

**Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association**

**President: Geoff Ireland, Chairman: Clive Stewart , Vice Chairmen: Peter Salmon and Roger Passfield**

**Treasurer: Mike Hooper , Event Co-ordinator: Colin Freeman**

**Secretary: Clive Stewart , Clive Woodward MSA Co-ordinator**

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**ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT HIGHWOOD VILLAGE HALL , HIGHWOOD ROAD CHELMSFORD, CM1 3QG**

**Attendees: ( Clive Stewart ( Chairman ECNWA ) Colin Freeman (Event Co ordinator ) , David Cameron ( Highwood NW). Stuart Rawlins ( Crimestoppers) ,Joan Young (Writtle NW) , Peter Salmon ( Brentwood District Co-ordinator) David Sexton ( Tendring District Co-ordinator ) , Frank Ferguson ( Basildon ) Tracy Linton ( Billericay ),Alan Lion ( District Co-ordinator Epping Forest District) , Darren Horsman The PFCCO ) Paul Harris EWLO, Kevin Blake EWLO, Terry Fowles EWLO ,Jeff Appleby (Essex Police) Simon Attwood and Celia Shute ( Braintree NW ) Clive Woodward ( Basildon District Co-ordinator) Clive Walter ( Castle Point NW) Russell Cherry ( Thurrock NW) Marion Cherry ( Thurrock NW) Jenny Brouard ( Essex Police ) Dawn Woolcott (Essex Police ) Bob Ayriss ( Southend NW ) ACC Andy Marinner ( Essex Police) Tracy Kinton ( Basildon NW ) , Michelle Lee ( Ashdon Parish Council) Derrick Giffin ( Uttlesford District Co-ordinator) Richard Hyland ( Galleywood NW) Debbie Nunn (Sebastion Avenue Shenfield NW) Alan Davison ( Lower Lambricks NW Rayleigh) Mike Hooper (ECNWA Treasurer & Rochford District Co-ordinator) Ros Chesham ( Chairman Southend District ) Ian Lewis (Secretary Southend District ) , Sheila Freeman ( Refreshments Co-ordinator ) Norman Salmon ( Refreshments Co-ordinator )**

**Clive Stewart , Chairman welcomed everyone to the ECNWA AGM and Conference and introduced Colin Freeman as Event Co-ordinator who will manage the event.**

**Apologies for any absence:**

**Roger Passfield, Jane Gardner, Peter Fisk , Sara Carless, Grahame Stehle, Steve Leverett.**

**Minutes of AGM 2022 were approved after the last AGM at an ECNWA meeting by ECNWA and were published on the website.**

**Chairman's report: Clive Stewart**

**Welcome to our Annual General Meeting!!!**

**May I also welcome ACC Andy Mariner to his first ECNWA AGM and Conference . We have great memories working with ACC Mr. Marinner and look forward to hearing from him later .**

**May we wish Jane Gardner all the best who is unable to attend today.**

**I would like to thank Peter Salmon, Colin Freeman, Roger Passfield, Clive Woodward and Mike Hooper as Executives of Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association .**

**A special thanks to Mike Hooper for being our Treasurer in a very busy year.**

**The Executives have been very supportive to me as Chairman since the last Annual General Meeting in 2022.**

**Each of them have many responsibilities and the information is shown on our website.**

**Colin Freeman has been excellent managing our AGM/Conferences for many years and it is so much appreciated by everyone.**

**In the past many months Clive Woodward was co-opted on to the Executive and Clive agreed to be the ECNWA MSA Co-ordinator. He has been tremendous in not only helping any District Co-ordinator who is an MSA for their District but also encouraging more District Co-ordinators to be MSA's for their District.**

**Also Clive Woodward has agreed to be Essex's National Neighbourhood Watch Association Lead which means a lot to me . We are in good hands with Clive being the main contact with National Neighbourhood Watch.**

**A very special thanks to Peter Fisk who manages our website. The website is a good as it can be if each District keeps their contact details updated and also any local District NW information.**

However Peter Fisk is standing down as Web Manager and we shall be looking for someone to take his place over the next few months .

Thanks to Jeff Appleby, Essex Police , for managing the sound and setting up the equipment.

Thanks to each and everyone of you as Co-ordinators and members for the past twelve months keeping in touch with your members keeps you busy and it is appreciated .

Finally we never forget Geoff Ireland our President who is in a Care home and I keep in touch with his son every so often and wish him well.

### ESSEX POLICE

Over the past many years I have had regular meetings with our main contact with Essex Police Jenny Brouard BEM, Citizens in Policing Commander and Special Constabulary, GCGI Leadership and Management , Leading Greater Essex Graduate 2022, Chair Menopause Support Group and Local Policing Support Unit.

Jenny has been extremely helpful as to how we can be working more effectively with Essex Police.

You may not know that I persuaded Jenny to give me information about herself and this is in an article in the Braintree District and Castle Point District six monthly newsletter soon.

