



CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter.

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Membership Secretary, Jenny Adams. Jenny will be updating and maintaining our database and is a very welcome new addition to our committee.

In May the new data protection act (GDPR) comes into force. We will be sending you a letter asking you to confirm that we can still hold your details on our database. It is important for you to respond because if we do not hear from you by the date given, we will have to abide by the Act and remove your details.

We realise that not all our members are on the internet but if you are, please look at our website. As well as Neighbourhood Watch information, there is live local news to follow.

Best wishes from your Neighbourhood Watch Committee



l-r: Jake Moore, Lee Briggs and Martyn Underhill

Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch AGM

We enjoyed listening to three great speakers at our AGM in October.

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner spoke about the new Policing Priorities for Dorset set out in The Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021. For further information go to: www.dorsetpoliceplan.com

Jake Moore, Dorset Police Cyber Crime Prevention Officer gave some help tips about staying safe online.

Lee Briggs, a Dorset Police Dog Handler spoke about his work with dogs. There are 13 police dogs in Dorset. He brought his dogs 'Shadow' a German Shepherd and 'Annie' a spaniel with him. 'Annie' was put to work when (contd...)

COMMITTEE WHO'S WHO



David Darling
Chairman



Vickie Campbell
Treasurer



Monique Munroe
Newsletter Editor



Sandra Moore
Secretary



Jenny Adams
Membership
Secretary



Sean Gabriel
Member



Lee put a cloth with the smell of heroin on it and hid it. It took her only a few minutes to search and find the cloth as shown in the photo. Her reward—a tennis ball! Her other talents include finding cash and firearms.



Lee said that potential police dogs spend their first year in a normal family before the police then take over and start their training. There is a variety of specialisms for the dogs including drugs and bombs, digital storage (finding memory sticks), CSI (blood and other body fluids) and trail dogs.



Lee posing with 'Shadow'

David Darling speaks at the AGM



CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS HELP OUT WITH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

“An enormous success” is how the guests described the Christmas lunch held on 13 December with over 60 elderly people having their lunch organised by Vic Martin and his Team. Neighbourhood Watch were there serving plates of hot Christmas turkey with all the trimmings. This is the second year that Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch have provided ‘goodie’ bags for those attending. After the meal Christmas carols were sung, followed by a special raffle where everyone received a prize.

L-r Vic Martin, Sean Gabriel, David Darling, Sandra Moore and Vickie Campbell



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM REPORT FOR CANFORD HEATH

The most notable crime in Canford Heath recently was a burglary in Pilsdon Drive when the home of an Asian family was targeted. We understand that the property was targeted as the offenders believed that the home housed valuable religious gold items.

A group of four young males were seen leaving the address; unfortunately following an immediate police response no offender has been located to this date. If anyone has any information in relation to this crime, please contact Dorset Police on 101.

This is the latest in a string of burglary offences in which properties have been targeted due to the occupants being of Asian descent.

Reported anti-social behaviour in Canford Heath has dropped following proactive patrols and targeting of local youths identified by officers patrolling the area coupled with the change of weather. Our patrols will continue in Canford Heath to ensure the issue remains somewhat resolved.

Scam phone calls are still often occurring across Canford Heath. These include incidents in which alleged representatives from Microsoft are contacting victims by telephone to tell them that issues are being experienced with their personal computers. The offender then coerces the victim into allowing the caller access to their PC. They then subsequently lock the victim out of the computer and demand an extortionate fee for the victim to regain access.

Action Fraud: the national cyber crime agency is taking the lead on these incidents, however, local policing team staff are safeguarding these victims at a local level. We are also holding crime prevention awareness engagement events at various locations across Poole.

Dorset Police have also released a new directory called “**Ask NED.**” This directory lists the most common questions asked of Dorset Police, including queries relating to abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, found/lost property amongst many others. The directory can be found via the following link: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/contact-us/report-a-crime-or-incident/ask-ned-how-can-we-help/>

70 crimes have been reported in Canford Heath throughout January 2018. This is comparatively low compared to the rest of Dorset. A more detailed breakdown of reported crime types and their locations can be found by visiting www.police.uk

SANDRA MOORE REPORTS ON PARKING ISSUES ON CANFORD HEATH

Responsibility for parking issues is complicated and worthy of explanation!

Poole Council's Civil Enforcement Officers are responsible for dealing with obstructions on the road and pavements, including verges, **but only where waiting restrictions apply – such as yellow lines.**

The Council can issue Penalty Charge Notices.

Dorset Police however, are responsible for dealing with obstructions on the road and pavements, including verges, **where no other parking restrictions are in force.**

Unfortunately, this is a very grey area of the law and depends on the definition of what is an 'obstruction'.

You can contact the police on 101. However, we have recently had some success by emailing Dorset Police at Enquiries@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk

It seems your enquiry is often then passed to our Neighbourhood Police Team in Canford Heath where our PCSO is happy to deal with it. Alternatively, report in your concern to your ward councillor who can contact the police on your behalf. More information on parking issues can be found on the Borough of Poole website at: <http://www.poole.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/road-obstructions-and-nuisance-vehicles/>

NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A copy of their February/March newsletter is available:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/NWN-Our-News-FEB-MARCH-2018.pdf> If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy please let us know and we'll print one for you. ☎07599 236 339

ARE YOU ON DORSET ALERT?

Dorset Alert is a free service that enables Dorset residents to engage with Dorset Police and the Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes both in Dorset and nationally. Register online at www.dorsetalert.co.uk Not on the internet? Then you can receive the messages by phone (voice mail or text) or fax. Call 101 and ask for the Canford Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team who will then help you to register.

HAVE YOU GOT A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH DOOR STICKER?

If not, please call us 07599 236 339 or email chairman@chnw.org.uk and we'll drop one round.

ARCH SPRING FAIR—Saturday 7 April 11am to 3pm

The Fair takes place in the Scout Hall in Sherborn Crescent. There will be stalls, entertainment, raffle prizes, snacks and refreshments. All proceeds to ARCH community projects. Please park in the ASDA car park. For more details: canfordheatharch@gmail.com

CANFORD HEATH WIN ON WASTE— 14 April

Would you like to help good causes and slim your bin? Yes? Then please save and donate any of the following items at Canford Heath Win on Waste at Canford Heath Library on the 14 April between 10 and 11am. Items include *biscuit wrappers, cleaning product items (washing up liquid tops, disinfectant wipe packets and personal wipe packets, trigger heads and pumps), plastic milk bottle tops, dried up biro/felt tip pens etc.* For the full list please contact Monique 07771 705662 or contact@ideas2action.org.uk

POOLE OVER 55'S BIG OUTREACH EVENT—29 March

Poole Over 55s are holding their big outreach event on 29 March at The Spire, Poole High Street from 10.00 until early afternoon. They invite anyone over 55 along to find out more and share ideas over coffee and lunch. Their focus this year will be to work with other organisations to find ways to tackle loneliness and isolation. There will be a variety of information stands from local organisations together with guest speakers Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, and Chris Beale from Poole Council for Voluntary Services. For further information contact Vickie on 07927 012556 or pooleover55@gmail.com.

THE LAST WORD

Here are a few quirky headings I found on Neighbourhood Watch websites from around the world:

- Nutritional needs and preparation to avoid cycle bonking
- Homeowner's detective work help police catch porch pirate
- How South Africans are fighting crime in their hoods
- Two persons charged following sheep worrying incidents.