



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS CHRISTMAS 2009



CHANGES TO YOUR MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TEAM (MST)

Jane Calcott, NHW Liaison Officer and Chair of the Kettering and Corby NHW Association MST, writes.

I am pleased to inform you that we are in the process of setting up separate MSTs for Kettering and Corby. With the growth of schemes in both areas it is something we have been looking at for some time.

There are five volunteers who have come forward to set up the Corby Team. These members offered their services at the meeting we held for

co-ordinators at the end of October, to which all Corby co-ordinators were invited. The Kettering Team will remain as it is at present, as all our members are from the Kettering area with the exception of our treasurer.

Joint meetings will be held for a period to ensure the smooth running of both areas.

Jane Calcott



MORE NEW SCHEMES IN OUR AREA

We should like to extend a warm welcome to members of the following schemes which have joined us since our Summer Newsletter thanks to Jane's unstinting efforts.

Broughton

Dawkins Court

Burton Latimer

Hollow Wood Road

Nene Road

Rosebery Street

Station Road

Desborough

Buttercup Road

Honeysuckle Road

Ironwood Road

Rosebay Road

Kettering

Balfour Street

Carlton Street

Neale Avenue – 3 schemes

St. Peters Avenue – 4 schemes

William Street

Little Stanion

Whole village scheme

Rothwell

Clipstone Court

Horse Fair Lane

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM COMMUNITY MESSAGING

For those readers without access to Community Messaging the following is extracted from a recent message sent out by e-mail by David Robins, and shows NHW co-operation is valuable.

Two men, both from Peterborough, each have been given three-year custodial sentences, having been found guilty of a string of burglaries in Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire. The men were sentenced on 16 September at Northampton Crown Court. The two men are Peter Depaolo, 29, and Guissepe Depaolo, 22. The men pleaded guilty to six house burglaries, after a joint Northamptonshire/Lincolnshire investigation.

One of the houses burgled was the home of Patsy Bosworth, a Safer Community Team Co-ordinator in Kettering. As a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Patsy was able to put her contacts to good use and got in touch with neighbours who were also members of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. As a result of information her neighbours were able to supply, the two men were arrested

The lesson is clear, at some time any of us may hold that missing piece of the jigsaw.

and linked to other burglaries in East Northants and over the border in Cambridgeshire.

One of the investigating officers, DC Greg Hemmington of Northamptonshire Priority Care Team, said: "People should always report anything they see which they have an inkling may be suspicious, however trivial it seems. It could just be the missing piece in the jigsaw. The Neighbourhood Watch connection and the information they were able to provide helped us 100% in getting to the stage where we were able to make arrests." Patsy Bosworth said: "Thanks to the hard work of DC Greg Hemmington and Neighbourhood Watch, justice has been done. It's been a difficult time and I am pleased it has now come to an end with the sentencing of these two men."



THE POLICING PLEDGE

Our County Police and Police Authority are committed to delivering to our communities the best quality of Policing Service. Along with other police forces, they have signed up to the Policing Pledge.



Adrian Lee
Chief Constable
Northamptonshire Police



Deirdre Newham
Chair
Northamptonshire Police Authority

Northamptonshire Police and Police Authority are committed to delivering the best possible quality of policing service to the people of our county.

Along with the other police forces in England and Wales, we have signed up to the Policing Pledge, which makes a number of promises about how we will respond to you and the standard of service you can expect.

We will deal with emergencies and non emergencies within certain agreed times and if you have been a victim of crime, we will agree with you how often and for how long you will be kept informed of progress on your case.

We are making more information available about crime in your area, as well as details of public meetings and surgeries where you can meet your local officers and have your say about the issues that concern you. We will make sure that your community has a stronger voice in telling us what you think is most important.

The Policing Pledge reinforces our commitment to deliver a high quality policing service to our local communities, working with you and for you, to keep your community safe.

The above paragraphs are extracted from the Police Web-site and are but the introduction to the 10 point Pledge itself which not only gives the general areas as above but also gives quantifiable and therefore checkable targets to be met. It is not possible space wise to reproduce the full Pledge here but it can be viewed on the Police Web-site. There is also a police-issued leaflet covering the Pledge.



THE CASE OF THE CASE CONTINUED

In the last issue we read of John Adam's bad experience and warnings about travelling by rail with luggage. Here NHW member Bill Featherstone gives his experiences and neighbourly advice.



I read with interest of John Adams experience (The case of the case - summer edition). Although I have heard reports of such thefts I have never experienced or witnessed anything of that nature in many years of travelling by train in this country and the continent.



I do, however ensure that luggage is of a suitable size to fit in the racks provided. On Eurostar, TGV and most domestic trains they are of ample size, certainly large enough to take anything they we are physically capable of handling. I cannot believe that the railway authorities would approve of locking luggage to the train since this could

seriously inconvenience other passengers legitimately trying to use the rack or access their own luggage. Luggage, if too large or too heavy to place in the racks, constitutes a hazard to other passengers. One should not in any case lock suitcases since this seems an invitation to theft.

