

Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Newsletter

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Chairman's report

Welcome to the 10th issue of RUNWAY's newsletter, keeping you up to date on all the hot topics involving your area and Rushcliffe NH Watch.

In this issue you'll find updates from our community partners, well worth reading before you treat someone to a 'Tom-Tom' this Christmas. You'll find reports from local area co-ordinators about what's been happening in their areas.

We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to start a scheme, there are lots of roads still not covered despite the benefits that a scheme offers.

Anyway, keep sending in your news articles directly to me or via our website.

I'm afraid this will be the last newsletter of the year so dare I say enjoy the festive period, please remember it's a time to be extra vigilant

381 hits per month, of which 30% came via google and 8% via neighbourhoodwatch.net.

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News from our Partners

The Community Safety Team here at Rushcliffe Borough Council is working hard as part of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) to keep Rushcliffe a safe place to live and work. We are continually seeking to raise awareness amongst communities of how you can help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime and as Insp. Harper says it really is a matter of common sense. The Rushcliffe CDRP is supporting a number of projects this year, which includes the shed burglary project mentioned later in this edition. The Community Safety Team is seeking to work more closely with Neighbourhood Watch over the coming year and beyond and provide a stronger link between residents and service providers. We would encourage people to join their local Neighbourhood Watch scheme and register with Rushcliffe Community Watch in order to beat crime in our community.

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Our website www.runwayonline.co.uk




is still receiving lots of hits with a further 1,900 hits since May which is an average of

Police Report

Want a Satellite Navigation System?

Thieves do!!



Don't make it easy for them -
Take it with you every time you leave
your vehicle.

Register your sat nav at www.immobilise.com



Satellite Navigation Systems are this season's must have - for thieves too!

Due to the increased popularity of this equipment and its cost, detachable Satellite Navigation Systems and Radar Detector Devices are becoming targets for thieves.

If you own a detachable (not a manufacturer fitted) Satellite Navigation System or a Radar Detector Device please follow this advice :

- Take it with you whenever you leave the vehicle, even for short periods of time. It will only take a few seconds to steal.
- Don't hide it inside the vehicle. Thieves will see the mounting bracket and will look for it in there.
- Consider registering the device with IMMOBILISE database (formerly known as MEND (Mobile Equipment National Database)) at <http://www.immobilise.com>. It's a free service and you can register all your mobile equipment on it.
- If stolen, contact the manufacturer and ask for it to be disconnected.

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**Leaving property on show
could cost you more than you think**



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News from 'your' schemes

Lady Bay

Thirty Holme Road residents (out of approx 220 adults from 102 properties) attended an open-air meeting about anti-social behaviour on August 17th which was organised by area beat manager PC Adrian Bradshaw.

People aired their views and notes were taken by all the officials. The two new Rushcliffe Borough Council Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) officers were quizzed on their role which appears to be collating intelligence. Their function is to lighten the police load. They handed out business cards and brown envelopes containing two blank incident report forms with return addressed envelopes. This is a good idea, since householders' memories cannot be relied on. If householders log incidents of ASB, a pattern might be established which could help the police to act, whereas one low-level incident might otherwise go unreported.

The meeting lasted one hour.

You may want to ask for a similar meeting on your road. If so, do ensure that a specific location is designated. Contact your local Neighbourhood Watch coordinator or beat officer.

Bingham Launches New Website

Maria Wake, sadly and reluctantly, has needed to step down as Chairman of Bingham NW on health grounds. She announced her decision to co-ordinators on 7 September 2006 and expressed her thanks to co-ordinators and scheme partners for all the help and support she had received over the past two years. Maria was appointed Chairman in December 2004 and led us with distinction. Her dedication and networking skills ensured a continuing high profile for the scheme and led to further expansion. Maria will be sorely missed as Chairman and we wish her well for the future. The good news is that she will continue as co-ordinator for her street and still attend our quarterly meetings. Bob Garland stands in as temporary Chairman until the AGM in December and Peter Savage has taken over from Maria as the Bingham region representative on the RUNWAY Management Committee.

