



CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2010



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Our AGM was held at Gravel Hill Police Station on April 30 at 7pm was attended by over 40 residents. A minutes silence was held for James Shears, a Poole Fire fighter who unfortunately died helping extinguish a fire in Southampton.

Inspector Richard Hutley, our main speaker for the evening, explained he had been with the Dorset Police Force since 1984, working in Bournemouth and Weymouth. He addressed many of our residents concerns regarding Heath fires which threaten homes and cause so much devastation to wild life. Investigations are in hand on how to spot and stop these fires, with Sgt Andy Jenkins, working with the Heath Wardens and the Fire Brigade. Regular patrols are made on foot, bicycle, motorcycle and vehicles with a helicopter deployed if necessary.

Antisocial behaviour was another objective for control by police. He mentioned that two Section 30 notices had been in place. A Youth Shelter had been built and cameras installed for added protection against gang culture spreading from other areas.

Our Community Beat Officer had reported a reduction in levels of misbehaviour, maybe due to police contact and involvement in projects with young people. There are still a small number of persistent trouble makers known to the police. Problems still exist with alcohol abuse, although licensing checks are in place.

Discussions regarding restorative justice such as litter picking, cleaning up graffiti and maybe a Gardening Project are taking place as alternative ways to make offenders appreciate their environment.

Inspector Hutley answered questions from our audience but was unaware of milk thefts reported by one of our community. He suggested this be raised with the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

A Cheese and Wine interval with a raffle to raise funds was followed by the Chairman's Quiz, with prizes of £15, £10 and £5 going to Mrs Raistrick, Mrs Rowberry and Mr Hawkins respectively.

Our AGM followed.

All officers were re-elected to serve another year.

Phil made a presentation to Sonja Sparrow our previous secretary and a co-ordinator for the past 18 years.

Dennis and Joy Morey, although not present, were mentioned as they are leaving Canford Heath. This means we will be losing another co-ordinator. We wish them well in their new home.

Phil talked about previous meetings and events held during the past Year. A Barbeque/Treasure Hunt in the New Forest, although enjoyed by those who attended, was not well supported.

Our meetings last year had been similarly attended, when Richard Harrison gave a talk on the Mary Rose. Jez Martin had given a review of what was taking place on our heathlands and the Fire and Rescue service opened our eyes to all the dangers in the home and how quickly they could become fatal.

George Skinner our Treasurer explained our finances and talked of how to obtain donations. Collecting was getting more difficult with lack of contacts etc.

AOB. Denis voiced Ena's and others concerns that information from the Police regarding incidents were not getting through and therefore we cannot alert co-ordinators and contacts. The network of contacts does not seem to be working as it should and we need to sort this out. Inspector Hutley said he would make sure someone from the police contacted us to help on how to proceed.

Over 900 notices of the AGM were distributed, adverts placed in the Link. Library, Vets, etc. and still only 40-50 people attended.

Phil explained that the meeting was delayed until later in the year this time in the hope of better attendance.

Dave Mason reported on the Website confirming that we had numerous hits. Information regarding incidents can be read on our website www.chnw.org.uk

A Question and Answer session brought the meeting to a close at 10pm.

We met with the police since our AGM and they agreed to produce crime figures for us, the first of which are below:

CANFORD HEATH CRIME STATISTICS

	April		May	
	09	10	09	10
House Burglary	3	2	0	1
Other Burglary	6	0	2	1
Theft from Vehicle	8	6	2	3
Theft of Vehicle	2	2	6	2
Other Theft	13	20	20	16
Criminal Damage including arson	30	9	15	17

	April		May	
	09	10	09	10
Assault	16	8	17	15
Other Crime	5	6	5	6
Totals	83	63	67	61
Anti-social Behaviour	116	97	61	86

The main reason for the increase in ant-social behaviour & criminal damage in May 2010 is due to reports from the area of Beamish Park. This is being addressed with more patrols and the locking of gates to the park on Friday and Saturday after 2030.

AUTUMN MEETING

Our next open meeting will be on

Friday 22 October at Gravel Hill Police Station starting at 7pm

The main speaker will be from the Dorset Armed Response Police Unit. This will be followed by a Chairman's Quiz.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for all areas of the Heath as Co-ordinators and Contacts

This takes up very little time but can prove to be helpful and beneficial.
Email: secretary@chnw.org.uk for more information about getting involved.

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