins out while you are on holiday. Further home security advice is available on the Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Rural Watch websites.

There have been reports of unauthorised scrap people operating in the Atherstone area. Residents are urged not to put out old equipment as offenders sometimes pick up items from your property and use the time to check out your property prior to a burglary.

We all need to look out for the elderly and vulnerable people as they can get taken advantage of by offenders.

Tony thanked Dave for his feedback and support.

**7. Treasurers Report NWN Account Balance as at 19th March 2019: £5423.53**

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.
- We will shortly be launching an online website that will enable residents to order security items and have items delivered to their home or a local Library/Hub. We will also be looking at taking credit/debit card payments at events.

The meeting Closed at 9.30 pm

**Signed Chairman:**

**Date:**