The mnemonic which I have followed and which is worth remembering is PMT - Passport, Money and Tickets - keep those safe and you can still get on with your holiday and enjoy yourself (as I get older I would add pills to the list!) For peace of mind anything else of value or usefulness can be carried in a day-bag which can be kept with you at your seat.



BOWLED OVER BY SUCCESS

NHW Street Co-ordinator in Burton Latimer and a member of the Town's Bowls Club. Maurice Macredie writes about CCTV and ASB.



Advantages of C.C.T.V.

After we had the new bowls clubhouse built, the club decided, in view of the recent vandalism to the bowls green and the previous clubhouse, it would make sense to install C.C.T.V.

A few months later after the installation, on arrival at the clubhouse to unlock one morning, it was noticed that several newly planted shrubs had been pulled out of the ground and strewn about the park. We immediately phoned the police to report the incident and get an incident number, and reported that we had C.C.T.V. footage of the culprits.

An officer came out to look at the footage, and identified three school children by the school uniforms they were wearing. With that evidence the officer made a visit to the school in question, images were shown to the head teacher and the children were identified. They were then spoken to about the damage they had caused, and were told they had to write a letter of apology to the bowls club saying they were sorry for what they had done. The letter was gratefully received by the bowls club secretary. A good result from the police, also a good result from the school, and I am sure valuable lessons have been learned by the children concerned.

Another short story on a more recent mid week evening just a few weeks ago. The Bowls Club accommodates an indoors short mat bowls group. On this particular evening after dark, there was a considerable group of youngsters gathering around the play area within the park, which happens to be adjacent to the bowls pavilion. After a short while as the game was being played inside, it was noticed on the C.C.T.V. monitor that the youths were jumping over the fence onto the bowling green and back again, also some of them were banging on the front door. On investigation and some verbal abuse from them, one of the youths shouted they had damaged the green and ran off. Sometime after one of the players thought he heard a noise from the passage and went to look, he found two youths had entered the pavilion. When asked what they were doing, they said "they had come back to apologise and were sorry they had made a joke about the green being

damaged", all was forgiven and the youths left with a smile. It just goes to show not all youths are destructive, playful yes, but after some thought apologetic, well done lads.

Anti-Social Behaviour Does Not Pay.

It was on a lovely sunny evening at the local Bowls Club, as the teams were playing a match, it was noticed that a sizeable group of youngsters had gathered in the play area as they do. After a while they became very noisy, but at that point not interrupting anything, A group of about eight lads made their way over to the fence surrounding the bowling green, and decided it would be a good idea to disrupt the game by giving abuse. The ringleader egged on by the others decided it would be a good idea to jump the fence, and run and jump across several rinks to disrupt play. He was about half way across when a group of bowlers descended upon him, one of which was a lady bowler, who in the process of trying to stop him tripped and smashed her face badly on the perimeter slabs surrounding the green. The youth then decided it was not a good idea, and ran back and jumped the fence again. Unfortunately for him he was not quite quick enough, as one of our younger members of the club leapt the fence behind him and restrained him and his bike, the rest of the group ran off.

The youth and his bike were taken into the clubhouse. Meanwhile the lady was attended to by several club members, obviously the police were notified and an incident number obtained. The police arrived at the clubhouse and questioned several people who witnessed the incident. The youth in the first instance gave a false name and address but his correct one was found on his mobile phone. The police gave the youth a good talking to, he was made to go to the club president and apologise for what he had done. They then took him home to speak to his parents bike and all.

By all accounts his parents were not amused with his conduct, nor by being taken home by the police, good result by all concerned.

PS The lady who was injured in the incident has made a full recovery, with no permanent damage thank goodness.

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OUR WEBSITE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING!

VISIT www.nhwkettering.org.uk or just google nhwkettering



CRIMINALS CHRISTMAS MENU

(takeaway only)



STARTERS

CARS

Presents left in full view

Keys left in the ignition

Doors left unlocked or windows left open

Cheque book and cheque card in the glove compartment

Parked in a dark secluded area

MAIN COURSE

HOUSES

Doors and windows not secured

Presents displayed under the tree

Car keys and handbags conveniently placed

Obviously unoccupied property

Opening the doors to unidentified callers

Large amounts of cash left at home

DESSERTS

PROPERTY

Bicycles not secured

Large amounts of cash carried in handbag/wallet

Cheque book and card left unattended

COFFEE

Stolen goods to pass on to the unsuspecting

Make sure this menu is not available 24/7 at your home.



**FROM YOUR
MANAGEMENT
SUPPORT TEAM**