



NHW NEWS SPRING 2011



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MORE NEW SCHEMES IN OUR AREA

We should like to extend a warm welcome to members of the following new schemes which have joined us since our Autumn 2010 Newsletter and to new co-ordinators of old schemes

- Desborough:** Dovedale, Yaffle Crescent
- Kettering:** Duchess Close, Westminster Drive
- Mawsley:** Long Breech
- Rothwell:** Nansen Close/Tasman Way
- Warkton :** Whole village scheme

Please let Jane or your area co-ordinator know if you think streets near you might be interested in setting up a scheme.

In addition we have new co-ordinators who have taken over passive schemes in East Walk, Kettering, Merrivale Close, Kettering and Horse Fair Lane, Rothwell.

AGM 2011

This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at 7pm in the Corn Market Hall, Kettering. All **co-ordinators** from the borough will receive an invitation. If there are sufficient spaces outstanding, **members** may also have an opportunity to attend.

There is ample free parking in the car park at the side of the building.

The format will be similar to last year, but with a difference! The business section will be held at the commencement of the meeting followed by an open question and answer session to close. Those of you who were there last year will



be pleased to know that we have now invested in a microphone system with a roving mike, so that all questions from the floor can be heard by all. It is called a MegaMouth, and it has been said that I am the only one who won't need it!

The bar will be open from 7.30 - 8.30 pm when you will be free to speak to mem-



bers of the Management Support Team, your local SCT, representatives from Kettering Borough Council and representatives from Smartwater and hopefully the Fire Service and Health Trainers. There will also be a Police Officer with a drug box who will be able to show and explain the various products on display.

Numbers, as always, are limited, so if you would like to book your place before the invitations are sent, please contact me on 03000 111 222 ext. 4800 or e-mail: jane.calcott@northants.police.uk

STOP PRESS- PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR NHW SCHEMES

Free Public Liability Insurance (PLI) is available to NHW Associations/Schemes in England & Wales which have been formally registered with and approved by their local police authority as an approved scheme.

This is managed by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) working in conjunction with CaSE Insurance. Cover is insured by Ansvar Insurance, a business division of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc.

Current NHW PLI policies are due to expire on 31 March 2011. Ansvar has been asked once more to work in conjunction with NCVO in managing the scheme for 2011/2012, and they are preparing to release renewal invitations, subject to confirmation by the Home Office.

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We are assured there will be no break in cover due to a possible 30 day extension if necessary. Editor.

JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Some time ago at a Joint Action Group meeting, Sgt Tony Hopkins asked for suggestions for things his Safer Community Teams could do in schools. After some research, your editor suggested running a Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme as happened in one or two other areas of the country. After a while Tony responded by preferring a different scheme "Northants Police Young Detectives" Scheme (NPYD). This is coming to fruition but in the meantime, Jane persevered with the original scheme. Here is her report on the first scheme in Barton Seagrave.

During January and February a pilot scheme for Junior NHW was held in Barton Seagrave Primary School for year 5 pupils. I taught an hour-long session for each of the year 5 classes on five consecutive Tuesdays, along with valuable assistance from members of the Police Safer Community Team.

The aims of the scheme were numerous, but one of the major points was to increase children's awareness of personal safety, both when out in the community and also at home. The concept of NHW was introduced along with the introduction of the Safer Community Team. We wanted to show how young people can help in the reduction of crime within their own community.

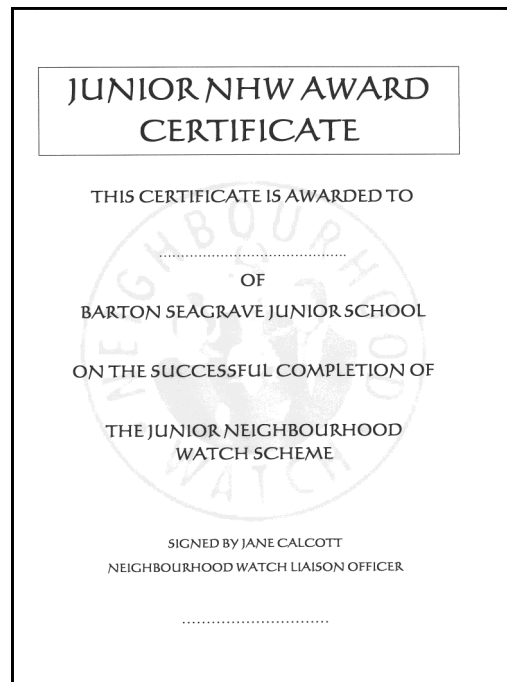
Each class was split into groups with names like The Bill and Burglars! The topics covered included: NHW in the local area, personal safety when out in the community, anti-social behaviour, distraction burglary and looking after personal property both in and out of the home.