May we thank Kevin Blake. Terry Fowles and Paul Harris ,our Essex Watch Liaison Officers , for their continued support for Neighbourhood Watch in so many ways, especially when some Districts needed extra promotion to re-establish Neighbourhood Watch.

### CRIMESTOPPERS

It is always good to welcome Stuart Rawlins Crimestoppers at our ECNWA meetings . We work very well with Crimestoppers and Peter Salmon attends their meetings as our representative.

### POLICE FIRE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Thanks to Roger Hirst, Police Fire & Crime Commissioner and Jane Gardner , Deputy Police Fire & Crime Commissioner for the financial support of £15,000 each year . Whenever we approach them with requests for further funding they are very supportive.

The video on our website, reaching out to those who are hard of hearing and visually impaired, is a great example. My very enjoyable yearly meetings with Jane Gardner is a great opportunity to not only thank Jane for the funding but report on all our activities in Essex and how we do the use the funds.

Also we appreciate Darren Horsman, Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement for attending our meetings, who is a guest speaker today.

### THE PAST YEAR

It has been a busy year and we have seen many changes in not only the role of Neighbourhood Watch but also a few changes in the way District's are managed.

We have sadly missed the late Mike Compton and we also miss Alan Norman who has retired as Southend District Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator due to poor health.

It is true also that some of us have not been in the best of health too. This really proves that we all should do our very best to find Deputies to cover our duties whenever possible.

Please, it is important that each District should ensure that there is always someone at least to act as a contact for any enquiries, and their details are stated very clearly on our website .

During the past months we had a meeting with Chief Executive John Hayward-Cripps and Cheryl Spruce of National Neighbourhood Watch and this gave everyone the opportunity to express any issues they had on how National Neighbourhood Watch operates.

In December a video was created which proves that we want to reach out to everyone in Essex who may be interested in being part of Neighbourhood Watch and we say to those who may have communication difficulties that we are here to be of service and support as best we can. The video will remain on our website under "Taking Part" so it is hoped that you all can continue to refer to it as often as possible. The Essex Police Fire & Crime Commissioner's Office thought it was very worthwhile and agreed to the funding almost immediately.

The role of Neighbourhood Watch has changed and cannot be compared to how we began in 1982 in the UK .

Although the basics of sending information to members has not changed we now have even more important issues to advise our members.

We are working more than ever with Essex Police on the following:-

### Independent Advisory Groups

The IAG's unite people and partners from diverse groups independent of the police service who work together advising Essex Police on how we can deliver and improve outcomes for our local communities.

As an IAG member your input will help us to be more effective, to engage better with our public, and respond better to the needs of our communities. IAG's bring together people of all ages and backgrounds who can provide us with opinions, lived experiences, who can also advise and offer ideas on a wide range of activities relating to local policing to help our staff and operational officers build trust and confidence with our communities.

The main role of the IAG is to be a "critical friend" to the Police and to give an independent perspective on issues. The meetings are open to everyone who is keen to know how we can work together better with Essex Police, whether you are a local resident or part of an Association/Group, to keep our communities safer.

### Strategic Independent Advisory Groups

This shows IAG's are becoming more important as there will be meetings for the Chairman/Chair or Deputy Chair of the IAG's in Essex to attend SIAG meetings that includes training on various topics and updates e.g. the role of a "Gold Commander" for local incidents.

### Essex Police Fraud Team

David Gillies, Prevent & Project Fraud Officer Essex & Kent Serious Crime Directorate . We had one session and more will be arranged soon.

### Gangs and County Lines

We should be contacted again soon by Essex Police for a session at which all are invited

### Home Office Safer Street Funding

There are a specific District Councils in Essex which have been allocated funding from the Home Office. One Neighbourhood Watch District ( Braintree) is very involved as they have been allocated funds to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch . So Braintree District is very active working with Essex Police and Braintree District Council to increase Neighbourhood Watch .

### Neighbourhood Watch Member of the Year 2023

This year we are presenting more Awards to those who represent their Districts than in recent years and this is great as it recognises the individuals efforts supporting Neighbourhood Watch!

It is hoped that today will be not only worthwhile but interesting too...

### Treasurer's Report:

Mike Hooper (copies of Annual Accounts 2022-2023 were distributed)

Adopt Auditor for 2023/2024: John Metcalfe as agreed by all.

### Elections of Officers:

These Nominations were approved

- (a) Chairman : Clive Stewart,
- (b) Vice Chairmen (2) : Peter Salmon & Roger Passfield
- (c) Secretary : Clive Stewart, (d) Treasurer : Mike Hooper,
- (e) County Co-ordinator: Roger Passfield,
- (f) Event Co-ordinator: Colin Freeman,
- (g) MSA Co-ordinator : Clive Woodward

### Election ECNWA Website Manager

Peter Fisk has stood down after many years.

Clive Stewart will try and find another person to be Web Manager for 2023/24 but will in the meantime deputise for Peter.

AGM was concluded at 13:30hrs.