

BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

REPORT TO ECNWA TUESDAY 10th MAY 2022

SAFER STREETS FUNDING

I have received an email from Braintree District Council advising me that they have identified specific areas in Braintree District where crime needs to be more measured and controlled and they asked me if we had a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in those areas and if not what the cost would be to create one. I did reply and I am look forward to hearing from them.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

My weekly newsletters are very well received and on a occasions I see them on Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Groups.

Many thanks to PC James Draper for the crime reports which I receive each week The distribution list increases weekly and that way we keep in touch with everyone on a regular basis . The newsletter (which is coming up to its 13th year) is a summary of the weekly crime reports and also includes Essex Police Twitter and Facebook items.

SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Well I distributed 1,900 to all those who wanted hard copies and more than two hundred co-ordinators and members received an email version.

The latest version covers from May to November.

As advised the issue includes an article from Kevin Blake (who is one of the Essex Watch Liaison Officers) on the responsibilities of the three Essex Watch Liaison Officers with also a photo too.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH JUNE

The guests speakers are PC James Draper and Essex Watch Liaison Officer Terry Fowles . At this meeting I shall present Certificates of Appreciation to a number of “surprised” people! At the AGM I will be nominated again as Chairman and Treasurer and I will also have the same Secretary Louise Smith and Vice Chairman Celia Shute. We are looking for more people to join our Steering group which only meets every three months ...

The AGM takes only an hour and then we provide tea/coffee and refreshments to encourage people to stay and discuss any issues and also take any new NW items ie. security door wedges, 24 hour timers as well as wheelie bin stickers, promotional pens and key rings etc...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

I have been contacted by a number of persons wanting to have information on Neighbourhood Watch.

So I replied with “Great to hear from you”.

However when I advised them what we do and how we can be of support and service ..I never hear from them again.

It is “interesting “ really what people think Neighbourhood Watch is all about.

One person telephoned me for a 24 hour timer, which I do not have in stock so I said I will be in touch and will drop one off to him (FREE) ..

Well when I contacted him to say I had them .. he said ..he was now too busy!!

MESSAGE ON A BOTTLES

Out of the blue I was contacted by a very pro-active NW Co-ordinator who wanted twenty five..which was all I had in stock..and they were delighted to visit me and collect them!

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 20th April

I was pleased to have two volunteers (thank you Sheila Steer and Mandy Marshall) to manage a Neighbourhood Watch table and give out leaflets on the day.

They spent all night from 18:45 hrs to 21:30 hrs but only one person was willing to be part of Neighbourhood Watch!

Would you believe it but he was already on my list as a member and now has agreed to become a local Co-ordinator for Rayne which is great!.

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL DAY

I am having a table with Celia Shute to raise Neighbourhood Watch from 09:0hrs to 14:00hrson May 25th at Braintree Town Hall from 10:00hrs to 14:00hrs .

NEW REGISTRATIONS ON NATIONAL NW DATABASE

Well as the Braintree District NW MSA (Multi Scheme Administrator) I still have the same issues with people who register with National NW and then do not reply to my “Welcoming letter/email” and invite them to join Braintree District NW

Once again I wonder what they think that National NW can offer?

I do advise them that it is only ourselves who distribute information from reliable sources eg Essex Police on local crime and crime prevention advice.

They are just not interested.

Recently a person who registered on National NW database replied to email when I said “Welcome” and he said that he wanted to create a crime prevention scheme where he lived I said that was fine he can do what he likes.

BUT if he wanted to be part of Neighbourhood Watch locally he has to accept our Code of Ethics and then he would be covered under the National NW public liability insurance whilst on any Neighbourhood Watch activities.

He also said that he did not know he had to be approved by the local District Co-ordinator to be part of his local Neighbourhood Watch so sadly National Neighbourhood Watch never tell anyone.

I am waiting on a reply...

FINANCES

We should have over £1,000 in May form The OPFCC .

Had a letter from our Bank..they are increasing the rate of interest on our Savings account from 0.01 % to 0.10%

Clive Stewart,
Chairman & Treasurer
Braintree District NW.