

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
COUNTY MEETING

1. **Attendees:**

Clive Stewart (CBS) (Chairman /Secretary & District Co-ordinator for Braintree District),
Peter Salmon (Vice Chairman & Brentwood), Colin Freeman (Event Co-ordinator and Executive),
Clive Woodward (Basildon) , Celia Shute (Vice Chairman Braintree) Peter Fisk (Website Manager) ,
John Scott (Castlepoint), Steve Leverett (Chelmsford), Mike Compton (Epping Forest) ,
Peter Rudlin (Colchester) , Alan Norman (Southend), Sarah Carless & Alan Leverett (Harlow)
Darren Horsman (The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner),
Stuart Rawlins (Crimestoppers), Jenny Brouard & Sarah Wright (Essex Police)

2. **Apologies for absence:**

Mike Hooper (Treasurer & Rochford),_Derrick Giffin (Uttlesford) , Dave Sexton (Tendring) ,
Roger Passfield (Vice Chairman & Thurrock District), Tracey Graham (Epping Forest)
Grahame Stehle (Colchester) ,Mandy Chapman (Maldon) ,

3. **Essex Police report:**

Sarah Wright gave a very comprehensive report and was emailed to everyone that day by CBS.

4. **Crimestoppers Report:**

Stuart Rawlins gave a report which was emailed to everyone the next day via Peter Salmon..

5. **The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner report:**

Darren Horsman gave a report and this was sent out the next day too.

6. **Chairman's report**

Great news re: Mr. Andy Prophet

I am sure that we are all very pleased to see that he has been promoted as Deputy Chief Constable of Essex..well deserved and we are delighted for him. I have sent him congratulations.

Geoff Ireland President: I have sent him a letter updating his on our activities since March

Future meetings

As advised recently the vast majority of the members wanted a Zoom meeting again for this date-only four voted for The Tower Room. It is hoped that in November we shall be able to meet face to face with face masks worn at your discretion. Please can I ask each and everyone of you to inform your Deputies of all meeting dates in 2022 which are on the agenda. If you are unavailable then hopefully your District will be represented.

Special thanks

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all that you are managing in your Districts especially those of you who are not too well these days. Do remember that we are a team and that we can all help each other on any matters, just ask anyone as you have the updated list so you can contact each other at any time directly.

I have been informed by a District that they no longer have a Chairman (so he has been taken off the list) and just cannot find anyone to replace him however they still have their Secretary & Treasurer and wondered if this may affect their funding from The OPFCC. I replied that this was safe and they are not alone as there are a number of Districts have "one person " only managing them and assured him that we are all here to support him and other Districts who are in a similar situation.

Your Annual Accounts.

Please can I remind you that Mike Hooper will need to receive copies of your Annual Accounts as this is a requirement as we are a registered charity .

Our website

Please can you read my email sent on 5th September and update your contact and report details under each of your Districts! Surely it is not too much to ask??

The Office of Police & Fire Commissioner

Funding for 2021/2022 :

I am arranging a meeting with Jane Gardner Deputy Police & Fire Commissioner for November to report on how each District has used their funding over the past twelve months.

As you know I just need a summary with appx £ ..rather than a full report.

It helps them in press releases on how they support Neighbourhood Watch and what items are purchased to promote Neighbourhood Watch in Essex!

It is understood that you may not have spent too much of the £1,000 but there must have been some expenditure which you can highlight? So PLEASE can I have your report by 25th October.

Our List of ECNWA members and YOUR Deputies :

One final thank you for keeping the list updated, as Secretary it is one of my responsibilities and has been for many years, to keep the list as current as possible regarding each District Co-ordinators and their deputies contact details. The numbers of Co-ordinators and members are only to be updated once every six months or whenever you want to advise me of any changes.

Essex Safeguarding Adults Board :

My next meeting is 13th September (yes the day before this one) so I hope to give you an update at the meeting.

Southend , Essex & Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board :

Next meeting is Tuesday 21st September which I attended and as I began my presentation I had a power cut and then my modem went down for twenty minutes ..good job that I sent my one page notes the day before which has been distributed to all who attended. I basically informed that we could distribute any information and will wait to see how we can be of benefit to this Board

Members Guides

Please see attached which I use for Braintree when I send out hard copies-please do NOT throw away the hardcopies that you have as we must use them whenever we can..and I still have three boxes here to distribute. YES the online version is up to date and is very useful to send with emails...so continue to do so

National Neighbourhood Watch :

Thoughts of Co-ordinators My email sent on Sunday 5th September so I would like anyone's comments as we go round the table .

