

Minutes of the North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association, (NWNHWA)
Meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 4th July 2019 at
Tithe Barn, Polesworth

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1. Present

Tony Hardman (Kingsbury) (Chairman) TH; Phil Bent (Kingsbury) (Treas) PB;
Colin Cartwright (Austrey), (Secretary) CPC; Keith Woodward (N Whitacre), Vice Chair KW;
David Atkin (Asst. Sec.) DA; Jill Mawson (Ridge Lane) JM; Cllr Simon Rose (Polesworth);
Cllr Mike Osborne (Polesworth)

2. Apologies

Brian/Beryl Grix (Austrey); Cllr David Humphreys; Abigail Simkin (OPCC)
Cllr David Reilly; Carol Cotterill (Shuttington/Rural Watch) CC;
Newton Regis Parish Council; Sue & Steve Kelley; PC Dave Tew NW North SNT;
Cllr Judy Macdonald; Inspector Allison Wiggin NW SNT;
PCSO Molly-Rose Snape NW East SNT;

3. Open Forum

- *101 service* - A lengthy debate took place headed by Parish Councillors Mike Osborne and Simon Rose regarding the ineffective 101 service. Members of the public had reported to them that their experiences when dialling 101 were not favourable. Call handlers didn't know where certain areas were. They had also received reports of response times in excess of 20 minutes on some occasions.
- *Roadshows* - We are pleased to continue to add new events for 2019, attending 23 events so far this year with at least another 12 to come.
- We are pleased to report that we have set up new NHW schemes in Hartshill with local residents who have become concerned or have actually been a victim of crime and wanting to set up new NHW schemes. A particular well organised event by NWBC, the Big Day Out event has become very much popular with residents in North Warwickshire and akin to some of the bigger events such as Carnivals and Agricultural Shows held in the region. So far, we have over 33 events planned this year and the list still seems to be growing so all looks very positive to have another bumper year this year. We enjoy getting out and about meeting people and offering our advice and practical solutions towards crime prevention which is reflected in the community "expecting" NHW to attend local events so that they can always seek advice and practical solutions when looking towards crime prevention. The Multi Agency events held in the region alongside the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Fire & Rescue Services and Rural Watch are very much in favour this year as it gives residents the ideal opportunity to address any concerns they have with all the agencies in one visit.
- We continue to use our Website and Facebook pages to promote the OPCC and North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership at every event we stage.
- New NHW street schemes we start up are made fully aware of the support we receive from the PCC and NWBC and as always our promotional Yellow Information folders all bare the OPCC logo and NWBC logo's. The display trailer really can't be missed at the events we hold and equally this is clearly liveried with our sponsor's names.
- One new initiative we have been involved with is advertising our work and sponsorship over the local Radio Station whenever they attend the larger events we are at.
- During the 2019-20 period we will be joining forces with the Rural Team and SNT's at some of their village property marking events, distributing NHW information packs and assisting with crime prevention advice. All is a great way of advertising the support we have.
- We are pleased that members of the PCC and NWBC continue to join us at some of the events we hold as attendance from our sponsors is greatly appreciated not only by NHW being able to show the sponsors what we do but also for members of the community to engage with them regarding Policing and crime prevention within their areas.
- 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.
- *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.
- *Security Product Price List*: The Security Product price list has been updated for 2019 and is on our website. Members will be able to download a copy from our website. New products have been added in the update.
- *General Advice* - 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.

- *Holiday Security Loan Packs* - 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. Members reminded 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.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes Adopted as presented.

5. Ongoing Background/Action Points

Bike Register

We have recently purchased 100 Bike Register Security marking labels and will be doing Bike security marking at all our future events and will also do pop up events across North Warwickshire.

Datalink These continue to be popular at the Road Shows and have been widely distributed. New stocks are being sourced to continue offering these at Roadshows.

Smart Water

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

NHW Street Signs

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

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 Scot Ramsell

PC Scot Ramsell has transferred to Learning and Development training new Officers in Warwick.

PC 826 Shane Bird has moved on a permanent basis to the West.

PC 1464 Simon Ackroyd has moved to the South. We have a new transferee starting at the end of July who will be posted to the East.

As a Safer Neighbourhood Team our focus at the moment is Community engagement and will advise of future dates for the mobile Police station over the coming weeks.

Although not over yet we have had a successful Operation Alarity v2 and will forward the stats when it is completed on Friday 5th July.

Tony would like to pass on his thanks for the update.

7. Treasurers Report NWN Account Balance as at 4th July 2019: £5758.28 PCC Balance as at 4th July: £1110.97

We are pleased to have received a Core Funding Grant from the PCC. We are hoping to receive support from the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Fund. 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

- We now have an online website that will enable residents to order security items and have items delivered to their home or a local Library/Hub. We can now take credit/debit card payments at events.

The meeting Closed at 9.00 pm

Signed Chairman:

Date: