

Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch 2015 Annual General Meeting

Held in the Castleman A room at Allendale House

On Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7p.m.

Welcome and introduction - Chairman.

Present: There were 19 attendees including Committee Members.

Apologies: Joan Taylor, Margaret Thompson, Henry Bartlett, and Susan Cowshill.

Chairman's Report to 2015 AGM:

Our Recent Achievements:

1. *'Update'* newsletters published and distributed quarterly.
2. Participated in local PACT Panels.
3. Participated in Police/Councillor public engagement events in Wimborne & Colehill.
4. Contributed £250 towards security to the Reef Youth Centre.
5. Offered opportunity for local groups to apply for project funding.
6. Provided copy of National NHWN/ADW Stay Safe booklet to each of members.
7. Provided copies of National NHWN/ADW Stay Safe booklet to our libraries.

ADW Recent Achievements:

Ran meetings for members to listen to and question guest speakers Deputy Chief Constable (DCC), and Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC).

Improved partnership working in some areas represented at Police/Watch Plan meetings.

Obtained funding from PCC to enable provision of tools and materials for use by Watch Groups.

Managed provision of Community Speed Watch kits.

Held meetings with DCC.

Commissioned project with Bournemouth University to propose ways in which Home and Neighbourhood Watch could increase membership and coverage.

Received briefing and ceremony from Police on output from strategic review of Neighbourhood policing.

Involved in Rotary Police awards judging.

Our Current Year Focus Areas:

1. Encouraging Contacts and Members to register on Dorset Alert messaging system.
2. Working with Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to recruit new Contacts, Committee Members and Helpers.
3. Using demo kit and Sheduction to provide crime prevention advice and products for sale.

ADW current Year Focus Areas.

1. Commissioning a new website.
2. Implementing selected Bournemouth University project recommendations.
3. Improving Watch scheme coverage in under represented areas.
4. In partnership with Dorset Police, convincing Neighbourhood Inspectors and Sergeants of the value of Watch Groups.
5. Cyber Crime awareness and prevention.
6. Volunteer recruitment.
7. Providing Stay Safe booklets for recruitment and reassurance.
8. Encouraging Co-ordinators, Contacts and Members to register on Dorset Alert messaging system.
9. Making available for loan to Watch groups, pull-up banners and posters together with hand-outs plus necessary equipment to enable them to conduct their own crime prevention activities.

Future Events:

20th May - ADW AGM at Bournemouth Library. June 20th to June 28th - National Neighbourhood Watch Week.

Matters Arising from April 2014 AGM. As no matters were raised the Minutes were Adopted, proposed by Keith Baker, seconded by John Warren.

Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts

The financial report & accounts having been previously circulated it was agreed that they be accepted, proposed by John Burden, seconded by Keith Baker.

Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts

As the previous independent Examiner of the accounts was no longer available, it was suggested that another Independent examiner be appointed later.

John Poat advised the Meeting that he was resigning as Treasurer following the AGM and he introduced his successor, Anthony Dalton, who then gave the meeting brief details of his qualifications and his CV. The Chairman thanked the retiring Treasurer on behalf of Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch for all his work and support for the Watch.

Election of Officers & Committee (*indicates in post 2014/15)

Officers: (Current nominees in brackets)

Chairman (Graham Mallett,) proposed by John Shave seconded by John Poat; Vice Chairman (Keith Baker) proposed by John Shave, seconded by Graham Mallett; Secretary (Joy Ashmore*); Treasurer & Membership Secretary (Anthony Dalton), Publicity Officer (Anthony Dalton); Editor (Graham Mallett acting*), Type setter (Graham Mallett*).

The remaining Committee Members will continue.

Policing Update & Priorities plus Q&A

A very interesting and informative talk was given by Inspector Wayne Nock, although crime has decreased the cost of crime has increased. Cyber crime has increased and is very concerning.

Following the talk we were introduced to items of police equipment by Inspector Nock and Sgt Travers, who demonstrated and circulated the items and uniforms currently in use.

It was interesting and instructive to compare the newer uniforms etc. with previous versions.

Summary & Close

John Shave mentioned that one or two functions of Dorset Alert are not fully meeting our expectations.

Graham Mallett then made presentations to John Shave and John Poat, and thanked them for their commitment as Officers over 13 and 7 years respectively. All present acknowledged and concurred with all the comments. Inspector Nock also thanked John Shave for his contribution. John Shave stated that he would still serve on the Committee as ADW rep.

The Chairman asked all Contacts to nominate a Deputy. Details will be in the next '**Update**'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.