



CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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LOOK OUT FOR OUR QUESTIONNAIRE: you will shortly receive a copy of our questionnaire. Please help us by completing and returning it. Your views really will help us to shape the future of Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch. *Thank you from the Committee*

IT'S OUR
AGM
ON
Wednesday 16 September
7pm
at The Beacon Church, Mitchell Road

CYBER CRIME; WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Dr Christopher Richardson, Head of the Cyber Security Unit at Bournemouth University will be giving a talk on Cyber Crime.

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner will be bringing us the latest news and the future of policing.

IF YOU DON'T COME, YOU COULD MISS OUT AS.....

All members who attend will receive a free raffle ticket with the chance to win a **£50 food voucher**
(Not a member? Please join on the night.)

We will do our best to arrange transport for anyone who would be unable to attend otherwise.

Please call ☎07599 236 339.

We look forward to seeing you.

COMMITTEE WHO'S WHO

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2014

(Copies of the full accounts will be available to view at the AGM. If you are unable to attend and wish to see a copy, please let us know).

	2013	2014
Income (includes c/f from previous years)	£1,954.00	£1,740.16
Expenditure	£351.19	£311.00
Totals	1,602.81	1,429.16
		c/f to 2015 £1,429.16

2015 DONATIONS TO CHNW

We will soon be coming round asking for your donations which help us keep the Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch going. We suggest a £1 but if you can afford more and would like to help, then we welcome all larger amounts!

COULD YOU HELP US BY PRODUCING A DATABASE?

We need help! Could you set up a database for us and keep it up to date? It would probably only take about 1-2 hours of your time a month, once the database has been set up. Please contact Vickie or Dave if you can help **07599 236 339**.

CANFORD HEATH CRIME PREVENTION ROADSHOW 2015

"Myself, PCSO Cast 6465 and PCSO Gravenor 5466 visited a number of different locations on Canford Heath for the Crime Prevention Roadshow 2015. The main aims of this project were to promote Sheduaction, bike marking and speak face-to-face with residents.

We drove round with a specially designed shed to remind members of the public to keep their sheds locked and to demonstrate some of the security products that can be used to secure sheds and outbuildings in order to deter potential opportunistic thieves. No issues came out from the face to faces and on the whole people were pleased to see us out and about."



ARE YOU ON DORSET ALERT?

As you know, Dorset Alert has taken over from the old Ringmaster community messaging system and is now available anywhere in Dorset. The new website provides access to the interactive tools, including messaging and information reporting facilities. It is a free service that enables residents of Dorset to engage with Dorset Police and Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes within Dorset and also nationally. You can set your preferences for the volume and content of messages that you wish to receive. 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 Safer Neighbourhood Team who will then help you to register.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT) UPDATE

There has been a change to the Canford Heath SNT. PCSO Sean Murphy and PC Nick Mantle have left and PC Caroline Walton has moved to Broadstone SNT. The team currently comprises PCSO's Matt Cast and Kerrie Burns and PC Gemma Barber. PC Simon Young will hopefully be joining the team at the end of August.

The main concern about crime on the Heath is opportunist thefts from unattended motor vehicles. This is currently a local police priority and local SNT members are patrolling the local area, highlighting vulnerable potential targets for the consideration and action of the owner.

ASSOCIATION OF DORSET WATCHES

The Association of Dorset Watches (ADW) is an "umbrella" forum covering all the Neighbourhood and Home Watch groups throughout Dorset. It has an Executive Group set up to ensure that there is representation from all of Dorset, a Watch Advisor Programme to mentor people setting up new groups and a Watch Delivery Group where representatives from the ADW and the police get together to discuss local issues. Three members from the ADW can attend the South West Regional Neighbourhood Watch Forum to ensure that Dorset's views are widely represented.

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND HOME WATCH WEEK 20-28 June

This year, working with Financial Fraud Action UK, the aim was to combat people falling victim to telephone scams.

An estimated £23.6m was lost in 2014 as a result of people directly transferring money from their own bank account to those of criminals.

The key message is if you are unsure about the identity of a caller, hang up, speak with friends and family for their advice and ring back caller on a number you trust – but after at least five minutes to ensure the line hasn't deliberately been kept open.

What can you do if you think you have been a victim?

- If you suspect that you might be the target of a phone scam, contact your bank or card company immediately.
- You can also check with a trusted friend, relative or neighbour.
- If you have been the victim of fraud or suspected fraud, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 20 40 / www.actionfraud.police.uk
- Share your knowledge with friends, relatives and neighbours.
- Some people might be too embarrassed or shy to ask for advice or may not even realise they are at risk of being scammed. By sharing your experiences you can help them without being patronising or judgemental.
- Being the victim of a scam is something that can happen to anyone. No one should feel ashamed for being the victim of a crime. If you share your stories, you can help other people.

For more information see: http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/about_us/projects_campaigns/neighbourhood_home_watch_week/

STREET WATCHERS

The Borough of Poole is looking for volunteers to take part in Street Watchers. The scheme was launched in February 2008 and encourages residents within the Borough to take part in community events, litter-picks and reporting environmental issues (such as graffiti removal, dog fouling, fly posting etc) for the Council to deal with. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Liz Williams 01202 261700 or email prideinpoole@poole.gov.uk

STREETLIFE

If you haven't heard about Streetlife then you may like to join. It's like a very local Facebook (<http://www.streetlife.com>) and you can get in touch with people in your area about a variety of things. A lot of people ask for recommendations about work they need around their homes, others advertise items for sale or to give away. There have been some comments from people about crime in the area too and warnings.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AS A COMMUNITY ON CANFORD HEATH—19 SEPTEMBER

This event takes place on Saturday 19 September on Haymoor Junior School playing fields from 11am until 4pm. With a 60's theme clubs, organizations, churches, schools and the library will be taking part. There will be a fair, entertainment on a stage and in an arena, a memory walk and lots more. If you belong to a group and would like to take part contact Frances Wheatley fran.wheatley@vanoo.com or call 01202 382643.

WIN ON WASTE—CANFORD HEATH

Win on Waste—Canford Heath is a group of people who live on the Heath and who love helping charities, schools etc., by saving items from their rubbish or recycling and donating them every other month. For instance from now until 12 September they are collecting aluminium drink cans, milk bottle tops, biscuit wrappers, items from cleaning products (pumps, sprays, plastic from cleaning wipes, washing up bottle tops), stamps and yoghurt pots. If you'd like to take part bring any of the items along to the Coffee House Café between 10 and 11am on the 12th. For more information contact Monique 07771 705662 or email: contact@ideas2action.org.uk If you are a voluntary group or school/playgroup working on Canford Heath and would like items saved, then please let her know.

THE LAST WORD

If you or any of your family/friends have a pushbike and live on the Heath then did you know you can check on the Bike Register website to see how many bikes have been stolen in the area? If you're planning to buy a second-hand bike, check on the website too as it gives you the option to see if it's been stolen. <https://www.bikeregister.com/stolen-bikes> Email support@bikeregister.com or call **0800 587 4739**.

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