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2002 ~ 2012



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Home Watch in Colehill
1987 ~ 2012

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Update

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Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch 10th Anniversary

September 1st marks the 10th anniversary of Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch. It was formed in 2002 with the merger of all the watch groups in the area, which had developed since the first group 'Ashmeads' started in 1987. Today we have a membership of nearly 1500 households in Wimborne (except Merley), Colehill, Furzehill, and part of Stapehill (down to the A31).

Wimborne and Colehill Home Watch is one of many in East Dorset and functions under the umbrella of the local Police community support team, with Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers dedicated to the watch areas. The group is split into six geographical locations, four in Colehill and two in Wimborne. These areas are each managed by a Coordinator with local Contacts reporting to them. Each Contact has responsibility for a small group of households, and in total there are 90 contacts and 1490 households in the scheme.

The Start of Home Watch in Colehill – 1987

Householders interested in starting a Watch group for Ashmeads, Olivers and Stroud roads met with Inspector Peter Walker in a house in Ashmeads Way, and agreed to hold a public meeting to get a group started. That meeting was held in Colehill Memorial Hall on 28th January 1987; a Committee was elected and Colehill 'Ashmeads' Watch was born. Two years later we got approval to put up 3 signs (it doesn't get any better does it!) and our MP Sir Nicholas Baker unveiled the first sign on 9th June 1989, which is still there at the top of Olivers Road. Over the years groups started in various roads around the area, until in 2002 there were over 90 groups. Despite the best efforts of two 'liaison' Co-ordinators, the Police were struggling to deal with so many Contacts and asked us to form a parent group. So in 2002 Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch was started, virtually all the groups merged together, and Issue 1 of our **Update** newsletter followed.....



1989 - Reported in the Avon Advertiser



2012 - The same sign (on a replacement lamppost!)

Subscriptions now due (still £2 for 2 years).... Annual Meeting 31st October.... see back page....

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For details of how to join
W&CHW see page 8

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(The latest Ringmaster
messages are usually posted
within 24 hours of issue)

Report from Inspector Mike Darkin

As you receive this newsletter, the policing of the Olympic Games and our other major summer events (Great Dorset Steam Fair and Bournemouth Air Festival) will have passed.

It has certainly been a busy time for our staff within Dorset this summer and constantly we have come through it in admirable style, whilst continuing to provide local policing to the high level that you are used to.

Our staff have been stretched over the past 2 months or so but as I pledged in my previous news release...we have ensured that we have maintained the capability to respond to and deal with all of your calls for police assistance. In fact we have managed to do just that whilst keeping crime and ASB at a low level. Better than that, we have actually seen further reductions in crime and ASB. Last time I reported a 20% drop in crime for the 1st quarter of the year...as it stands today we are looking at a 21.5% reduction in crime and a 29% drop in reported ASB.

The only way we can be achieving this is with the support and assistance of our varying communities. A change in culture begins at home and in the communities in which we live and work and it is my belief that we are most certainly seeing this. Yes there are still bad people out there committing crime and yes people are still suffering from ASB across our area, but far less than that which has been suffered over the past 5 years. My staff are working harder and the effort put into our partnerships is now really paying off. Add to this the continued support from our watch schemes and communities (in reporting suspicious incidents, challenging strangers, providing opportunities for youngsters to socialise and interact in appropriate locations and environments) and the result is that East Dorset really is a safer place to live.

I hope that some of you have had opportunity to look at the National Police website that I detailed last time (www.police.uk). It continues to provide you with up to date information about crime and ASB in your local area. Having researched it today I have found that in most cases crime and ASB in our local areas is below National Average. Please do have a look if you can....



Messages for Home Watch

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National Neighbourhood Watch Week was a great success. With the help of local Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Neighbourhood Watch members, the 'Sheduction' trailer visited various locations across East Dorset. Members of the public were able to speak to Officers and watch members about joining NHW, security advice and also any local issues concerning them in the area they live. Over £600 was taken through sales from 'Sheduction', the majority of which was from community engagement at Moors Valley and Haskins Garden Centre, Parley.

As we draw out of the summer (yes we did have one...) and into the autumn let's keep on the ball and not let ourselves slip. Please keep the calls coming in and keep the engagement going. Presently we are developing new ideas such as cycle projects and education initiatives regarding sensible and safe driving. Many of our partnership successes come from ideas within the community so please do not be shy in coming forward. Please do contact your local SNT and we will see what we can do.

