

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2016

Office of Police and Crime Commissioner:

I am delighted to advise you that we will receive very soon £500 towards next year's AGM/Conference on Wednesday 12th July. This was the same as the last AGM/Conference and in fact we kept within that figure of keeping income over all expenditure- so hoped that we will do the same again next year.

As regards the funding for Neighbourhood Watch for Essex I have sent a letter to the OPCC and this has been acknowledged, and we shall know exactly how much we shall receive within the next few months when OPCC have agreed their total budgets for 2016/2017.

Being a registered Charity:

Now that we have been a charity for some months I have had only one enquiry on what it means and that was from Braintree District (Coggeshall) so I am pleased that the information I sent to you all seemed to have answered any questions.

Essex Police:

Today we have a full update from Jenny Brouard regarding the way Police Liaison Officers will operate.

Please take this opportunity to ask any questions so that we are all clear as to how these Essex Police resources will work within our communities in 2017.

Also please discuss with Jenny any other issues that we had discussed at the meeting on 25th October.

I sincerely hope that any outstanding matters can be resolved and we can move forward together with Essex Police.

Active Citizens:

Jenny will also update us as to how many volunteers have increased since the 25th October meeting and also what tasks those volunteers are involved with working with Essex Police.

Essex Police Website update.

I had noticed that our email address was incorrect and I am delighted to say that it has been sorted.

Community Safety Meetings.

It will be interesting to know how many of these meetings each of you attend and how useful they are in your Neighbourhood Watch activities.

National Neighbourhood Watch:

As you all know I have sent the application for use of the temporary licence of using the new logo but have yet to receive any reply and this has now been many months. I have chased up and sometime I do not hear anything and when I do chase again the reason is that "they are busy" with other tasks.

Also in July they offered another 5,000 Member's Guides Books and since that time I have had requests (twice) on how and to whom received the 2500 and have advised them twice too.

But again when chasing for a response they tell me they are too busy.

It was their idea NOT mine that they had spare Member's Guide books and "it was not a problem" to send them to us (even if we covered the delivery cost – which I have also requested to know).

Administration update:

(a) Bank Mandate: Mike Hooper, Treasurer wanted to obtain statements online with our Bank and so we both completed the forms to enable this to happen. However The Bank advised Mike that they did not have any record of my signature at all despite my completing the Bank mandate (and signing many cheques) more than 15 months ago. They had old mandates with signatories of those who are not on the Executive. So I had to re-visit the Bank and start again – let us hope that the Bank will be able to update their records!

(b) Minute Secretary: Please look at the Agenda as Peter Salmon has a proposal which I support. We have streamlined the way minutes are taking whilst I was Secretary (before being Chairman) plus since I was first elected as Chairman in 2015 they are now on the website for all to read . It is hoped that a majority of you will agree.

Clive Stewart,
Chairman, Essex County NW Association,
6th December 2016.