



CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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LETTER FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Supporter

I am pleased to include a synopsis in this newsletter of two of the presentations from our AGM held on 27th March. Firstly S.A.I.L., which offers real support for those who need it, mainly (but not exclusively) our older members in the community. Secondly, "Limelights – the club for Young People" offers support and facilities to our younger members. I represent our "Watch" on the Management Committee of Limelights and have been very impressed with the excellent work being done by the team often in difficult circumstances. As ever these days, funding is a continual headache, so much more could be achieved without this limitation. Fundraising events are held and I hope you may be able to support some of these.

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Change continues to be all around us and, as a community watch, we need to keep abreast of issues that are relevant for us. Technology offers us all many benefits, but also many dangers for the unwary; social media is becoming more important in the way we communicate. For those who still wish to use traditional methods, we will continue to cover their requirements. We are aware that it is sometimes difficult to contact us and we have decided to offer a phone contact, which will have an answerphone message (if it is not possible to take the call). The number is **07599 236 339**. We hope this will be helpful.

I hope you all enjoy the Autumn.

Yours sincerely

George Skinner

HEATHWATCH ON CANFORD HEATH

We are fortunate that we live close to a very special area of countryside. Because of its special rare wildlife and habitats, it is vital that Canford Heath is saved from fire and other damage caused by accident, recklessness and arson. There is also the risk of damage to properties adjacent to the heath when these incidents occur.

Dorset Police are asking for assistance from members of our Neighbourhood Watch to try and minimise these anti social events. If you feel you can help with this, please contact Sgt. Adrian Thompson (Sergeant for Canford Heath SNT) for further details by email on Adrian.thompson@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling **101**.

2014 DONATIONS—2014 WILL BE A 'FREE' YEAR

Our finances have improved considerably over the last couple of years and we have decided, as a "one off" to make 2014 a "free" year, although if you would like to give a donation, we would be grateful to receive them. Please call us on our new contact number and we will be happy to collect.

THE COST OF CALLING 101

Did you know that every time you ring a 101 or the NHS 111 numbers you are charged? In fact, calling them brought in £32m for the government! Martin Underhill believes both these numbers should be free. Something else to think about. In 2016 our 999 emergency number will be changing to the current European emergency number 112.

ARE YOU ON DORSET ALERT?

If you want to hear first hand about current local crime problems and warnings, then register to receive them on the following website: <https://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 Safer Neighbourhood Team who will then help you to register.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM NEWS

CURRENT PRIORITIES AS CHOSEN BY YOU:

- **Crime prevention (Burglary, Shed Break, Vehicle Crime and Bike Theft)**
This will focus on informing and updating residents on what they can do to secure their property and work towards a reduction in crime. Proactive patrols will be conducted in areas, insecure vehicles and property will be identified and relevant parties informed by calling at their property or leaving letters as per the car crime initiative last year.
- **Anti – social Behaviour (ASB) – ASDA, Rowbarrow Close, Pimpem Close and Knowlton Road.**
Focus on youth ASB and incorporating preventative patrols and engagement with groups.

CRIME PREVENTION

There has been a spate of car crime in the Stourpaine Road area of Canford Heath in recent weeks. Car crime is distressing and annoying as it can cause a lot of inconvenience – you could be without your car for weeks, waiting for the garage to make repairs or for your insurer to pay out. That's why the security features of your vehicle should be as important as any other feature. Please take note of the following crime prevention advice:

- Keep your possessions and valuables safe
- DO NOT leave spare change in your car.
- Don't leave anything on display in your car. Even a coat on the back seat is tempting for a thief
- Take all your belongings with you when you leave the car. If you can't, lock them in your boot, preferably before you start your journey
- Park in a garage if you have one or in well lit areas
- Activate alarms/immobilisers
- Shut windows and lock doors
- Fit a removable stereo
- Keep your keys in a safe place at all times and remove the ignition key every time you leave the car. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to jump in and drive away.
- Fit locking wheel nuts to protect your wheels and tyres.
- You may want to consider fitting a tracking device. These enable a car to be tracked by the Police or system operator if it is stolen.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN YOUR AREA

Cops at the Shops:

14.30hrs on Thursday 30 October at Adastral Square Café.

10.00hrs on Friday 10 October at Asda, Culliford Crescent.

Surgery:

17.00hrs hours on Friday 24 October at Canford Heath Library, Mitchell Road.

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents

August 2013 – 54

August 2014 – 35

There has been an impressive drop in reports of ASB in August with 19 fewer incidents reported compared to the same period last year. Canford Heath SNT will continue to conduct Hi – Vis patrols in hot spot areas, engaging with youths, confiscating alcohol and moving them on when necessary. Police, along with ASDA and the Poole ASB team, continue to work together to reduce the number of anti-social incidents around Canford Heath. If you are experiencing any anti-social behaviour please do not hesitate to contact us. We cannot deal with ASB if we don't know it's happening. Contact details below.