I wish you all a great autumn season and I'll be in touch nearer to Christmas (yes I said Christmas☺) with some more headlines. Till then...

Warmest regards,



Mike Darkin,
East Dorset Neighbourhood Inspector

Graffiti kits

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Colehill Parish Council also has a kit (funded by EDDC). Contact: Tracey Paine, Clerk to the Council, Tel / Fax: 01202 887786 or email: clerk@colehill.gov.uk

Chairman's Message

Hello again,

Doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself! It hardly seems possible that 10 years have passed since we formed as an Association of the many local Watch groups in our area.

I should like to thank all of you for helping to make our area a safer place and one in which residents feel secure. I pay tribute to our Committee members, Area Coordinators and Contacts for the additional contributions they have made to our achievements over that period. There is one Committee member who deserves special mention. Graham Mallett has served with me on the Committee since the day we were formed, and prior to that he ran his own local group of Watches for some years. He is always willing to take on responsibilities - currently he serves as two Area Coordinators, edits, typesets and distributes our Update magazine, manages our website and helps out at every event we run. Additionally he has recently taken on responsibility for the Association of Dorset Watches website. Well done, Graham!

Over the 10 years we have enjoyed good relationships with our local Police at all levels - PCSOs, Officers, Sergeants and Inspectors. In recent years since the formation of Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the arrival of Inspector Mike Darkin, more of a partnership relationship has been formed, which is excellent for us.

No set of tributes would be complete without acknowledging the tremendous work done by Anita Rigler - she deserves our special thanks. She was responsible for setting up our organisation, supporting us and helping us to become self-sufficient. At the beginning, Anita persuaded me to take on the Chairmanship whilst I was still working full-time, on the basis that the work only involved "chairing a few meetings a year" - how could I resist her powers of persuasion! Her enthusiasm, determination and hard work over the years have been invaluable.

I hope to see you at our Anniversary Annual Meeting on Wednesday 31st October.

Best wishes,



John Shave.



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HW Street Signs

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Contact the editor,
Graham Mallett (see p2).

Consumer Advice

'Citizens Advice' has taken over from 'Consumer Direct'

The provision of consumer advice by telephone, email and website has changed. From **2nd April** the 'Citizens Advice Consumer Service' took over from Consumer Direct.

The Citizens Advice consumer service provides free, confidential and impartial advice on consumer issues, using the same **08454 04 05 06** number.

The Citizens Advice website

www.adviceguide.org

contains a range of guidance on dealing with consumer problems.

YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Wimborne Town & Leigh Park Safer Neighbourhood Team

Purse thefts are happening in various shops in the Wimborne Town Centre. Please ensure your purse is not easily accessible. The reported thefts so far have said that 2 females are working together to take the purse out of handbags. Purse chains and bells are available from the Barrington Centre in Ferndown.



Internet scams. Please check with family, friends or the local SNT if you are in any doubt. We are still getting reports of people being scammed out of large quantities of money. You should not have to pay money to get money. There is another scam saying that a person you know is injured on holiday and needs funds to get home. Always double check.

Bicycle Thefts. There has been an increase in bicycle thefts. It is always best to lock up your bike even if you are only leaving it for a few minutes. A good bicycle lock, locked to a bicycle rack or lamppost is advisable. Also think about having your bicycle security-marked or engraved.

Synergy Housing and the Community Safety team at EDDC have joined together to fund the Leigh Park youth club over the summer holidays, held in the Community Centre on Friday nights. This has so far been well attended and it will hopefully be extended past the summer holidays.

Neal Rooke has left the Wimborne Town and Leigh Park SNT. He is now working on the Corfe Mullen SNT.

We wish him well and hope he enjoys being back in Corfe Mullen.

Hope you are all having a lovely Summer, despite all the rain.

Natalie, Stuart and Matt

PC 1072 Stuart Belfield

PCSO 5461 Natalie Shaw

PCSO 5492 Matt Brennan

Can you help?

There are a variety of things you could help with - volunteer for tasks such as: participating in promotional activities such as manning a stand, writing articles for media publication, delivering *Update*, being a Coordinator, joining the Committee, etc. ...