Activities related to these topics included: map-work, drama production and presentation, team quizzes, visual identification and recollection, fingerprinting and group discussion.

At the end of the last session each pupil was presented with a certificate to show that they had completed the course. My thanks must go to Peter Hill for compiling these for me.

Both the school staff and ourselves were delighted with the knowledge that the children had gained in these few sessions. We hope that it will be put to good practice and will help to ensure their safety in the future.

We shall be holding another course for a Kettering school in the summer term. This could be a growing project!



This cautionary tale comes from long-serving Management Support Team Member John Hollingsworth.

CAN I BE SEEN ? - A TRUE STORY

My wife was walking home one day when she saw a lad walking towards her. He turned into a gateway and went straight to the garage door, lifted it up and went in closing it behind him. The next thing was an arm reaching up to get a key off a hook. Yes you've guessed it - there were two small windows above the garage door.

The lad was then seen coming out from the garage door, closing it behind him and went to the

front door of the house and let himself in with the key. The key may just as well have been under a stone and collected from there.

Make sure you cannot be seen when collecting or leaving a key. Don't forget that with a light at the back of you, frosted glass or a net curtain will still show an outline of you and what you are doing.



Well this certainly made me re-think my comings and goings. Editor.

HAVE YOUR SAY

As one of several inputs into determining local policing priorities, the "Have Your Say" events are covering the Borough of Kettering, getting the views of the public on problems affecting their neighbourhood. Starting in February, the results obtained are discussed in the re-formed Joint Action Group Meetings, the first of which was held on the 14th of March.

Here is part of the partnership team on duty for the second "Have Your Say" event to be held in the Newlands Centre on 9th February 2011.



Represented are Neighbourhood Watch, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Police, Kettering Borough Council and (not in shot) the Police Authority.

If you feel strongly about something in your vicinity, watch out for a "Have Your Say" event near you and please speak out. Your views will be recorded in writing and added to the other inputs which determine policing priorities. Events will happen throughout the year at a variety of venues in the Kettering Town and Kettering Rural Safer Community areas.

AWARDS FOR FRANK AND SYLVIA

At the Northamptonshire NHW County Executive AGM held at Wootton Hall in November last year, Chief Constable Adrian Lee presented Frank and Sylvia Bewley with Certificates for their Neighbourhood Watch work over many years.

They were nominated by their local PCSO for an award for all their hard work and service to their local community on behalf of NHW. Frank and Sylvia are also members of the Kettering NHW Management Support Team who added their congratulations at the November Meeting.



NEW NATIONAL WEBSITE

STOP PRESS— NEW WEBSITE LOOKS OPEN—22 MARCH 2011

Go to <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/> to find entries headed "Safety advice", "Your local area" "Get involved", "Our work", "Resources centre" and "News & events". One item your Management Support Team will follow up is Resource Centre/Toolkits/**Finance and Fundraising** including funding for Newsletters!

Your Management Support Team

Chair - Jane Calcott 03000 111222 extension 4800

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Secretary - Peter Hill

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Emergencies : 999

Police Control Room : 03 000 111 222

Watch Hotline 24/7: 01604 432436

Call anonymously : CrimeStoppers 0800 555111

Your Safer Community Team - Ask the Police Control Room (above) who will identify your SCT for you. Why not do it now and enter details here?



Neighbourhood Watch

Kettering District

www.nhwkettering.org.uk



This is the banner that you will see across your screen when you access our very own website.

It's a handy site to use and it is very easy to navigate your way around its ten main pages. You'll find *Useful Tips* on staying safe, more on *SmartWater*, details of future meetings, our *Newsletters* and meeting minutes - all is open and transparent.

The *Useful Links* really are just that. Use the site as your portal to access the police site, the Safer Community Teams, the BBC's Crimewatch site and more. You can also link to the new CrimeMapper and see what's been happening in your area.

A particularly useful link takes you to the Suzy Lamplugh Trust site. This is packed with information about personal safety.

Our website has now been running since November 2009. It resides on a server in a dedicated data centre and is available 24 hours a day. The site was designed and is run by one of our MST members, John Adams. Your MST approves all of the content on the site pages.

The web address is shown below, or simply Google "nhw kettering". Be sure to bookmark the site. If you have any suggestions for the site then contact John - details on the site.

Happy browsing!

www.nhwkettering.org.uk

IN BRIEF

Neighbourhood and Home Watch Week is set for 18th -26th June 2011. Please let us know if your street scheme is planning an event.

National consultation on anti-social behaviour is taking place and participation is welcome via the NHWN website www.ourwatch.org.uk before 3rd of May.

National Crime Mapping was launched a couple of months ago with much adverse publicity. Please let us know if you have strong feelings either way on this.

