

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S NOTES MEETING TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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Clive Stewart (CBS) welcomed all new members and distributed the photographs from the AGM/Conference and has two left one for Epping Forest and one for Basildon.

Attended : Clive Stewart (Chairman & Secretary ECNWA representing Braintree District) , Roger Passfield (Vice Chairman ECNWA – Thurrock) Alf Kennedy and Alan Norman (Southend) Peter Salmon (Vice Chairman ECNA – Brentwood) Peter Fisk (ECNWA website Manager) Colin Freeman (Event Co-ordinator ECNWA) , Frank Ferguson (Basildon) , Grahame Stehl (Colchester), Derrick Giffen (Uttlesford) Nadine Rudd (Witham /Braintree), Jeff Appleby (Essex Police) Jenny Brouard (Essex Police) Mandy Chapman (Maldon), Colin Dobinson (Crime Stoppers), Mike Hooper (Treasurer ECNWA -Rochford), Ian Hubbard and Dave Sexton (Tendring) .

Apologies: Clive Woodward (Basildon) Darren Horsman (Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner) Sue Taylor and Tracey Graham (Epping Forest) and Steve Leverett (Chelmsford) .

ESSEX POLICE

Jenny Brouard gave a report on the current activities of Essex Police and also mentioned that ECM is now under review and when the newly appointed Essex Chief Constable Mr. B J Harrington is in the job he will be looking at the future of ECM.

Clive Stewart requested that all the ECNWA District Co-ordinators feedback is shown to Mr. Harrington (or at least he is aware of the summary of the feedback) . JB promised that she would action the request. It is generally felt that whatever Essex Police want to use as a communication App with the public is acceptable to Neighbourhood Watch . The majority of ECNWA members do feel that the quality of ECM messages and the regularity of any messages has been very poor in recent months and many Neighbourhood Policing Teams no longer use it and also therefore we see no need to promote ECM . Jeff Appleby gave a report on the statistics of ECM that relate to his responsibilities. There are 14,785 people on ECM and 2,221 NW members.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF POLICE FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER.

This had been received from Darren Horsman and was distributed to all .

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Clive Stewart read an update on various matters and has sent the report to the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Hooper gave out a report .

There are still issues with the Bank regarding adding new signatures and removing both Alan Johnson and Geoff Ireland. This is due to the fact that the Bank staff are not very helpful .

Action: Clive Stewart and Mike Hooper will discuss what to do next once MH has returned from holiday in late October.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Colin Dobinson gave a report and was pleased to share a table with ECNWA on November 14th at Great Notley.

COLIN FREEMAN'S REPORT ON AGM AND CONFERENCE.

CF gave a great report on the day and thanked everyone for attending early to help set up. He is booking the same refreshments team and the venue for 2019 and a date to be advised soon. It is expected to have ACC Mr. Prophet again as CBS has booked him well in advance and he will stay a lot longer!

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DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS.

CBS requested that each District Co-ordinator send their reports to Peter Fisk for the website.

STREET SIGNS AND CHELMSFORD DISTRICT

CBS gave an updated report on the project and it was appreciated by most people that Essex Police are keen to assist in having their support shown on the signs. CBS said that once Chelmsford Project (and refers to Maldon too) has been a success it is the plan for Essex Police to "roll out" the project to these other Districts that want to have joint signs. Initially the current plan for Chelmsford is to have 250 street signs created , even 500!

CBS has expressed "concerns" as to the work that Steve Leverett has to take on to obtain permission to erect new signs throughout Chelmsford.

Action: Steve Leverett will attend the next meeting and updated us.

POLICE FIRE CONFERENCE AT DUNMOW 20TH NOVEMBER

CBS sent the details to everyone and the organisers wanted to have confirmation that we would represent Neighbourhood Watch. Derrick Giffen (Uttlesford) said he was willing to make the day but he wanted to know if it was worthwhile .

CBS asked those who had attended in the past two years what they felt and they said that despite an excellent lunch it was basically a waste of time as very few members of the public attended.

Action: CBS to inform the organisers that we shall NOT attend.

HERTS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SEMINAR

CBS sent out to all the details and no one who attended this meeting wanted to make the event.

Since the ECNWA meeting Sue Taylor (Epping Forest) said she would attend and will submit a report.

WHEELIE BIN STICKERS

CBS has sent full details of the prices for the excellent quality which he showed to all. If anyone is interested CBS will send the appropriate form for each District to purchase them directly. This has been organised and three Districts have purchased over 3250 .

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS GUIDES

It was noted that National Neighbourhood Watch cannot give any timescales to re produce their Members Guides. So it was agreed that ECNWA will create its own. Clive Stewart, Roger Passfield and Colin Freeman will be the Sub Committee.

Meeting ended 11:50hrs.

Clive Stewart

Chairman

11th September 2018

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This is my last Chairman's report before our Annual General Meeting and Conference on Wednesday 11th July so I must take this opportunity to firstly thank my Executive for all their actions in 2017/2018 and attached are the "Responsibilities" which really highlight all their efforts in the past year.

