



HARINGEY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES

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Welcome

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Haringey Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. The End of 2004 gave everyone the chance to look back at all of the work that your neighbourhood watch has achieved over the year, and the contributions that you have all made to making Haringey safer, an aim that is really starting to come true. As you probably know Stuart has now left the borough but don't worry though, I am the replacement and arrangements are being made to ensure that there is support for Neighbourhood Watches in Haringey so that you are helped to keep running smoothly, I will be keeping in touch with you all to make sure that you know what's going to happen and when. To introduce myself, my name is Kate Snelling and I have worked for Haringey borough, Metropolitan Police for 5 years. I have just finished a

12 month secondment as the Finance manager for the Partnerships projects at Muswell Hill Police Station. Therefore, I have a background knowledge of the funding for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

In the mean time don't forget that I am ordering in new signs for the watches. If you could let me know your watches' name and how many signs that your watch needs.

Also, let me know of any changes in your watch. In some areas the Coordinators have changed and in some cases they have moved away, if our information isn't updated we can lose touch and you watch loses the support that it deserves!

Let us know everything that you have planned so that we can help you with publicity.

Don't forget you can still apply for a grant from the borough association for your event.

Please do keep in touch.

Always remember Local information means local action!

All that remains is just to say that I wish you and your family all of the very best wishes and a very safe 2005!

You can contact me on
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07745123137

Alternatively you can email me on
Kate.Snelling@met.police.uk.

Regards,

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Borough Association - Chairs report

Dear Member,

There has been a long gap since the last newsletter and much has happened. The most significant items to report are the departure of Stuart Clarke (our Borough Co-ordinator) & Inspector Neil Hutchison. The good news is that they were immediately replaced by Inspector John Forde (Project Unit Inspector) & our main link with Haringey Police, who is very keen to see Neighbourhood Watch continue to expand and Kate Snelling, who has very quickly & efficiently taken over the hot seat as Co-ordinator in the Neighbourhood Watch Office.

It is now almost two years since the formation of the Association and we are currently preparing for our AGM & Conference in March. A key part of the AGM is the election of officers, with an opportunity for new co-ordinators to come onto the Committee. If you can attend a meeting once a month and feel that you could make a useful contribution to the Association then I would strongly encourage you to put your name forward by contacting the office and using the nomination forms that will be going out shortly.

Some of us attended the AGM of London Neighbourhood Watch in November and were able to meet with key members of other Borough Associations. One of the most interesting things we discovered was that although we are a comparatively young organisation, we have caught up quickly and in many ways are in the vanguard. We also seem to be in the fortunate position of being much better funded, to the extent that we can afford to employ a full-time Co-ordinator and have funds available to help Watches organise events which have a strong element of crime prevention.

One of our main tasks has been to encourage and nurture new watches. Our funding has also enabled us to employ the services of Di Janus, a very experienced outreach worker who is helping with getting new watches established.

Unfortunately our present funding is not permanent and therefore we can't afford to rest on our laurels. One of our main objectives over the coming year therefore is to secure fresh sources of funding for April 2006 and to this aim we are exploring the benefits of achieving Charitable Status. However, our chief objective is to continue to expand Neighbourhood Watch borough wide and especially in the east of the borough. To this end we are proposing an extensive advertising campaign, extolling the virtues of Neighbourhood Watch and continuing to use the services of Di Janus.

I am confident that Neighbourhood Watch is set to show strong signs of growth in Haringey during 2005.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph Crisp (Chair)

New Projects Inspector Appointed

You may have heard that there has been a move around at Muswell Hill and that Inspector Hutchison, the previous Projects Unit Inspector, has moved on as part of the Boroughs Operational Plans. Inspector John Forde has taken over the unit and is making sure

Neighbourhood Watch is properly supported.

Inspector Forde has spent over 15 years as a front line Police officer in the Metropolitan Police. He started his service in Enfield, later serving on both Islington and Haringey as a Sergeant, and latterly on Haringey as a Re-

sponse Team Inspector responsible for the day to day policing of the Borough. He brings with him a wealth of Policing experience and knowledge as well as a thorough knowledge of the Neighbourhood Watch schemes, having worked closely with the community throughout his career.



Don't give burglars the opportunity

The following simple measures can help to protect your home:

Fit locks and use them

Don't leave valuable items in view of windows

Make your home look like someone's in when you're out-

Use timers to turn lamps and a radio on and off

Use defensive planting and alleygates to protect your garden

Use dusk to dawn, photosensitive lighting on the exterior of your home

Property mark valuables

Register your mobile phone with www.immobilise.com

Keep an eye out for your neighbours, especially the vulnerable



For crime prevention advice and leaflets contact:
Haringey Crime Prevention Office on 020 8345 2164

13 year Old Takes on his first Neighbourhood Watch

One of the youngest people ever to take charge of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is on the beat in Buckinghamshire.

Thomas Baker, 13, new co-ordinator in Whitchurch, near Aylesbury, volunteered at a parish council meeting.

"I really enjoy the role," said Thomas, a pupil at Aylesbury Grammar School.

"I enjoy helping residents and making sure everyone knows what's going on. It's especially important to make sure elderly people are OK and feel

safe."

Thomas Baker attended the parish council meeting with his mother when he offered to take on the role of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Passing on crime advice

He will now keep residents informed of police initiatives and passing on crime prevention advice.

He is also in charge of reporting any suspicious goings-on to police and he chairs regular meetings at which residents voice their views.

He also represents them at other meetings in the wider Aylesbury area.

Thames Valley Police spokesman James Simpson said: "The traditional view is that it's usually older people who do Neighbourhood Watch.