35 co-ordinators attended our quarterly meeting on 7 September 2006. Glenn Harper outlined developments in Bingham since he took over one year ago. He spoke about crime patterns and detection rates, and stressed the need for partnership. He also spoke about resourcing issues, neighbourhood policing and the need for effective communications. Terry Sentance reported on the success of the Bingham NW stall at Bingham Fair on 10 June, shared with Police Specials. The stall won the silver cup for Best Dressed Stall, and the raffle and sale of security items raised over £199. Bingham Neighbourhood Watch will again be sharing a stall with the police at Bingham Christmas Fair in the Market Place on Friday 8 December from 5.00pm. We shall be selling security devices as well as dispensing information and advice on personal and household security. Beat Manager John Kneale reported on the August 2006 crime sheet, advised on his street briefings and spoke about the role of PCSOs. Bob Garland explained the proposed flyer that, in conjunction with Bingham Library, would go out to every Bingham household via the Butter Cross magazine. Bob also outlined ideas for an Expansion Task Group, and several members immediately volunteered to serve on the group. Almost 40 per cent of Bingham households are now within a NW

scheme, but we would like to reach 50 per cent by December 2007. Gordon Sanders reminded members that the AGM in December was the occasion to appoint officers for 2007, particularly current vacancies of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Crime Reduction Manager, Bob Vaughan-Newton, has kindly agreed to address our March 2007 meeting.

Our website at www.bingham-watch.com continues to receive many hits, the most popular pages being our 'News & Events' and 'Crime data' pages.

Neighbourhood Watch –Marketing

The NH Watch stall goes from strength to strength having to replenish stock of shed alarms and wind up torches on a regular basis. It will continue to appear at alternate Farmers Markets held at Central Avenue.

IF anyone out there wants advice on obtaining security products contact Don Read on 0115 9820 996 or E mail don-read@tiscali.co.uk

WEBWATCH Report

Short for West Bridgford Neighbourhood Watch.

Interest in NW continues to grow in West Bridgford, particularly thanks to the volunteers running the regular stand at the Farmers' Market. While sales flourish and keep adding to the funds on hand at the bank, it is becoming more and more a place where the public come to find out what Neighbourhood Watch is all about and how they can join.

New volunteers have begun to come forward but more are needed. The stand is usually on site in Central Avenue on the fourth Saturday morning in the month. It is assembled at about 8-00am by Don Read and one or two helpers and is there until any time between mid-day and 1-30pm.

Anyone who can manage an hour or two between opening and closing would be most welcome. Contact Don if you are interested.

The search continues for a chairman or woman to supervise the quarterly meetings. Vice chairman, Chris Robertson says he is more than willing to help out but feels we must attract new faces into the officer roles.

“There is a great danger if one or two people are left doing everything. Everyone becomes too dependent on them and, if they leave, the gap is enormous. Far better we share out what little work there is,” he said.

At the police station work continues on updating the Neighbourhood Watch map for West Bridgford. It has been painstaking work trying to identify who is still around and who has moved away without letting us know.

Thanks to everyone who has replied to the messages from Wendy Morris and your head co-ordinators.

“It is vitally important that we update our records and establish exactly where our current membership is. Only then can we concentrate our efforts where it is most needed and establish a credible communication system,” said Chris.

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NOTTSWATCH Report

Short for Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch Association.

It should not be long now before we have a full-time official to look after the interests of Neighbourhood Watch throughout the county. Funding is virtually agreed and an appointment is expected early in the New Year.

The job, possibly based at county hall, will initially involve a nationwide survey to find out where Neighbourhood Watch operates most efficiently, how it can attract more members and how best it could become involved in other areas of community safety. This could mean much closer liaison locally

between Neighbourhood Watch and services such as the Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Trading Standards and Health and Safety.

