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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter.

It seems strange to be thinking about Autumn as we are still enjoying such hot sunny weather, but cooler days are on their way (some sigh with relief!) and with it comes our AGM next month. Details below.

We have also been out and about collecting subscriptions. Thank you very much to all our co-ordinators who do a wonderful job. We still have some areas to collect from so if you haven't heard from anyone yet, we are on our way!

We hope to see you at our AGM.

Best wishes from your Neighbourhood Watch Committee

JOIN US AT OUR AGM

Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7pm

St Paul's Church, Neighbourhood Centre, Culliford Crescent, Poole BH17 9DW

Our speakers:

Mayor of Poole, Cllr Sean Gabriel

And

Cllr Janet Walton

*Leader of Poole Borough Council and Leader for the new
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council*

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NOTES FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF POOLE WATCH GROUPS (APWG) MEETING ON TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2018 AT POOLE COLLEGE

Following the refurbishment of Poole Quay, cruise ships will now be calling there. This will bring wealth to the town but could lead to an increase in the criminal element targeting wealthy tourists.

The purpose of APWG is to bring together all Watches, i.e. not just Neighbourhood/Home Watches but to include Hotel/Pub/Heath/Farm etc. APWG holds four meetings a year and representatives attend the Association of Dorset Watches (ADW) meetings on behalf of Poole Watch groups. As the Chair of APWG, Pat Halliday will be attending the ceremony at St James' Church on 10 June followed by the Civic Parade along Poole Quay to welcome the new Mayor.

A new initiative "**Bournemouth Virtual Neighbourhood Watch**" has proved very successful and is a big help to the Police. It is now being trialled in Poole with an autumn launch if the trial is successful. This is a web platform similar to Facebook where police can post live details of criminal activity and the public can respond with information if they see anything suspicious. Volunteers will be needed to act as moderators/administrators. Hopefully the person running this initiative [Guy Nicholas] will come to the September APWG meeting to fully explain the role of the volunteer moderators and how members of the public can sign up. If anyone is interested in finding out more about how to volunteer, please contact Pat Halliday on 01202 700911.

The following were elected: Chair – Pat Halliday; Minute Secretary – Chris Beale; Treasurer – Christine Manning; committee members – Graham New, Geoff Daulman, Mary Parsons and Simon Mills (reserve); representatives on ADW – Pat Halliday, Joan Percy, Geoff Daulman and Ann Lane. The position of Vice Chair is vacant.

Poole CVS is available to help any Watch groups make applications for funding e.g. to local businesses such as Tesco.

Statistics have shown that there is less likely to be a crime in future where a crime has already occurred and people are alerted to what is going on. There is a resource problem with PCSOs and sometimes insufficient training for them. These findings have led to a new police initiative outlined by Elaine Ryan. This started in Corfe Mullen following a local burglary where Watch members accompanied members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) who were going door-to-door for information. This has expanded and now it is possible for certain Watch members to go round their area unaccompanied by the NPT. The police would like to expand this further – and they stress that full training will be given to volunteers, a full risk assessment has been undertaken, and it falls within the parameters of Neighbourhood Watch insurance. It is envisaged this could supplement police activities and would also be a way for Watch groups to recruit new members and reach out to isolated or lonely residents in their area. Anyone interested in finding out more as a possible volunteer should contact Elaine Ryan on elaine.ryan@dorset.pnn.police.uk. In due course she will arrange a meeting with the co-ordinator, Emily Presland of the Dorset Police Engagement Team, to take this initiative forward.

The "Keeping Dorset Safe" event on 25 June was mentioned. See page 4 for a summary of the meeting.

*Report by Vickie Campbell
CHNW Treasurer*

POLICE FUNDING

Report by Sandra Moore, CHNW Secretary

We have had several comments from people saying they hardly ever see police walking or cycling around the Heath. Could reduced funding be to blame?

All our police forces are funded mainly by government, but topped up locally via a 'police precept' which you pay with your council tax. With reduced Government funding for police budgets in Poole, the police precept was increased this year to help make up the shortfall.

Difficult decisions have had to be made by the police so where we used to have one Neighbourhood Policing Team covering Canford Heath and Creekmoor and another covering Merley and Broadstone, we now have ONE Neighbourhood Policing Team covering the whole of Broadstone, Merley, Canford Heath and Creekmoor.