BBC TV programme on Neighbourhood Watch

Without repeating what I have said to National NW, (you all were cc on the email) as to why we in Essex will decline to be part of the programme due to the "agenda" that was expected us to fulfil. I did have an email back from the Chairman (as I did cc him) and he said that he was not happy with some of my comments as he felt it was personally directed to Cheryl Spruce..which as you know it was not..plus one of you did respond directly to National Neighbourhood Watch (who never had a reply) and the Chairman also thought that the tone of that email was very unacceptable..

May I say that each of you have the right to contact National Neighbourhood Watch at any time..but they will not reply as they ONLY respond to "Association Leads" (that is each Association who has one person to make contact with them..in ECNWA it is the Chairman).

MSA'S:

One District Co-ordinator of which I am their MSA has advised me that he no longer wants to see anymore new registrations at all. So in future I have agreed that I will write to the persons and advise them that they must email that District to have their registration approved.. I shall mention that National Neighbourhood Watch had failed to advise of them of this fact and that only the local NW District Co-ordinators advise them of LOCAL crime information and supplies NW items eg window stickers , members guides

One of the Districts, has a Social Club as a "member" well the member must be a person

Sadly the Alert database cannot recognise that the wording is not a name of a person so I have asked the District Co-ordinator to sort it out and he has as it has been deleted.

I have been sent an email to update my personal details on the Braintree District NW as the NW Co-ordinator..one was "Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth" also they wanted to know my "sexual orientation" too ...I do not understand why this information is needed ..Can anyone tell me if they have completed the demographics on the Alert database with any personal information? National NW advised me it helps to ensure that any messages are sent to the appropriate person with specific needs.

As advised we have now FOUR MSA's covering the fourteen Districts and I am Acting MSA for ten Districts and sadly a few have informed me that they just cannot find anyone to volunteer for the roles.

Alert database Version 4

There has been an upgrade and two MSA's John Scott and Clive Woodward have been trained and now both myself and Steve Leverett too..

In the meantime once again the issues with the database caused confusion for a person living in Boreham (which is in Chelmsford District) who has registered as a member in Hatfield Peverel which is in Braintree District. Also I advised this person by email that "National Neighbourhood Watch have failed to advise that her registration has to be approved by ourselves"..and this is the way I am responding to any new registrations in Braintree District ...I did have a good reply (as I sent the details to Steve Leverett) saying that she was looking forward to hearing from the Chelmsford District NW Co-ordinator.. Sadly National NW blame the Co-ordinators as they seem to make mistakes..when I feel that their system should show the correct Districts

Cyberhood Watch Ambassadors:

I have not heard many more from any Ambassadors or National Neighbourhood Watch at all on this matter-I wonder if it has just faded away- apart from the sponsorship of the window stickers!

Database demographics analysis

Just for your interest for Essex : Age Groups 2,262 have given their ages Disability 1,628, Ethnicity 1,781, Gender 1,628, Nationality 1,621 Religion 76..yes that is all of the Essex members who have included their personal information (one of those is myself) ..but many do not complete the details (well it is NOT mandatory) . I looked at Braintree District and really the figures are so small Age Groups 159, Disability 83, Ethnicity 98, Nationality 84, Gender 84, Religion 5.. I wonder what they can do with such figures which are a very small percentage of our members who register with them ..

7. Treasurer's report.

Mike Hooper sent his updated accounts and CBS distributed them the day before the meeting.

8. Reports from each District

Each of those who represented their Districts gave a report and was requested by CBS to send their reports to Peter Fisk for the website.

9. National Neighbourhood Watch & Visav

There was a lengthy discussion on the issues and it was agreed that we all must cope with the anomalies of how the databases work ie people who have been deleted by ourselves for good reasons can re-register retrospectively back to their original date they registered without any reference to us at all, some people can register to join any Scheme in Essex despite them living outside Essex (eg a person from the USA and North Wales did this and CBS has asked again for National NW to confirm this fact and has yet to have a reply) .

However a number of District Co-ordinators have said that they have no confidence in the databases any more and will only respond to local promotions for their Neighbourhood Watch Districts. It was agreed by all that everyone should make a bigger effort to raise their own Neighbourhood Watch locally too .

10. Our Website

CBS proposed that we have a working group to look at a possible new website and he invited Peter Fisk, John Scott, Clive Woodward, Peter Salmon and Colin Freeman .

The meeting is by Zoom and will be Tuesday 5th October.

11. Any other business.

None.

However CBS said that the next meeting TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER will hopefully be at the Millennium Centre Great Baddow at 10:15hrs.

PLEASE can everyone who ordered the window stickers arrange for them to be collected from CBS at 09:45 hrs in the car park on that date IF we have the meeting!!!!.

Clive Stewart Chairman,

Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association Tuesday 14th September 2021