

**BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**REPORT TO ECNWA TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

We held our last meeting before the AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> April and a full report on what was discussed and agreed was published on ECNWA website under Braintree.

One decision was that sadly the six monthly newsletter may not be created anymore as I did not have any volunteers to take on the job, I had been creating it for six years twice a year and now do not have the time to do it. They did feel my weekly newsletter ( by email only) was better and more up to date.

We had received two thirds of the costs for fifty street signs from the Braintree Community Safety Partnership and Braintree Police and I ordered the signs three weeks ago. Sadly I have yet to have an acknowledgement of the order as to the delivery ..but did receive an invoice which I have acknowledged and will pay on receipt of the signs. I have twelve people ready to erect the signs and keep them updated as to when they may have them. We attended the Bull Inn , Halstead on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch and had eight new people interested. It was very worthwhile as we gave out a lot of information and our photos are also on the ECNWA website.

Sadly Halstead areas ( apart for Node Court which I have had covered by one man for over 20 years) has gone pear shaped as I had regularly been sending weekly newsletters to almost fifty Co-ordinators and then asked them to advise me ( through the new Halstead NW Co-ordinator) of their updated actions and only had ONE reply so I am starting all over again.

What puzzles me is that not one of them seemed to confirm they wanted the newsletter ..despite having been sent them for over a year!

I have applied for a grant of £200 from the EALC (see ECNWA Chairman's report) to cover the cost of street signs and hope to hear from them soon.

However EALC have regularly promoted Neighbourhood Watch to 275 Parish Councils which it is hoped may encourage those in Braintree District to contact us!

Our Annual General Meeting is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at Gosfield Village Hall from 14:00hrs ..we thought we would try a day event ..and see how many can attend. As the last two years ..was poorly attended in the evening!

I have invited Essex Police to come to say a few words of support and hope that they can make it.

Once I know I shall formally send out the information as many Co-ordinators.

New "members" still the same old problem of enquiries being received and then no replies at all once I have sent information-I know it is the same all over Essex..

Finally at our last Steering Group meeting I read out all the Nominations we had from various people in respect of the Neighbourhood Watch Member of the Year.

We had a secret ballot and the chosen Nominee was....Nadine Rudd.

Clive Stewart, Chairman, Braintree District NW.