Thomas is certainly one of the youngest co-ordinators ever in the UK. He's already done some excellent work."

Source BBC NEWS

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*James Simpson
Thames Valley
Police*

Internet Dialer Fraud

Who is affected: All internet users

We would like to warn about the risk of unintentionally loading rogue dialler software onto your computer. In the background, and without your permission or knowledge, this software can cause your computer to dial a premium rate number to connect you to the Internet for as much as £1.50 per minute or more, resulting in large phone bills for which you are liable.

This problem mainly affects dial-up Internet customers, but can also affect broadband customers if you do not physically unplug the phone line from the back of your computer!

You should thoroughly check your phone bill for any 09 premium rate numbers or unrecognised international numbers and check your dialler settings to make sure there are

no unrecognised dial-up configurations. These can be found by going into Internet Options on your Control Panel, and clicking on the "Connections" tab, or by searching for "Dial-up Networking" in Windows Help.

Once downloaded to your computer rogue dialler software is very difficult to locate. Anti-Virus and Anti-Spyware programmes are not always able to detect and remove rogue dialler software. Free software is available which can clean your PC. Installing and configuring a reputable [firewall](#) will protect your computer from future unauthorised downloads, and give you an opportunity to block any attempted downloads from unrecognised sources.

Immediate practical steps include:

- Check your Dial-Up Networking folder and delete unrecognised

Internet connections.

- Power down your computer whenever it is not in use
- If you are a broadband customer you should physically unplug the phone line from the back of your computer

When you connect to the Internet check the number your computer is dialling is that of your service provider

You can configure Call Barring, requests from rogue diallers to connect to the Internet using premium rate and international numbers can be blocked.

If you suspect that you have been the victim of such a fraud, contact [ICSTIS](#), (the body that supervises telephone information services such as premium rate services who can investigate cases of telephone fraud.



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Award for Community Financed CCTV

A man who formed a neighbourhood watch group which has helped to cut crime and anti-social behaviour by 90% has won a national award from the Home Office.

George Verney, from

Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, asks each member of the scheme to pay £2 every year for mobile CCTV cameras.

Residents in the Stoke Heath area of the town use the facilities to capture any crime and anti-

social behaviour.

Mr Verney is picking up the award on Wednesday in London.

Source BBC News



A Worcestershire Neighbourhood Watch finds an alternative way to fund CCTV in their watch

Volunteers In Policing

The Met Volunteers Programme has been active on Haringey for over six months now. In that time the efforts of the Volunteers on Haringey have re-opened the Muswell Hill Police Station front counter, they have helped officers address the issue of gun and knife violence in schools, and they have begun to support staff behind the scenes across the borough.

Volunteer roles are much more diverse these days than most people think. Volunteering is not limited to providing assistance in Charity Shops or organising local fundraisers. Both of these roles are very beneficial to communities but may lack the scope that

some individuals are looking for in a voluntary position. Volunteers in the Met Volunteers Programme can expect to assist in the development of their community, but also to gain valuable personal and professional experience, which might include IT skills, interpersonal communication, training and facilitation, and administrative skills, among many others.

The Volunteers of the Met Volunteers Programme have sought out a role that challenges them professionally and rewards them professionally and socially. They have joined the Extended Policing Family of

the MPS and have already dedicated over 600 hours of community service to the borough of Haringey. The Met Volunteers is a diverse group of people who are constantly striving to better their communities and improve their quality of life. They are a group of people who want to devote a few hours a week to assist the MPS and their staff to make London a safer place to live. If you are interested in an unique, challenging, and rewarding Volunteer role with the Metropolitan Police Service on Haringey, please contact Diane Dodd on 0208 345 2148 or at Diane.dodd@met.police.uk to request more information.



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*Diane Dodd
Volunteer in Policing
Manager Haringey
Borough*

Haringey Officers Commended

Police Officers from Haringey Borough received commendations on 18 November at Tottenham Hotspur football club. The leader of Haringey Council Charles Adje presented the awards.

Chief Superintendent Stephen Bloomfield, Haringey Borough

Commander, said:

"Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to reward the outstanding achievements of Police Officers. My commendations recognise the outstanding levels of leadership, bravery and teamwork that are needed to achieve these exceptional re-

sults. The professionalism and hard work of our officers and staff in Haringey can sometimes seem to go unnoticed, but I know that without their continued dedication we would not be succeeding in making our borough's streets safer."



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If you have information
about any crime, phone



**London
CRIMESTOPPERS**

0800 555 111

- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward

Diary Dates

February 2005

11th LNHWA Committee Meeting at Charing Cross Police Station—time to be confirmed

22nd Hornsey and Wood Green meeting at RBL Elder Avenue

June 2005

14th Hornsey and Wood Green meeting at RBL Elder Avenue

Sept 2005

14th Hornsey and Wood Green meeting at RBL Elder Avenue

November 2005

15th Hornsey and Wood Green

Useful Contacts

Haringey Police

Emergency	999
Non Emergency	020 8808 1212
Neighbourhood Watch	020 8345 2130
Beat Managers Tottenham	020 8345 0956
Beat Managers Wood Green	020 8345 2093
Beat Managers Hornsey & Muswell Hill	020 8345 2122
Police Community Support Officers	020 8345 2172
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111

Haringey Council

General Enquiries	020 8489 0000
Out of Hours	020 8348 3148
*All council services can be contacted through the above number	
Abandoned Vehicles	020 8489 2182
Waste and Rubbish Services	020 8885 7700
Pavement Obstructions	020 8489 6904
Pest Control	020 8489 5551
Light Line (Broken Lighting)	0500 236 458
Trading Standards	020 8489 5134
Citizens Advice Bureaux	020 8374 1300



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