

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S NOTES AND REPORT FOR TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 2019

1. Attended:

Clive Stewart (ECNWA Chairman and Secretary and represents Braintree District)
Peter Salmon (ECNWA Vice Chairman & Brentwood), Mike Hooper (ECNWA Treasurer and Rochford)
Colin Freeman (ECNWA Event Co-ordinator) Mike Hooper (Epping Forest)
Grahame Stehl (Colchester) , Derrick Giffin (Uttlesford) ,Clive Woodward (Basildon)
Peter Fisk (ECNWA Website Manager), Colin Pendall and Dave Sexton (Tendring) , Sarah Carless (Harlow)
Colin Dobinson (Crimestoppers), Jeff Appleby (Essex Police)

2. Apologies:

Mandy Chapman (Maldon) Darren Horsman (The OPFCC) Steve Leverett (Chelmsford)
Roger Passfield (Thurrock) Alan Norman (Southend)

3. Essex Police report

Jeff Appleby gave a report and the next day he emailed it to all ECNWA members.

4. Chairman's report.

This is our last meeting in 2019 and I must say it has been a busy year for all of us.

I very much appreciate all the time that you have given to Neighbourhood Watch also do thank all your members too for their extra efforts to keep our communities safe by reducing the opportunity of crime. I know many of you have other commitments in your lives and also during the year some of you have had health issues and have not been too good, so it is a credit to each of you that you keep making time to for Neighbourhood Watch.

2020 Celebration of our 25th Anniversary

Over the past few weeks I have been regularly in touch with you all as regards the Special Neighbourhood Watch metal badge and every District has indicated to me their needs and I have put a few for Castlepoint , fourteen for the 2020 Neighbourhood Watch Members of the Year Nominees and also twenty to cover each member of the ECNWA eg: Executives, District Co-ordinators and those we know have Deputies. The total number purchased were 800 (giving some extra) and the cost is £946 to ECNWA as Chairman I have decided to contribute towards the total cost with a net cost of £740. Clive Stewart read out an update including the matter of our Bank bouncing a cheque for £840 for the initial payment for the new Special badges.

CBS spoke to them and after a number of phone calls the Bank apologised and we received a credit of £100 Compensation so the next cost for 800 n badges was £640.

As I said in my email to you all our current badge is recognised as the ONLY valid acknowledgement that we are involved with Neighbourhood Watch. As we know also sadly those badges can be purchased via websites without our approval and there is little we can do about that!

However these new special badges will clearly signify that we are part of Essex County Neighbourhood Watch so it is hoped that in 2020 we can wear them more often and that will raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch even more!

The supplies sent us an incorrect order and these were 800 LARGE Neighbourhood Watch badges and at the meeting 450 were purchased by the attendees and CBS will be invoicing them in the next few days.

Meeting on Tuesday 29th October with Jane Gardner Deputy Police Fire & Crime Commissioner

CBS sent a copy to all ECNWA members of his report to Jane Gardner Deputy Police Fire & Crime Commissioner (and Darren Horsman) which he presented on Tuesday 29th October which included the extra funding for the 12,000 re print of the Members guides which will be distributed in January.

Funding has been approved for 2020 to £15,000

Each District will receive £1,000 in May 2020 – however from that date each District cannot apply directly to The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner Offices for any funding.

Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Groups and the proposals of the Sub Committee.

Due to Nadine Rudd resigning from Neighbourhood Watch the Sub Committee a ne Sub Committee was formed and Clive Woodward was managing it and will give their proposal in January's meeting.

Hi Vis vests

As you all know last year I received 260 Neighbourhood Watch Hi Vis vests funded by ACC Chief Constable Mr.A.Prophet and had a few surplus to requirements which were kept by Jenny Brouard's Department.

In the past few months I was asked by Clive Woodward (Basildon) for a few extra .

At the meeting all twelve Hi Vis vests were handed out. We now no longer have any more in stock.

