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# Our Watch

## Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch



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### Hello from your Neighbourhood Watch Team!

We have another packed newsletter for you. We hope to see you at one of our events this year. Be sure to check out our full event schedule in this issue!

Why not give us a follow on social media? It's a great way to keep in touch with us, particularly as we've recently surpassed the milestone of 500 followers!

**Facebook: Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch**

**Twitter: @CanfordHeathNW**

### DON'T FORGET - OUR AGM 30TH APRIL

We are holding our Annual General Meeting at 2pm on Saturday 30th April 2022 at St Paul's Church, Canford Heath.

All Canford Heath residents are invited and very welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

The event will also feature a talk from a self-defence instructor, a raffle and we'll be announcing the results of our recent children's drawing competition.

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### JOIN OUR WATCH ONLINE

Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch now has an online membership form.

Click the link to join:

<https://bit.ly/3rEzNuH>



### Introducing Leasha...

Leasha (above) is our new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for Canford Heath.

She is looking forward to meeting and working with residents.

She welcomes you to stop her for a chat.



## Upcoming events for 2022

2022 is shaping up to be our busiest year yet! We have tried to create a calendar full of opportunities to meet as many of you as possible:

Month	Date	Event
April	30	Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch AGM - St. Paul's Church, Canford Heath (2pm)
		Spring newsletter
May	14 and 21	Self Defence at Limelights - Women & girls aged 12+ (10am - midday) - contact Sandra for more info
	21	Attending ARCH and Prama Saturday Friends meeting - St. Paul's Church (10am - midday)
	28	Come and Join Us – Neighbourhood Centre (10am - midday)
	30 May - 5 June	National Neighbourhood Watch Week
June	4	Exhibitor at ARCH street party, Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Adastral Square (from 11.15am)
	11 and 18	Self-Defence at Limelights - Men & boys aged 12+ (10am - midday) - contact Sandra for more info
	18	Come and Join Us - Neighbourhood Centre (10am - midday)
		Summer newsletter
July	2	Keep Safe On Canford Heath, Limelights (10am - 12.30pm)
	23	Come and Join Us – Neighbourhood Centre (10am - midday)

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August	20	Come and Join Us – Neighbourhood Centre (10am - midday)
September	17	Come and Join Us – Neighbourhood Centre (10am - midday)
		Autumn newsletter
October	1	Good Neighbour and Young Neighbour Awards - St Paul's Church (time TBC)
	15	Come and Join Us - Neighbourhood Centre (10am - midday)
November		
December		Winter newsletter

## Celebratory logo for a milestone year!

We've adopted a new logo (right) to mark Neighbourhood Watch Network's 40th year!



In launching the logo, the network said, "Neighbourhood Watch groups have supported and enabled individuals and communities to be connected, active and safe for the past 40 years.

We have grown in strength since the first UK scheme was established in Mollington, Cheshire, in 1982, to the largest UK crime prevention charity that we are today.

In recognition of this milestone and to celebrate our rich history we are thrilled to launch a special-edition logo to be used throughout 2022. The new central image celebrates and reflects our communities' uniqueness and togetherness."

## We need your used inkjet printer cartridges!

We're collecting used inkjet printer cartridges so that they can be recycled. If you have any, please drop them in one of our collection boxes at the following locations:

Chester Pearce Funeral Directors (The Neighbourhood Centre)  
Austin and Wyatt and Palmer Snell (both Adastral Square).



## Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch - Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 30 April 2022 at 2pm**

**St Paul's Church, Neighbourhood Centre, Culliford Crescent, Poole BH17 9DW**

After a gap of two years we are delighted to once again be holding a face-to-face Annual General Meeting and we hope that as many of you as possible will join us. A copy of the Agenda is below.

This year we are doing something a little different. We will be holding the business side of the meeting at the end. This is so the early part of the AGM can be dedicated to enjoying a presentation about self-defence for children and young people and give prizes to all the children who took part in our drawing competition plus announce the winners!

### **AGENDA:**

#### 1. Welcome

#### 2. Presentation—Self defence for Children and Young People

Darren from South Coast Self Defence will be joining us to talk about some simple steps that children and young people can take to protect themselves and keep safe. He will be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

Advance notice: Darren will back on the Heath again in May and June when he will be running self-defence sessions for women/girls (age 12+) and men/boys (age 12+), so get ready to book your place!

#### 3. Break for refreshments

#### 4. Results of Children's Drawing Competition

#### 5. AGM Business

- Apologies for absence
- Approval of minutes from last AGM (30 October 2019)
- Matters arising and not covered below
- Chair's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of committee officers and members
- Motion for discussion—approval of new Constitution

#### 6. Close

**\*\*\*\*As a courtesy to others, please consider wear a face covering if you can\*\*\*\***

## Think WIDE(N) campaign

The national Neighbourhood Watch Network are currently running an anti-burglary campaign that particularly caught our eye so we wanted to share it with you.