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Colehill & Stour Safer Neighbourhood Team

Greetings from the Colehill and Stour SNT.

Wherever you live, you are part of a community. It may be large or small, in a town or the country. It might be a council estate, a rural village or a block of flats. Unfortunately, regardless of its size your community may be a likely target for the criminal.



It's easy to shrug it off and assume that it will not happen to you or that nothing can be done. In fact, a great deal could be done to prevent crime, but the Police cannot do it alone. Each of us has a vital role to play by becoming actively involved in crime prevention. Residents of a community possess specialist knowledge of their neighbourhood which even the local SNT may find hard to achieve. A Police Officer may not recognise someone in your garden as a stranger but a neighbour would. By letting Police know of anything suspicious you see or hear, you are helping to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur. The more difficult it can be made for the criminal, the more likely it is that crime can be reduced.

Please be aware that several thefts from vans have been reported in your area. The offences have occurred during the day and night. To lower your chances of becoming a victim, please remember the following vehicle security advice:

- Always remember to lock and shut doors and windows when leaving your vehicle unattended, even if you only pop out for a few minutes. Remember to also lock them at night. Many vehicles that have been targeted have had no visible signs of forced entry.
- Make sure your tools are put away and are out of sight. Do not leave bags, wallets, keys or any other valuables on view. Laptops and satnavs should also be hidden from view.
- Use the security devices in your vehicle – Fit an alarm or immobiliser if you do not have one. Mark your property with your postcode and display signs stating that your property is marked. This can be done using products such as Selecta DNA or Smart Water. Marked property can deter thieves, as it's harder for your goods to be sold on.

REMEMBER – SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL NOT REPLACE STOLEN ITEMS IF YOUR VAN IS LEFT INSECURE AT THE TIME OF A THEFT.

If you would like any further advice regarding your home security then please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

PC Steve Brett, PCSO Matt Johnson & PCSO Joe Cherrett

PS. You can follow us on Twitter at StevenBrett1313.

Surgery - 1st Wednesday of every month, 2.30 - 3.30pm, Co-Op, Colehill.

If you need to contact your SNT officers use the email or call Wimborne Police Station via 101.

****** New Opening Times ******

The police station at Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS is normally open **Wednesday 10am-6pm, Thursday 10am-2pm, Friday 10am-6pm.** Please come along and visit Chris.

NOTE: The reception desk may not always be staffed at these times.

Wimborne SNT

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PCSO Natalie Shaw

PCSO Matt Brennan

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Police & Crime Commissioner Election

In November England and Wales, excluding London, will elect people to the post of Police and Crime Commissioner in their Police Constabulary Areas.

The Home Office website describes the new role of Police and Crime Commissioner as this:

“Police and crime commissioners (PCCs) will aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their force area.

To provide stronger and more transparent accountability of the police, PCCs will be elected by the public to hold chief constables and the force to account; effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve.

Police and crime commissioners will ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible, and will improve local relationships through building confidence and restoring trust. They will also work in partnership across a range of agencies at local and national level to ensure there is a unified approach to preventing and reducing crime.

PCCs will not be expected to run the police. The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account.”

In practical terms, the PCC will have the job of translating the will of the residents into priorities for their local police force. They will have the power to hire or fire the Chief Constable, will set the Police budget for their area, including having the power to set the Police council tax precept and will assume responsibility for agreeing the distribution of funding currently controlled by area Crime Reduction Partnerships.

Use your vote on 15th November

REMINDER – house numbers !

Can the emergency services find your house easily?
Is your house number visible from the road at night?



Harry Homewatch

Another year had past and it was approaching Annual General Meeting time.

Harry attended the AGM regularly every year. He found that it was very informative and often the best place to discuss common problems with other members. It was also an opportunity for him to have a say in the processes that were proposed for action during the forthcoming year.

Understanding the work put in both by the community's Police Officers and the committee members was also a valuable feature of the AGM.

Harry could not understand why more members didn't turn up each year. Surely if you belong to an organisation you would be interested in the work it was carrying out on your behalf?

So come and meet your fellow members at the AGM on Wednesday 31st October at The Allendale centre in Wimborne starting at **4:30 p.m.**

Harry will be there!