“The idea is to add the strength of Neighbourhood Watch to all the other organisations in the county whose aim it is to make our communities safer and happier places to live. While we concentrate on crime and anti social behaviour, others will contribute in their various ways to give a fully comprehensive service to the public,” says Chris Robertson, the county NW chairman.

“This in turn could mean joint campaigns, opportunities for specialist training and better funding.

“It does not prevent Neighbourhood Watch doing what it does best, befriending and looking after our families and neighbours – but it will mean an opportunity to join forces with lots of other volunteers who approach the same goal from a different angle.”

Part and parcel of the new county Neighbourhood Watch service will be the introduction of a completely new and expanded Ringmaster system. This will continue to supply information to registered members, either by email or ‘phone – but it will now be far more inter-active.

In the case of Neighbourhood Watch, this would give the county an opportunity to host its own internet information service, with organisations such as RUNWAY offering their own updated service through extended links.

“It could be that a registered caller goes on to the Ringmaster web page and faces a number of choices, one of them being a Neighbourhood Watch icon. By clicking on to this he or she would have the latest county information but would also see a county map featuring all the relevant districts. One of these would be Rushcliffe and, by clicking inside the area it would open up the RUNWAY pages. These could include a more detailed map of Rushcliffe showing the individual Watch areas. Clicking on any of these could take you right down to your own street level. The possibilities are endless,” says Chris.

Also coming on stream is the new identity card printer. This has now completed trials in Mansfield and is awaiting confirmation of the special telephone number to be used to verify the identity of the carrier.

The machine is due to be available for anyone to look over at the next Open meeting of NottsWatch. This will be at the county police headquarters, Sherwood Lodge on Saturday, 28 October at 2-30pm. Any NW co-ordinator is welcome to attend and speak.

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OTHER Local News

Cotgrave radio scheme

This is to go live in November, with businesses in Cotgrave soon benefiting from a two-way radio scheme to help tackle alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour. The scheme will go live in November. Businesses who want to take part will pay an annual fee and will get a radio which they can use to contact other participating businesses in the area to report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour as they are happening. This early notification will allow other businesses to be more vigilant and prevent further incidents from occurring. The Police will also have a radio and will be able to react to calls quickly.

No Cold Calling:

County Council Trading Standards Dept. are setting up experimental “**No Cold Calling Zones**” on certain streets in the county. Don Read has applied for Holme Road to be so designated. This means end of street signs and window stickers. Monitoring will determine the success of the scheme before it is expanded.

Again, incident forms are supplied to eligible householders to log cold callers. Roads with a high elderly population will take priority.

Rushcliffe Borough Council is proposing to establish a **controlled drinking zone** in West Bridgford, so that drink-related anti-social

behaviour can be more easily dealt with by the police. The proposed area is central West Bridgford including Bridgford Park, Bridge Field, Central Avenue and the area round part of Musters Road.

The council wants to stop abusive, yobbish, threatening behaviour which is becoming an increasing issue in this area. If people want a drink, we recommend that they visit one of the many properly licensed thriving pubs, bars and cafes with indoor and outdoor drinking areas.

A controlled drinking zone means that if people are asked to stop drinking in the area by police they must do so. If this instruction is ignored, then they could face a £50 fixed penalty or arrest and a possible £500 fine if convicted. Current police powers only allow them to arrest offenders for being drunk and disorderly and these new powers will only be used where the police think there is a serious issue to address. The council does not want to be killjoys and stop people having a peaceful picnic in the park and drinking sensibly.

Next of Kin Cards - If anyone would like some cards or info on this then contact Don Read on 0115 9820 996 or E mail don-read@tiscali.co.uk

Halloween

Please feel free to print and cut out the message on the following page and display it if you feel you need to.

Happy Halloween

Please respect the occupants' wishes.

**NO
TRICK
OR
TREAT**