Crimes on Canford Heath

August 2013 – 46 crimes

August 2014 – 35 crimes

I am pleased to report that the number of reported crimes in Canford Heath are down again this month compared to the same period last year. Of the 35 crimes recorded in August, 8 were reports of Criminal Damage, 10 Thefts, 3 non dwelling burglaries, 3 Dwelling burglary, 2 thefts from vehicles, 1 drug related crime and 1 public order offence.

To help us continue to reduce crime in your area, please keep your property secure at all times, remain vigilant and report anything out of the ordinary to Dorset Police on 101 or if a crime is in progress, or life is in danger, dial 999.

PCSO 5439 Kerrie Burns, Canford Heath SNT.

HOW TO CONTACT THE TEAM

On Patrol:	Please don't hesitate to stop and speak to us on patrol.
Telephone:	101 , if a crime is in progress or life is in danger dial 999 .
Email:	canfordheath.snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk
Follow us on Twitter:	@canfordheathsnt
Join us on Facebook:	Poole West Police
Go to:	www.dorset.police.uk

A LOOK AT LIMELIGHTS

Colin Phillimore, Limelights Centre Co-ordinator and Children and Young Persons Development Worker for Canford Heath, together with Brian Bennett, Children and Young Persons Operational Manager with the Borough of Poole Council gave us a presentation on the wide ranging work and facilities that are in place for young people in Canford Heath. Brian explained that borough wide the areas covered:

1. Positive Activities for Children and Young Persons 9-19 age groups
2. Participation of young people throughout the Service
3. Volunteering and Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordination
4. Information and Advice, and
5. Information, Advice and Guidance for 16-19 year groups and NEETS.

Limelights has been working with young people for more than 20 years and is one of four Youth Centres in Poole designated "Hubs". In addition to the Quay Advice Centre, the gaily painted Mobile Youth Van comes each week to Verity Park.

Limelights works with all the schools across Poole, its most intensive work being with the 14+ age groups. It supports activities for those with special needs, to encourage them to socialise and engage in activities such as cooking and eating together and enjoying games and film nights. For the older groups there is also a Participation Project. The centre is open five days a week and gives young people a place to go until 9.30p.m. most evenings.

Intercultural work also takes place. In July 2013, young people from Limelights joined with other European youngsters from four other countries. They took part in team building games, learnt about each other's culture, language and way of life. In September 2013, a trip for young adults with special needs to our twin town of Cherbourg offered a rewarding and new experience. For many on both these trips, this was their first time abroad.

At the end of March 2014, Limelights held a "Celebration Event" where young people showcased their activities and the public was invited to come and see what happens at the Centre. The Mayor, Cllr Philip Eades attended and gave out the certificates reflecting each young person's accomplishments. In his address he confirmed how fortunate we are to have this facility in Canford Heath and reflected on the excellent work undertaken. Limelights receives a grant from Poole Borough Council but external fundraising is essential to keep this facility running.

Unacceptable behaviour is challenged. A very small number of disruptive young persons can cause problems. Colin is a fully qualified youth worker and with his small team engages with this group.

More information is available on: <http://www.boroughofpoole.com/communities-and-people/youth-support/youth-centres/limelights-club-for-young-people/>

SAFE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL)

Sue Warr, Programme Manager for Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme and a County lead for Safe And Independent Living "S.A.I.L.", explained how using this scheme could be very beneficial for our older members of society, as well as for certain categories of younger and vulnerable people.

In brief, often eligible people, and sometimes their family members too, do not know where to go for assistance or do not know if they qualify for help and assistance. In addition, the complexity of society in the 21st century can mean that, unintentionally, older and vulnerable people can slip through the support and care net with sometimes serious consequences.

S.A.I.L. endeavour to "connect the dots" so that, where a person has requested help, the correct support service is contacted and there are follow up procedures in place to check that the actions are carried out. There are four main categories of support: Security and Fire Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Living Conditions and Income and Finance. These four sections are broken down into specific questions to identify individual needs.

This initiative is supported by Dorset Fire and Rescue, Dorset County Council and Poole, and Bournemouth Borough Councils (plus others). It is a very low cost scheme, which, given the high cost to society when vulnerable people have problems, represents very good value.

If you have a family member or a neighbour who could use any of these services the first point of contact would be the contacts below.

If you would like to complete a referral for yourself or someone you know, please telephone the Dorset Energy Advice Centre on 0800 9750166.

This is a confidential service and your details will not be shared with anyone outside the SAIL project.

If you use the internet and email and would like to request that someone helps you to complete a SAIL form or undertake a home safety check, please email:

sail&homesafety@dorsetfire.gov.uk For more information about SAIL please contact Sue Warr on 01305 224841 or Linzi Holt / Karen Adams on 01305 252600.

THE LAST WORD (From the Editor)

No one likes the idea of being burgled, but spare a thought for people living in Cape Town, South Africa. They are being 'burgled' by baboons! The situation is getting so bad that local people are starting a neighbourhood watch scheme to work together to tackle the problem. One private security company said they respond to 3 to 4 baboon 'burglaries' a day and people are living in fear of the 'gangs' gaining access.

The baboons are of course looking for food, so one solution is to get their household waste removed promptly as this attracts the animals in the first place.

Until the next issue..... Best wishes, *Monique*