Our new NPT area is being policed by two Police Constables and two Police Community Support Officers.

Our NPT's have always worked very hard and will no doubt continue to do their best to serve our communities.

To save more money, Dorset Police are currently exploring a possible merger with Devon and Cornwall Police.

For your information, the local PCSOs and Police officers area of responsibility is listed below:

Poole NPT Sgts		
Sgt Jane Moore – Lead for ASB, CSE, vagrancy and street Drinking	Sgt Sean Snaith – Lead for County Lines Drug Dealing & acquisitive crime (burglary etc)	
Poole NPT Officers		
1. Broadstone/Merley/Creekmoor/Canford Heath	2131 Liz Renshaw & 2663 Steve Simpson	5517 Sam Holmes, 6789 Chris Bolland
2. Rossmore/Alderney	2288 Steve Donaldson, 2717 Jack Dunford	5716 Tom Payne, 7462 Vicki Palmer
3. Poole Town/Oakdale	2817 Chris Lee, 2066 Paul Cleal, 2676 Dave Mearing	6100 Rob Trott, 5439 Kerrie Burns, 8152 Scott Kishere
4. Hamworthy	1754 Ben McSorely;	5514 James Clarke
5. Parkstone/Penn Hill/Canford Cliffs/Sandbanks	2259 Adam Brooks	5680 Lindsay Wilson
6. Branksome/Newtown	1805 Vanessa Hall;	5191 Pete Raymond

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.

SAFER DORSET DAY– held on 25 June

POTENTIAL MERGER

Martyn Underhill gave a presentation on the potential benefits to Dorset merging with the Devon & Cornwall Constabularies. He said that the public will have the opportunity to give their views in a consultation. He gave his reasons for recommending a merger which included community links, shared geography and sharing resources. Any savings brought about by the merger will probably be in back office staff, not on the front line. The role of PCSO's will remain. If this merger goes ahead it will be the fifth largest force in the country, which Martyn felt would give the new Constabulary a stronger voice. The final decision will be made by the Home Office, the Home Secretary and ultimately Parliament.

See <https://www.futurepolicing.co.uk/> for more information and to take their survey.

DRONES—Julian Butterworth

Julian is from a private company and gave information on drones and how the legislation is changing. Currently there is one police helicopter which has a minimum altitude it can fly. A drone can get closer – 50 metres and has different uses.

The new legislation will mean that all drones (that are not toys) must be registered and it maybe compulsory to take a 2 day course for flying one.

Julian says that in the future it may be possible for drones to be used to save lives. It could land next to a stranded person on a cliff top and with inbuilt speakers, a Doctor could give instructions to them.

No one flying a drone can be more than 50 metres from the drone. The drone would not be able to fly in restricted zones eg airfields, and such like. There will be a recorder inside the drone to see where it flies and that will be uploaded to a centre. His talk followed with a demonstration of a drone.

ROADS CASUALTY REDUCTION OFFICER - HEIDI MOXAM

Heidi has worked for the roads policing team for 28 years and has a variety of roles including: “*Safe Drive – Stay Alive*” where she goes into schools and educates young people about all aspects of driving, being a passenger and how to behave whilst in a car.

She has also worked on the mobile phone – Red Thumb up and mobiles down, project which was seen as a good way to encourage people not use phones while driving especially young drivers.

Older Drivers Scheme, she said the police do not want to stop older drivers driving but they want them to be safe on the road. She mentioned the Older Drivers Forum

www.olderdriversforum.com where older people can take a review course of their driving; a qualified expert will go out with them in their own car to assess their driving. There is a booklet about driving safely for life and if it is necessary to give up driving for one reason or another, there are alternatives to driving mentioned.

Operation Close Pass—Police target drivers who don't give cyclists enough room when overtaking. The initiative is designed to improve the safety of cyclists and raise awareness among all road users on how to behave courteously to each other. The operation involves police officers using bicycles fitted with cameras to record the behaviour of drivers who overtake them. If offences take place, the officer alerts colleagues who will direct the vehicle into a checkpoint where the driver is offered roadside education using a specially designed mat which illustrates the safe passing distance. Anyone refusing the ten minute roadside education will revert to receiving a fixed penalty notice of £100 and three points on their licence for the offence of driving a vehicle without reasonable consideration of others.

*Report by Jenny Adams
CHNW Membership Secretary*