

Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch
Annual General Meeting
in
Quarterjack Suite at the Allendale on 30/04/2014
7p.m. -- 8.45p.m.

Welcome and introduction plus teas and coffees.

The Chairman welcomed guest speakers Deputy Police Inspector Richard Newton and POPP Champion, Susan Reynolds. He also welcomed new Colehill area coordinator, Joan Taylor and all attendees.

Present:

28 Attendees including Committee members: John Shave (JS) Chairman, John Poat(JP) Treasurer, Graham Mallett (GM), Margaret Thompson, Vice-Chairman Cllr. John Burden, Joy Ashmore (JA) Secretary, and Joan Taylor. Plus Police, Deputy Inspector Richard Newton, PCSO Matt Brennan.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Review of recent activities and achievements:

1. Glossy coloured 'update' newsletters published quarterly.
2. Participated in local PACT Panel.
3. Participated in Police/Councillor public engagement events in Wimborne & Colehill.
4. Ran a number of Sheduction events e.g. during National Neighbourhood Watch week.
5. Commissioned and/or funded various projects and activities:
 - . Purchased Shop Watch Radios.
 - . Ran Sheduction events including Home Security Survey in Colehill schools.
 - . Assisted with setting up Community Speed Watch in Wimborne.
 - . Part funded & participated in shed marking event with Sheduction at Wimborne allotments.
6. Continued membership of the Association of Dorset Watches (ADW).

ADW Recent Achievements:

- . Participated in Chief Constable (CC) candidate selection interviews
- . Ran meetings for members to listen to and question guest speakers e.g. Deputy Chief Constable (DCC), Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)
- . Produced Watch Strategy and now contributing to compiling

- Police/Watch Delivery Plan.
- . Obtained funding from PCC to enable provision of tools and materials for use by Watch groups.
 - . Managed provision of Community Speed Watch and featured in Police Launch video
 - . Interviewed on 2 occasions on Radio Solent Dorset.
 - . Improved look and content of website.
 - . Held meetings with DCC.

Our Current Year Focus Areas:

1. Implementation of 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. Encouraging Watch groups and partners to provide helpful, up-to date information for the website.
2. Reviewing implementation of Service Level Agreement with Police, and incorporating the Watch Delivery Plan in a revision.
3. Establishing links with Watch groups across Dorset to enable us to fully represent our members.
4. Maintaining communication links with PCC, CC and DCC.
5. Implementing Dorset Alert messaging system and establishing an ADW micro site.
6. Making available for loan to Watch groups, portable display boards with crime themed posters and leaflets plus necessary equipment to enable them to conduct their own crime prevention activities.

Involvement in other relevant groups:

- ADW
- East Dorset Crime Prevention Panel.
- Wimborne PACT Panel.
- Colehill PACT Panel.

Ongoing expenses:

- Watch Signs
- Chairman's ADW expenses
- Room hire and provision of refreshments for AGM and Committee meetings.
- Room hire and provision of refreshments for recruitment events
- Promotion advertising
- Coffee at Watch/SNT checkpoint meetings

Committed Projects:

- Up to £500 for local youngsters to benefit from Streetwise.
- Wimborne project – joint funding with WMTC
- Community Speed Watch Kit for Wimborne & Colehill
- Campaigns to promote Shed/outbuilding and Bike Marking/D lock.
- Cross District Watch recruitment campaign
- POPP Good Neighbours scheme

Proposed Projects

- Home security campaign with subsidised product offerings.
- Junior Watch schemes

Matters arising from October 2012 AGM:

Raising the question of accidents/crime since the street lights have been switched off, there had not been any reported increase of accidents/crimes.

It was agreed that the Minutes be accepted, JS proposed the Minutes be Accepted, seconded by Graham Mallett

Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP)—Role, activities and working together --- Susan Reynolds

Susan Reynolds gave a full report on the organisation and work of POPP. Susan is POPP ‘Champion’ for Wimborne and Verwood. It is a partnership with Dorset CC and the Health Authority. The intention is to build and support communities to enable older people to remain in their own homes. POPP have set up various clubs and activities to encourage older people to be independent. ‘Champions’ work with a group and ‘Wayfinders’ work within the group on a 1 to 1 basis. Senior forums are involved in assisting and informing ‘champions’ to arrange suitable bus routes and meetings. RVS works closely with these groups. Volunteers who would like to join any group are welcome, the next training session for anyone who is interested takes place at the Priest's House Museum. Funding is available for various activities including sports and computing. POPP gets funding from Dorset County Council and the NHS.

Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts---Treasurer, J. Poat

The Current balance sheets having been circulated JP stated that as they showed a healthy balance, present membership subs would be suspended for 2 years, new members would still pay the sub of £2.

Recent highlights were:

- 4 sets of popular Demo products purchased for onward sale.
- 10 shop radios provided for Shop Watch to assist in the detection and prevention of shoplifting.

JS proposed the accounts be accepted. Seconded by John Burden.
Unanimously endorsed.

Election of Officers & Committee appointments

Officers (Current incumbents in brackets)

Chairman (John Shave), Vice-Chairman(Cllr John Burden – temporarily unavailable), Secretary (Joy Ashmore), Treasurer and Membership secretary (John Poat), Publicity Officer (John Poat acting), Editor Graham Mallett (acting), Typesetter (Graham Mallett)

Area co-ordinators:

Officers Burden and Mallett plus Keith Baker, Joan Taylor, Margaret Thompson, and Cllr Henry Bartlett.

Other Committee Members:

Cllrs John Warren and Susan Cowsill.

The Chairman said that as he wished to retire from that position in the near future there was a need for a volunteer to fill the post. He said someone was also needed to fill the position as stand-in Vice-Chairman, The Treasurer would also like a volunteer to take over from him. He said now would be a good time for a new incumbent to take over because they would be in situ well before the next collection of subs from present members.

As there were no volunteers forthcoming, the current incumbents agreed to continue for the time being.

Policing Update & Priorities plus Q&A.

The Chairman introduced the guest speaker Deputy Police Inspector Richard Newton, who assured meeting that we are fortunate to be living in the safest area of the U.K. He said that most of the local crimes burglaries were from sheds and outbuildings and that he welcomed the Sheducation which was instrumental in making people aware of that danger and for making it possible for people to purchase protective devices. He also mentioned the Shop Watch radios which Home Watch had funded and he said the co-operation of the Group was greatly appreciated in that matter and also the assistance given by the Group to Speed Watch.

He drew the Meeting's attention to 2 public concerts by the Dorset Police choir.

Summary & Close.

The Chairman thanked all at the meeting for attending.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.45 P.M.