



CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BULLETIN

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OPEN MEETING WEDNESDAY 16 JULY AT 7.30 AT GRAVEL HILL POLICE STATION

GUEST SPEAKERS PC JOHN PEARCE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER and A POLICE DOG HANDLER FROM DORSET POLICE DOG SECTION

Our programme of Open Meetings continues in July. Previous meetings have been well supported as people living on the Heath clearly welcome the opportunity to hear from speakers able to address some of our day-to-day concerns, notably in the area of Crime Prevention. P C John Pearce will talk about various aspects of his work. A Police Dog Handler will also talk about his work with the Dog Handling Team and he will have his dog with him. Do please join us. Tea and coffee will be served and there will be a raffle.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our Annual General Meeting was attended by 38 residents on 29 January and Chief Inspector Fiona Grant spoke for 40 minutes on many aspects of policing matters relating to Poole and answered a wide range of questions. She was very aware of the public fear of rising crime. The second speaker was our own MP Annette Brooke. Annette gave a talk both on local and national issues being very aware of the difficulties faced by our police especially problems of alcohol abuse amongst young people. Pauline Guest one of our PCSO's was also there and she expressed their appreciation for the bicycles donated by us. She explained how much quicker it was to respond to incidents and gave easier access to many areas.

I presented Richard Harrison, our outgoing Bulletin editor of 10 years with a bottle of Champagne and a cheque for £50 to Councillor Sandra Moore for the Mayor's Charities. The formal part of the business elected the following officers

Chairman	Phil Goodall
Secretary	Ena Young
Treasurer	Peter Bowler
Bulletin Editor	Denis Young

Inspector King had asked if we could provide a rechargeable front headlamp for our PCSO Pauline Guest. We were happy to oblige. (The alternative had been some night vision Goggles from Spec Savers).

On Saturday 5 July 10am – 3pm we will be manning an information table at the Canford Heath Awareness Day outside the Asda Store. There will also be Dorset fire and Rescue, Dorset Police, Crimestoppers, Canford Heath Rangers and the Urban Heath Partnership in attendance.

Phil Goodall

Crime on The Heath.

Speeding

This has become a problem on some side roads with cars causing problems with noise and danger to pedestrians. In order to control this local officers are being trained to use speed guns. If you are experiencing a persistent problem in your area please report to the police on the numbers below.

As we are very concerned with the safety of children riding bicycles, we are considering rewarding top boy and girl entrants to the local schools cycling proficiency test with florescent Sam Brown Belts.

With summer here at last, thoughts turn to barbecues and lazy days relaxing in the sun, often using expensive furniture and barbeques. Unfortunately, this is the time thieves' turn their attention to gardens, so make sure your garden and belongings are secure. Advice for this can be found on the Royal Horticultural Society website at:

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/Advice/profiles1105/security.asp>

Dorset Police have a "Garden Wise" leaflet which can be downloaded at:

<http://www.dorset.police.uk/PDF/garden-wise.pdf>

Message from Safer Neighbourhood Team.

We are currently concentrating our efforts in three priority areas. These are to reduce Antisocial behaviour, reduce criminal damage and prevent arson on the heath land. So far this year we have been very successful in all three areas, especially in the criminal damage area where we have brought several persons to justice following a slight rise in the early part of the year. This has resulted in a significant decrease in the crime rate. Antisocial behaviour remains a problem however, and we are working very hard with the youth services and Ashdown School, to target the persistent offenders, dealing with them appropriately. A number of individuals have already been subject to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in the area and if required we will apply for Antisocial Behaviour Orders.

Our patrols on the heath land continue throughout the summer as we aim to prevent arson, particularly, on a large scale. The key to us dealing positively with all of our priorities is reporting of incidents and I thank all those who have called us in the past few months. Please keep it up. **Tom Issac**

Fires.

The schools are trying to educate children to appreciate the heath and how the plants and wild life are affected by fires along with the anxiety to people living close to the heath.

At the time of writing there have been 3 fires on the heath the largest in from Culliford Crescent/ Canford Heath Road. Motorbikes have also been seen and we are asked to report any suspicious activities to:

Safer Neighbourhood Team & Police: 01202 22 22 22

Email: CanfordheathSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

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