

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
COUNTY MEETING
CHAIRMAN'S NOTES AND REPORT TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2021

Attendees: Clive Stewart (ECNWA Chairman & Secretary ECNWA and representing Braintree District) Sarah Wright (Essex Police) Paul Harris (Essex Police Liaison Officer) Clive Woodward (Basildon) Alan Norman (Southend) Dave Sexton & Adrian Smith (Tendring) Roger Passfield (ECNWA Vice Chairman & Thurrock) Mike Hooper (ECNWA Treasurer & Rochford), Celia Shute (Braintree) Peter Fisk (ECNWA Website Manager & Brentwood) Mike Compton (Epping Forest) Peter Rudlin (Colchester)

Apologies : Steve Leverett (Chelmsford) Mandy Chapman (Maldon) Grahame Stehle (Colchester) Colin Freeman (Event Co-ordinator) Tracey Graham (Epping Forest) Peter Salmon (Brentwood) Jenny Brouard (Essex Police) Sarah Carless (Harlow) Derrick Giffen (Uttlesford) Darren Horsman (The OPFCC) Stuart Rawlins (Crimestoppers)

Essex Police report: Sarah Wright gave a very comprehensive report which was emailed to everyone the next day and Paul Harris also updated us with various matters that the three Liaison Officers were involved with over the past month .

Crimestoppers Report was sent by Stuart Rawlins which was distributed the day before.

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Clive Stewart's Chairman's report

1. Sir David Ames

As you know I sent a message of condolences to his family via Essex Police and also The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner which were acknowledged.

2. Future meetings

This is our first meeting face to face for eighteen months....well it is hoped that it will be if the Government do not change the restrictions whilst I write this report.

As advised we are holding the meeting at Great Baddow in the Millennium Centre in the large hall on the ground floor in which we can open windows easily for ventilation. The wearing of facemasks is at your discretion...

The majority of the members wanted a meeting back at the Millennium Centre ,Great Baddow for November so that is why we are back.

However I have since advised you that the January meeting will again be by Zoom to avoid any difficulty in travelling in the winter months.

If you are unable to attend the 9th November meeting (for any reason) please can you inform your Deputy who should be able to represent your District. Please ensure that your Deputy or someone in your committee is aware of all meeting dates in 2022 these are on the agenda

3. The Office of Police & Fire Commissioner

Funding for 2021/2022 :

I am hoping to arrange a Microsoft teams/Zoom meeting with Jane Gardner Deputy Police & Fire Commissioner and Darren Horsman soon to report on how each District has used their funding over the past twelve months. Thank you to many of you regarding your reports as to how you have used (some) of the funding. I have received all the reports and the report for Jane Gardner is complete and my meeting is Tuesday 16th November by Microsoft teams and I have delivered them to both Jane Gardner and Darren Horsman. A report of the meeting will be sent soon after next Tuesday.

4. Your Annual Accounts a reminder please.

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 .

5. Our website

The Working Party had a Zoom meeting as you know and I sent out a survey to each District and received back many comments mostly asking for cosmetic change and I thank you for that!

We (that is the Working Party) have decided that we shall review the website again in six months.

The reason is, that after our meeting, Peter Fisk took down all the ideas we had and the website has been re-designed and simpler to use for anyone looking at it for the first time.

May I suggest that everyone looks at Maldon and Castle Point Districts and see the pictures ..a brilliant idea..and simple to send to Peter Fisk.

It is important that everyone remembers that websites are in the public domain and any reports from ANYONE is the responsibility of the person who sends them. Peter Fisk can accept them in any format and will not edit them but publish them in the appropriate District.

After your verbal report at ECNWA meetings you may decide not to send all that you have said in your report to the website (for any reason) and that is YOUR decision and this also refers to our partners who attend meetings eg Essex Police, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner and Crimestoppers

PLEASE however note that we do need at least an update on your District's activities every two months ..surely that is not too much to ask a few lines will do as that is what is read by anyone who looks at your District on OUR website don't you agree?

We all agreed that we are to promote not only OUR website more (as well as your local District) which will hopefully encourage those keen to be part of Neighbourhood Watch in Essex to contact the right District for local information and not contact National Neighbourhood Watch.

6. Bank charges

Thank you to all those who have replied to my email regarding OUR Bank (HSCB) going to charge us from November 1st...I have appreciated Mike Hooper's actions in trying to find an alternative Bank to prevent us paying any Bank a charges and I said that we can take a little while to look again together. We can cover £5 a month from that date for a while .

It is interesting to note that some Banks's want it confirmed that your District is a registered charity (well there are two Districts which are a registered charity) but the rest of the Districts are "affiliated " to us as we are a registered charity I would have thought that would be acceptable..

One District was asked by their Bank if they could have a letter from ourselves confirming that they can use the registered charity number and I did send the letter which I understand was acceptable!

7. National Neighbourhood Watch :

MSA

As advised we now have THREE MSA's covering the fourteen Districts and I am Acting MSA for twelve Districts so I very much appreciate Steve Leverett (Chelmsford) and Clive Woodward (Basildon) for their agreement to be MSA's for their Districts.

The interesting thing is that since we MSA's have been trained on the Alert database Version 4 new registrations have reduced for a week or two but now back to at least ten a week for Essex!
People we delete and then re-register themselves retrospectively without our knowledge update.

Well sadly there is nothing to report as despite sending many emails to National Neighbourhood Watch and Visav I still have not had any replies to why this is allowed I know that anyone can register on National Neighbourhood Watch and have the choice whether or not they want to be part of their local Neighbourhood Watch Districts (so may never have any local information or even supplied with Neighbourhood Watch items)..but that is their choice!

BUT it seems very difficult to understand that those whom we do not want as Co-ordinators or even members can re-register themselves back to the original date they were deleted retrospectively without our being advised and the only we will know they have actioned this is if we search for them each week (which is a lot of work) as we would need to keep a list of those we deleted .

HUB meetings

My recent email advised you of the reasons that National NW have created the Hib and also the problems I have experienced ..anyone would like to comment?? UPDATE: Not one person has any comments.

8. Our list of District Co-ordinators, local Co-ordinators and members.

I have updated the information for Castle Point and will only distribute the list once I have had any confirmation of changes in personnel in other Districts. Actioned: This was updated with more changes and sent out on 16th November.

9. ECNWA Responsibilities :

Essex Highways and Street signs

Please note that I want to confirm that Clive Woodward is OUR main contact with Essex Highways whenever we seek to apply for the placing of street signs on appropriate posts.

Please can you ensure in future that every application sent to Olive Porter and also to Clive Woodward. I have added Clive's responsibilities on the updated list..if anyone would like a copy please ask me.

Treasurer's report:

Mike Hooper distributed the current Income & Expenditure.

Report from each District Co-ordinator.

There was a very lengthy report by Clive Stewart regarding Castle Point District to update everyone. Peter Rudlin Colchester 's report covered many issues and Clive Stewart asked him to send a full report to him so he could involve Jenny Brouard Essex Police .

The meeting ended at 12:15hrs.

It was agreed that the next meeting (as it was in the Winter months) on January 11th would be by Zoom