Neighbourhood Watch Superintendents Cup

During the search for the Hi Vis vest Chris Heaffey found this Cup which CBS handed to Colin Freeman as Ec vent Co-ordinator. This was presented to John Wright in 2012 and Essex Police paid for an additional plaque to update that award. Since that time it has been in Essex Police HQ stock room!

I can say that I was unaware of this Cup so it would be great if we could consider what to do with it for 2020 at the meeting.

UPDATE of Administration in Districts

Epping Forest District. Mike Compton was elected Chairman and is our main contact.

Castlepoint District Roger Passfield County Co-ordinator will a give a full report on the progress in the meeting.

Harlow District Now that Jerry Crawford has moved away from Harlow there is to be a new Chairman and in the meantime whilst Sara Carless is out of the country our main contact is Alan Leverett and is shown on the ECNWA list, however Sarah has returned but Alan will remain on the list emailed to all.

I would like to thank Alan for all his efforts at holding the fort as not only is he keeping in touch with what needs to be done on a daily basis but also there have been many new enquiries from people wanting to be part of Neighbourhood Watch in Harlow!

Braintree

A NEW Vice Chairman has agreed and added to the list. It is Celia Shute and she will be able to attend the 15th January meeting..

Force Tasking meetings

and Local Tasking meetings and communications with your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Last week I was advised that in future Force Tasking meetings are to be "internal" and that I was no longer needed to be involved. This will mean that I shall have separate meetings with Jenny Brouard as to what Essex County NW actions are needed to work with Essex Police.

Please let me know if you are not being invited to the Tasking meetings or have little communication with your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

It is important that every District has regular contact with their District Commander (as appropriate) and the Inspector too.

Clive Woodward also mentioned that he ahs been informed that the Tasking meetings are now to be intenral in Basildon

Twitter

I am delighted that I see so many of you on Twitter as this is a great way of knowing what Essex Police action and achieve.

In my view (even with the restriction on number of characters being used per message) this is far better than ECM.

The Essex Association of Local Councils.

I attended their AGM in September and although met several Parish Councils very few actually made contact with me since. I feel it is a long day as we have to arrive at 09:15hrs and cannot depart until after the awards and that is 16:45hrs. but IF we did have more feedback and responses I feel it would be worthwhile.

However since the AGM I sent them another write up which has been distributed to 275 Parish Councils and this included a photo of myself thanking them for funding for Braintree District Neighbourhood Watch for Street signs A copy of what I sent was attached.

National Neighbourhood Watch

Alert Database:

A general discussion took place and CBS requested everyone to send him any thoughts on the matter so he can communicate with national Neighbourhood Watch with our concerns.

As regards the "Alert" database as you know I have been given the authority now to delete anyone from that database without reference to National Neighbourhood Watch which means that we are more in control as to being able to delete those who we feel are NOT appropriate to be involved with Neighbourhood Watch.

When deleting anyone I do have to give a reason and the individuals are advised by email that I have deleted them and that reason and they do have the right to ask me why. So far only ONE person in the past two years has actually done that and I never heard from them again when I explained why.

5. Crimestoppers report

Colin Dobinson gave his report on specific issues which had been distributed a few days earlier too.

6. Treasurer's report.

Mike Hooper gave out an updated Income and Expenditure report.

It was unknown if Castlepoint did have 5,000 leaflets printed as MH had not received an invoice.

Having ringfenced £820 for Castlepoint we have appx £2,200 in the Bank account .

7. County Co-ordinator's report.

Roger Passfield advised in a report that there was another Castlepoint meeting on 30th November and he has all the names from CBS's list as well as those who are keen to attend.

8. District Co-ordinators reports.

Each member gave a report and it was requested that they send them in PDF format to Peter Fisk for the website.

Meeting ended 12 noon.

Clive Stewart

Chairman

Tuesday 12th November 2019.