

**ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**  
**COUNTY MEETING**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. There are one or two I am still chasing.

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 will need them in a PDF 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 1<sup>st</sup>...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.

Yes there are two of you who are not in the best of health and I am covering your Districts ...but the rest of you ?

Well It is not a difficult job to do ..only 5 mins a week so surely you can find one volunteer sometime soon?

The interesting thing is that since we MSA's have been trained on the Alert database Version 4 new registrations had reduced for a week or two but now back to at least ten a week for Essex!

People who 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 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 .

Clive Stewart

Chairman

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Window stickers for collection

**If you are unable to have anyone collect your orders it is your responsibility and cost to have them delivered to you.**

Please note that I am meeting the following in the Millennium Centre car park from 09:45hrs to 10:00hrs :-

Thurrock: Roger Passfield x 500 (*Roger please note that you are giving me the box from Castle Point and also 300 x Contactless Card Protector wallets*)

Brentwood : Peter Salmon x 500 *Peter I shall receive from you 50 x Message in a Bottles please*

Uttlesford : Derrick Giffen x 500

Southend: Alan Norman x 1,500

Chelmsford: Steve Leverett x 1,000

Epping Forest District: Mike Compton x 500

Basildon: Clive Woodward x 500

Rochford: Mike Hooper x 500