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John Shave MBE *Chairman*

Born and bred in Ringwood. Happily married to Angela for 24 years, 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Worked for IBM for 31 years in Service Bureaux, Sales, Marketing and Business Development. Established a business services and consultancy company on taking early retirement from IBM. Served as Company Director of various small businesses.

Moved to Wimborne in 2001. Awarded MBE in 2011. Currently Chairman of W&CHW, Wimborne PACT, Colehill PACT, East Dorset Crime Prevention Panel and the Association of Dorset Watches.



Graham Mallett, C.Eng

C2 & C3 Coordinator, Editor, & Website

Moved to Wimborne in 1982 on joining Membrain (later Schlumberger Test Systems). Moved to Colehill in 1986.

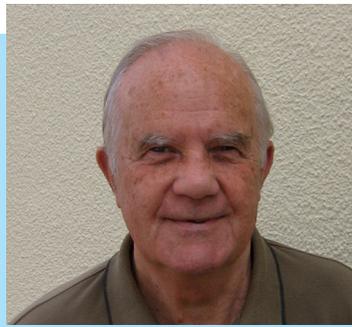
Offering Apple Mac support & publishing (GPM Computer Services) since 1991. Chairman of Trustees of Diverse Abilities Plus (formerly Dorset Scope) from 1999-2010.

One of the original members of 'Ashmeads' Home Watch in 1987.



Margaret Thompson - W2 Coordinator

Leigh Area Coordinator since the formation of W & C Home Watch.



John Poat

Treasurer, Membership and Publicity

Committee member for the past 8 years.

Moved to Dorset in 1966 as part of the Plessey Company reorganisation.

Worked there as an Engineering Manager up to early retirement in 1998. Then ran his own I.T. company for 4 years.

Widowed in 2005 after 46 years of happy married life, he has two children and three grown up grand children. He has lived in Wimborne and Colehill for the last 44 years.



John Burden

Senior Contact, Leigh Park

Born at High Hall Estate just outside Wimborne. Moving to West Stapehill. Worked for the same company for 30 years. Retired 10 years ago through ill health.

Married to wife Ann, a local girl, for almost 40 years. Two grown-up children, daughter teaching in Locks Heath, son working for BP in Alaska.

Present home, for the past 30 years, is at Leigh Park where he has been Chairman of the Residents Association for six years.

Joined the Town Council in 2007 and currently Mayor of Wimborne Minster (also Mayor 2009/10).

Geoff Wild *C1 Coordinator*

Lived in Wimborne for the last thirty years, has been Colehill West Coordinator since the formation of W & C Home Watch.



Carole Richens *Secretary*

Recently joined the committee as *Secretary*, and *Senior Contact* for the Stapehill groups.

Interested in Nordic walking, gardening, reading and being an active member of St John's Church.

Lived in Colehill for 5 years after moving from Highcliffe on Sea. Widowed in 2005 after 42 years of marriage, she has 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Retired December 2011 after working in the leisure industry at Hoburne Ltd for over 30 years.



Keith Baker

C4 (Furzehill) Coordinator (from 2004) & Vice Chairman since 2009

Married, living in Furzehill since 1999. Working from home since 2000 for BT. Past Chairman of Colehill Parish Council 2007-09.



Henry Bartlett *W1 Coordinator*

Married, with two sons. Wimborne Town Councillor. Past Chairman of the local Wimborne Group of Diabetes UK, and works with Diabetes UK regionally and nationally.

You are invited to our
**Annual
 Home Watch
 Meeting**

incorporating our AGM

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If you haven't been asked for your sub by the end of September please speak to your Contact.

If you move house within our Home Watch area your membership can be transferred to your new address free of charge and a new card will be issued to you. Members who move out of the area will forfeit any subs paid and new occupiers will need to join up in their own names.

If you're already a member of W&CHW we'd like you to tell your friends or relatives who live locally about the many benefits. Help us to make our community safer – join today (details on our website). Your involvement makes a real difference in keeping us, our homes and our community safe.

Help fight crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities. To join contact Graham Mallett at g@gpmcs.co.uk; talk to your Safer Neighbourhood Team officers (find details on page 5); speak to your local W&CHW coordinator/contact; or leave a telephone message (see page 2).

Street Contacts are reminded to notify details of any membership changes to their Co-ordinators.

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