

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STEERING GROUP
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ECNWA MEETING ON 12TH JANUARY 2021

1. New Neighbourhood Watch enquiries.

(a) Rayne.

In November I made contact with a person who lives in Rayne as he registered directly with National NW because he needed to check that there was a NW Group in Rayne for house insurance purposes and in fact National NW could not confirm that fact at all!

However they registered him as a “member” and then never contacted him again and as he said “They never sent me even a window sticker!!

Well as you all know they don't do that anyway as we provide them along with Wheelie Bin Stickers , Members Guides , six monthly newsletters etc.

But as I “saw him” on the National NW Alert database and made contact he was so pleased to hear from me and he did not know that there was a NW Group in Rayne and there has been a Rayne NW Co-ordinator for over twenty years (but she never did register with National NW).

So he now receives the weekly and six monthly newsletters, window stickers and our Members Guide. A happy new member.

(b) Sible Hedingham

In my recent weekly newsletters information I reported on thefts of milk from doorsteps and yes this is not a serious crime compared to other such crimes.

However I was contacted by the local Police to say that they and the local residents have concerns as this may lead to more crime.

One of the victims was given my name and contact details and he contacted me and I had “Facetime” discussions with him and his wife to create a Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Over the following few weeks they had ten street signs placed on appropriate posts and also window stickers, wheelie bin stickers, members guides and of course the weekly newsletters by email so they have created a new Group on this new housing estate. They already have a Facebook Group which has added Neighbourhood Watch too. Another happy new member.

2. Essex Community Foundation Grant

As you may remember we received £500 earlier this past year for street signs and stickers.

The “condition” was that I had to report by 31st December what I had purchased with the funds and if I had not used all their funds we would be obliged to return the surplus.

In early October (almost six weeks earlier than the deadline) I sent them a letter, with copies of invoices which totalled £520 but did not have a reply.

In mid November I was sent an email reminding me of the “conditions” and that they wanted to have details and copies of invoices! So I emailed back with a copy of the letter and they replied and did apologise and acknowledged that they had copies of the invoices too.

However, they said that I had to complete a form online (which I had not been told to do before) and they sent me the form by email in which the characters were very small and difficult to read let alone complete it! I took me sometime to action that request. Once completed I sent it and they then acknowledged that my completion of the form was acceptable.

3. Street Signs

We purchased another twenty from Speedybanners and have in stock 21 street signs with the logo of Braintree Community Safety Partnership with the plastic ties too.

4. National Neighbourhood Watch Community Grants Funding.

I applied for £125 which would cover our Zoom costs for the year and also extra postages and printing due to being unable to visit people. It was great to hear that my application was approved and we expect to have the funds in our Bank very soon.

5. Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association (ECNWA) Nominations for Neighbourhood Watch Member or Team of the Year 2020-2021.

I have reminded everyone of the Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Awards for 2020-2021

6. Six monthly Newsletter Version two 2020.

I had 650 printed based on demand compared to 2,500 earlier in the year for version one..

7. Nominated Neighbour Cards

I had printed 100 of these cards and send them to any one who wants them with FULL instructions how to use them.

It seems however that people still open doors to those they are not expecting and maybe do not want to use such cards or even put a chain on the door .

8. Stock Control as at 21st November 2020

Large Neighbourhood Watch badges = 100 , Special Essex County NW Association's 25th Anniversary badges = 58, Six monthly newsletters version One = 96 , Six monthly newsletters version two = 82
Wheelie bin stickers = 103 , Street signs and cables = 21 ECNWA Members Guides = 431,
High vis vests= 28, No Cold Caller stickers = 47 , Window stickers = 1,423,
Contactless card wallet protectors = 12 , Nominated Neighbour Cards = 142

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