



# CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the Spring/Summer issue of our newsletter.

We start with good news. Back in January, George Skinner our former chairman and Vicki Campbell our current treasurer received recognition certificates for the John Jay Shield Awards Evening at Upton House. In George's case he was runner-up. The committee is delighted that their hard work for Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch received this recognition.

We're now busy working on collecting subscriptions for 2016 (see page 2 for more information) and also planning our AGM which like last year, will include two speakers. Watch out for more details in our next newsletter.

## CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE AND VICKI



### JOHN JAY SHIELD AWARDS EVENING 26.1.2016



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## COMMITTEE WHO'S WHO



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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

It's that time of year again when our wonderful co-ordinators collect your subscriptions. As you know we have kept the donation at £1 for many years, but with rising costs we have decided to put it up to £2 for the year which we feel is still great value. We know some of you kindly give us larger donations and we really appreciate them. It's not an easy job collecting the subscriptions, so when you see your co-ordinator, please give them a happy smile. It really does make a difference to them.

## CRIMINALS BEWARE!

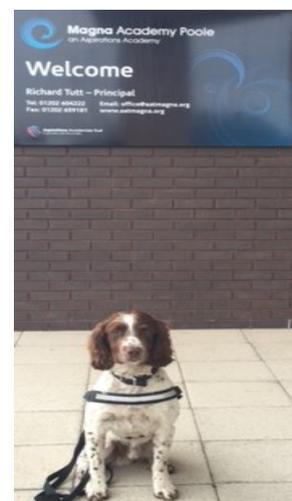
Have you seen our new signs? You may have noticed that there are some new signs on lamp columns near Nettleton Close, Tollerford Road and Canford Heath Road. We hope this sends a strong signal—criminals beware!

## HAVE YOU GOT A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH DOOR STICKER?

If not, please call us 07599 236 339 and we'll drop one round. We believe it helps to act as a deterrent to burglars.

## 'RODNEY' THE POLICE DOG GOES TO MAGNA ACADEMY

Magna Academy was visited recently by 'Rodney' the Police Dog and his colleagues from the Poole Neighbourhood Police Team. Rodney made a thorough search at the Academy and also enjoyed a bit of time in the playground. This was planned as an active deterrent to students as part of Magna's zero tolerance approach to drug use, and not in response to any specific incident. The Neighbourhood Team for Canford Heath support Magna Academy and their students and work with them to ensure their students are safe. Rodney received a warm welcome and had a fantastic time with the staff and students. It goes to show, you can teach an old dog new tricks. Mind you Rodney isn't all that old. Good boy!



## ARE YOU ON DORSET ALERT?

Dorset Alert is a free service that enables Dorset residents to engage with Dorset Police and Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes both in Dorset and nationally. Register online at [www.dorsetalert.co.uk](http://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 Neighbourhood Policing Team who will then help you to register.

## HUNT THE HOUSE: ARE YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS EMERGENCY FRIENDLY?

This is a pilot project being run on Canford Heath by local voluntary organisation Ideas2Action. With funding from the Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner's Safer Dorset Fund, Ideas2Action want to raise awareness about the importance of having visible house numbers so the emergency services can find properties quickly. Ask yourself: if you had to call 999 because someone in your household was taken ill, how quickly would they find your property? There is more information on their website: <http://www.ideas2action.org.uk/hunt-the-house/> and look out for a postcard coming through Canford Heath doors soon as there will be details about a free competition where you can win one of five reflective door numbers kindly donated by Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch.

## WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING A POLICE OBSERVER? OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOUND OUT....

The Friday night I became a Police Observer, adrenaline, rather than blood pumped through my veins and that was before we'd even left the police station.

I was asked to be at the station for 6.30pm and was met by Sgt 2481 Greenwood who ran through some paper work and explained I'd be going out with PC 2912 Gow and PC 2536 Rae for the first part of the evening.

I was kitted out with a stab vest, hi-viz jacket and radio and given user instructions before we left the station to find a missing person and to see if we could spot a car which had been involved in an earlier incident.

Our searches took us across Poole and while the PC's got out to speak to people involved in the missing person case, the voices from HQ on the radio kept me company in the car. We didn't spot the vehicle, but fortunately the missing person was found safe and well and we returned to the station.