The campaign uses the acronym 'WIDE(N)' as an easy way to remember effective home security measures.

Research from Nottingham Trent University shows that a set combination of security actions provides up to 50 times more protection for your home versus no security. A combination of WIDE actions is the most effective and recommended by police throughout the country:

- W - WINDOWS: Keep your windows locked
- I - INTERIOR: Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb
- D - DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors
- E - EXTERIOR: Put outside lights on a sensor
- (N) - NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for your neighbours



A full information sheet with a handy checklist of security measures found here: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2022-02/Home%20Security%20Checklist%20v4.pdf>



### Are you registered for updates from the Dorset Alert service?

A General Data Protection Act (GDPR) reminder was issued in December 2021 by the data controller of this service. They advised that you can review and change the Information Providers (organisations) that you have currently chosen to share your data with by clicking the red "settings" button below. This is well worth a few minutes of your time as you may have new options available or wish to remove some.



You are also able to review the "Types" of messages that you receive from this page to ensure that the emails you receive are relevant to your interests.

If you would rather unsubscribe from the entire system you can also do that from the settings page or by emailing [unsubscribe@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](mailto:unsubscribe@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk). Please bear in mind that if you do that you will be removed from the system entirely.

Dorset Alert is a free community messaging system operated by Dorset Police. The system is designed to allow you to choose the type of information you would like to receive concerning crime and anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, crime prevention, community events and local good news.

Their aim is to send you information where the Police believe to do so will reduce the opportunity for crime and anti-social behaviour or will help Dorset Police to solve a crime. Visit [dorsetalert.co.uk](http://dorsetalert.co.uk) or call 101 for more information.





## **Is sex trafficking happening in your neighbourhood?**

**Thank you to our guest from the charity Purple Teardrop Campaign for writing the following article to help raise awareness of the issues they see women and girls facing in the UK.**

Modern day slavery, also called human trafficking, is going on everywhere, including Poole, Bournemouth and very likely Canford Heath.

Victims, usually from poorer countries are enticed to richer countries with promises of a good job and somewhere to live. Women and girls, in particular, are targeted by traffickers, offered jobs in hotels or restaurants, but in reality, they are intended for work in the sex industry.

When they arrive in this country, their passports are taken away from them, they are raped, often beaten and told if they try to escape then the same will happen to their families or that their family members will be killed. They are set up in brothels or massage parlours and forced to have sex with multiple clients every day. They may be imprisoned there or may have some freedom of movement. The threats to their family are usually enough to ensure that they won't run away.

What are the signs that a property is being used for sex trafficking in your neighbourhood?

- o Unusual amount of visitors
- o Premises frequently visited by men
- o A rented house or flat which may be unkempt, seem empty, curtains may be closed during the day
- o Different women appear to live there for short periods of time
- o They may look deprived of sleep, medical care, may have signs of physical abuse
- o They may appear fearful, avoid eye contact, be reticent to talk, may speak little English
- o They may appear to be in a situation of dependency or control and have a fear of authority

If you think that you may have seen signs of sex trafficking, do report it. It is better to report something that turns out not to be trafficking than not to report it. Yours could be the phone call that rescues a woman or girl from sexual exploitation, abuse and hopelessness.

- o Report it on the Modern Day Slavery helpline 0800 0121 700
- o In an emergency, call Police on 999, or 111 if not urgent
- o Anonymously ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

The Purple Teardrop Campaign is a charity which raises awareness and helps survivors of sex trafficking.



## How to contact Dorset Police

**Please remember that social media such as Facebook and Twitter are not an effective means to report crime to the Police.**

### Report Crime Online

Report Crime Online is an easy way to give information to Dorset Police or report an incident or crime via their website. Staff within the contact centre will receive the form, record the crime, and provide you with a crime reference number. Report Crime Online here: [www.dorset.police.uk/reportcrime](http://www.dorset.police.uk/reportcrime)

### Make an enquiry, request a call back or report anti-social behaviour

'Do It Online' is a selection of online services offered by Dorset Police, helping you to report a non-emergency crime or incident, pass a message to an officer or request a call back, make a complaint or give compliments/feedback, submit a Freedom of Information request, or report lost property.

'Do It Online' here: [www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/](http://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/)

If you would prefer to use the telephone, you can call 101. Contact centre staff are available to answer your calls day or night. However, making use of the online services also helps to reduce the demand on the 101 telephone service, making it quicker and easier for people to speak to a call handler for more complex or urgent issues.

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**We hope you enjoyed the read!**

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