So thank you to Roger Passfield and Peter Salmon (Vice Chairmen) Mike Hooper (Treasurer) and also Colin Freeman (Event Co-ordinator).

In addition I would like to say how much we appreciate the support and actions for Neighbourhood Watch by each and every one of you as District Co-ordinators, your Deputies and your members too.

During the year we did have a sad moment when Alan Johnson passed away from a serious illness.

He had been a Chairman for 5 years and had been on our Association for more than that as well as being Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for many years in Uttlesford.

By the way in the past months I have tried on many occasions to make contact with Geoff Ireland but without success and have asked Steve Leverett to see if he can make any progress to visit his home.

This year we have seen that John Wright retire and we are hoping that Tendring may find a person or persons to replace what he does-as you can never replace someone like John!

Our meetings every two months give us the time to know what we all action to manage Neighbourhood Watch in our Districts and it is great to know that we have seen Neighbourhood Watch expand and this is all down to you and your members who work very hard with the time they have. Do let them now that we are grateful and it does make a difference to our society to reduce the opportunity of crime.

In the past twelve months I have been involved with many different issues and therefore it is hoped that my "style" as Chairman is of benefit to all of you as I am here to be of service.

My activities since the last meeting:-

1. The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner of Essex.

I am delighted to advise you that the funds of £10,500 will be credited to our account in the next few days . So in accordance with my proposal at the last meeting each District will receive £800.

Please ensure that Mike Hooper has your Bank details .

Also I am pleased to advise you that an additional £500 will also be credited to our account towards the AGM/Conference in July. I am hoping for some publicity to promote this very generous grant and also to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch.

2. ECM

May I thank so many of you for replying to my request to have feedback on ECM.

The vast majority all seemed to have the same thoughts and only two Districts actually find the system very helpful.

Therefore I decided to ask for a meeting (via Jenny Brouard) with ACC A.Prophet to advise him what Neighbourhood Watch feels about the "usefulness" of ECM bearing in mind that many Neighbourhood Policing Teams use Twitter, Facebook and many other social media Apps to communicate to the Districts.

Jenny Brouard replied as follows:-

Just to update you around ECM. I met with David White Media and Jo Collins Staff Officer to Mr Prophet and spoke around the changes/updates future plans for ECM.

I have a meeting to attend to around ECM on the 4th May with the Head of Media around ECM which is great news. Once I have attended that meeting I should have a better understanding of where ECM is heading and then I think this will be an opportunity to meet and catch up.

It is hoped that before our meeting on 8th May that Jenny Broard will advise me of Essex Police plans after they have reviewed how ECM is to operate in future.

So that it can be included on the Agenda.

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3. **“Protecting Older people from the effects of crime” in London UPDATE.**

I have been contacted by Jessica Jardine (Home Office) who is considering organising another Conference. They advised that they will next time invite someone from National Neighbourhood Watch and wanted the contact name and details of their new Chief Executive (John Hayward-Cripps) which I gave.

So I was pleased to hear that they have taken up our suggestion of involving Neighbourhood Watch. It is presumed that they may also contact Mark Glazer London Community Watch.

4. **Essex Fire & Rescue Services.**

It is hoped that we shall have the Partnership Agreement signed soon. In the meantime I am meeting with Essex Fire & Rescue Les Davis at their HQ Kelvedon on Monday 30th April to discuss “Hate Crime” as they have a team that covers Braintree District.

5. **Force Tasking meetings.**

I did attend a meeting on Thursday 29th March and took the opportunity to advise those who attended that we are able to distribute any information in a very effective manner to almost 100,000 NW (known) members ,however unable to make 26th April.

6. **On line 101 advice.**

I was pleased that I found the time to send out the Guideline and also updating the details excluding reference to Crimestoppers. It is hoped it was of use and interest?

7. **National Trading Standards Scam Team.**

I have kept in touch with Lee Warren Project Officer who is hoping to send us an update on their plans soon.

8. **National Neighbourhood Watch**

(a) **Registration of “members” via Alert and other options.**

I have been in touch with John Hayward-Cripps (Chief Executive) as most of you know and I have had lengthy discussions and made a proposal which I have been advised has been accepted. However I am waiting to see that it will be actioned and as you can see from the agenda I shall update you all on what National Neighbourhood Watch have made some progress to resolve the matter.

(b) **Window stickers**

Well I received a little over 3000 and those who requested some will collect them at the meeting, if they have not received them already. I do have 500 surplus if people want more and will bring them to the meeting.

9. **Nominations for Neighbourhood Watch Member of the Year.**

Sorry about all the “gentle reminders” but it is hoped that we shall have at least ten to consider (Tending will not be sending in a Nomination) so far I have received five nominations at the time of sending this report.

After our meeting the sub committee comprising myself, Mike Hooper, Colin Freeman, Peter Salmon and Roger Passfield will decide the award winners and this will give Colin time to create the Certificates of Appreciation and also the Awards.

Clive Stewart,
Chairman, Essex County NW Association
Tuesday 8th May 2018.