I then went out with PC 2820 Morris and PC 2886 Dredge on a 'flash' job; some uninvited 'guests' at a party. I've never been in a police car and certainly never one with the siren and blue light on, so I was surprised how 'quiet' it was inside.

By the time we arrived at the party the uninvited 'guests' had gone. With all the rain they'd obviously found somewhere dry and warm so we followed up on a stolen vehicle before we were given another 'flash' job. A supermarket alarm had been triggered.

This proved to be false and our next trip was to search an area looking for the car we'd looked for earlier as further information had been received. I was struck by how difficult it was to see house numbers in the dark, even with the aid of the side search lights on the vehicle.

Later, another 'flash' came through. This time a burglary and there was a description of the vehicle involved. We sped off and a vehicle matching the description of the get-away car drove past us. We pursued it but unfortunately lost it as it disappeared down a very convenient short cut through an industrial estate. After an extensive search of the area we spent more time following up potential owners of similar vehicles in the hope of finding the culprit.

At 1.30am I handed over my equipment and said my farewells, a lot wiser and more knowledgeable about the work of the police. I had no idea so much of their time is taken up with domestic violence work or missing people, or how difficult it is finding property numbers in the dark. I view my experience as a privilege; it was a privilege to have been out with such a dedicated and professional team of police officers.



## OVER 55'S FORUM

**Are you a Poole resident aged 55 or older?** Are you interested in local issues? If so, there is an opportunity to have your voice heard and get involved in an independent Over 55's Forum.

If you missed the drop in event at the Spire for the Over 55's Forum in Poole, then there is still a chance to find out more or offer your skills by contacting [comments.adultsocialcare@poole.gov.uk](mailto:comments.adultsocialcare@poole.gov.uk) or 01202 261060. The forum organisers are looking for members to work on local projects and have a say on local issues. If you are interested then please do get in touch.

## ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS OF CANFORD HEATH (ARCH)

The committee has now been elected for this new group and there will also be a steering group for those of you who wish to be actively involved in ARCH. If you want to be kept up-to-date on the work of ARCH please email: Frances Wheatley canfordheatharch@gmail.com or call 01202 382643.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD JUSTICE AND MEDIATION PANELS

**What is a Neighbourhood Panel?** These are formal, scripted, face-to-face meetings facilitated by independent **volunteers**. The Panels enable those involved in conflict reach a solution by creating a morally binding Outcome Agreement that meets the needs of the victim(s) and the wider affected community.

There are two types of Neighbourhood Panels in Poole:-

**Neighbourhood Justice Panels** – Victims of crime and anti-social behaviour are able to communicate directly with adult offenders and describe how the conflict has affected them and any wider community (such as family and friends). Offenders are able to make amends for their actions and gain an understanding of the impact of their actions on others by listening to and meeting their victims.

**Neighbourhood Mediation Panels** - are similar to Neighbourhood Justice Panels but they are used to mediate civil matters where there is no clear victim or offender, such as housing and neighbour disputes. By involving those affected by the dispute in a formal restorative process, the community takes responsibility for achieving outcomes to improve their environment.

Our small team of Volunteer Neighbourhood Panel Facilitators have been trained to support and guide those who wish to engage in a restorative intervention. The team consists of individuals who have a variety of backgrounds and life experience.

**Free:** The service is free to all those who take part in the restorative Neighbourhood Panels.

**Confidential:** Everyone involved in a Borough of Poole panel is aware of the sensitivity of the cases we deal with. Panel participants should be assured that our work is only discussed with our referring agencies in a professional and appropriate manner.

**Independent:** We ensure that Safer Poole's Neighbourhood Panel Service is able to operate in an unbiased, fair and independent environment. This is to reassure participants that the Restorative Justice and Restorative Mediation process is fair to all.

**I am interested. What next?** If you wish to speak to someone about taking part in a Poole Restorative Justice or Restorative Mediation Neighbourhood Panel, or you have been involved in a crime and would like to explore the possibility of taking part in a restorative justice meeting with the other person(s):

Contact, in confidence, the Borough of Poole's Community Restorative Justice Co-ordinator on: **07786 733261 or 01202 223106** *Please note, this is a part-time post; if you do not manage to speak to a person first time, leave a message with your contact details on the mobile number and you will be contacted as soon as possible.*