

AUTUMN 2022

Our Watch

Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch



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Hello from your Neighbourhood Watch Team!

Welcome to our autumn newsletter. With the recent launch of our new website and various events still coming thick and fast, it's been a busy and rewarding time for Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch.

Why not give us a follow on social media? It's a great way to keep in touch with us,

Facebook: Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch

Twitter: @CanfordHeathNW

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER - DORSET POLICE TALK

Join us at St Paul's Church, Canford Heath as we hear from Sgt Guy Nichols of Dorset Police Missing Persons Unit

2pm at St. Paul's Church, Culliford Crescent, Canford Heath

ADMISSION IS FREE

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

OUR NEW WEBSITE - LIVE!

We're delighted to launch our new website. Updated with our latest news, events and newsletters: <https://chnw.org.uk>

Many thanks to Matt Fennell of mattfennell.co.uk for the web design expertise

JOIN OUR WATCH ONLINE

Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch now has an online membership form.

Follow the below link to join:

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

THANK YOU CANFORD HEATH!

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all that have taken the time to drop off their used inkjet printer cartridges to us to be recycled.

We're still collecting these so 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).

Incredible show of community spirit!

Back in July, the green space between Stinsford Road and Ryall Road, Canford Heath was temporary home to two sets of travellers.

Sadly, the second group left the area in a poor state after being served a 'Section 61' notice by the Police.

However, this prompted an incredible effort by local residents who took it upon themselves to clean up the area.

Cllr Sean Gabriel told the Daily Echo said: "Our wonderful Canford Heath spirit kicked in not long after the group moved on. I was working but thought I'd get down with my trusty litter picker but when I got there our residents had pretty much done it, they did an amazing job.

"It was near enough spotless. There was quite a lot there and I thought it would not be a nice clean up job, but they just got on with it.

"Residents take a lot of pride in that area. Canford Heath has a lot of green spaces tucked away but that one is particularly well maintained and used – I think because it's a nice size, open and accessible. Kids used it for football, kite flying and families use it for picnics. It's just a really nice area."

Full article in the Daily Echo:

<https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/20282502.residents-clean-encampments-canford-heath/>

Introducing Check A Website

Have you ever had second thoughts on whether or not a website is genuine?

Get Safe Online has partnered with Cifas, the UK's leading fraud prevention service, to launch 'Check a Website'.



'Check a Website' is a new, easy-to-use online tool which helps determine whether a website is likely to be legitimate or a scam before you visit it.

It is hoped to prevent thousands of people in the UK falling victim to unwanted online scams every year.

To use, simply type in the address of the website you want to check, and your results will appear within seconds.

To try it out simply visit www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/



FIREWISE UK

BE AWARE AND BE PREPARED

Dorset heathlands are wonderful places and living next to them is a privilege however as we have seen this year, wildfires are occurring now in Dorset. Are you and your home safe?

Firewise-UK is a project which encourages communities to work together to reduce the risk of fire damage to their homes from wildfire by taking practical steps in and around the home, garden and local community. Why not join us?

Reduce the risk of fire to your home by using this checklist and taking some simple actions:

BE FIREWISE

1. CLEAR VEGETATION FROM ROOFS, GUTTERS AND DECKS REGULARLY – REMEMBER THAT BURNING EMBERS CAN TRAVEL UP TO HALF A MILE IN THE WIND
2. REMOVE DEAD VEGETATION AND OTHER ITEMS FROM UNDER OPEN DECKS AND WITHIN 10 FEET OF YOUR HOUSE
3. CONSIDER REMOVING FLAMMABLE MATERIALS EG; WOOD PILES FROM THE VICINITY OF YOUR HOUSE IF POSSIBLE
4. SCREEN AREAS BELOW PATIOS AND DECKS WITH WIRE MESH TO PREVENT VEGETATION ACCUMULATION
5. DISPOSE OF LAWN CUTTINGS AND DEBRIS QUICKLY AND RESPONSIBLY
6. INSPECT ROOF TILES AND REPLACE OR REPAIR AS NECESSARY

If you would like to know more about Firewise or start a Firewise community please contact lin.kettley@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Help for local Homeless/Rough Sleepers

It is important we all look out for individuals who are sleeping rough or facing homelessness. In the BCP Council area, St Mungo's street outreach team are out every day working to build trust, understand an individual's needs and support them off the streets for good.



If you are concerned for someone who is sleeping rough, please contact the Bournemouth and Poole rough sleepers team by:

- Email b&pstreetoutreach@mungos.org
- Phone 01202 315 962 - 24-hour answerphone.

Or you can Report your concerns via Streetlink or call 0300 500 0914.

The best chance for someone to get off the street is with professional help, rather than giving them money or food.

Find out more up to date information about rough sleeping at:
<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Housing/Homelessness-and-rough-sleeping/Homelessness-and-rough-sleeping.aspx>

People in housing need or homeless, but not rough sleeping, should contact the council's housing services – more details below.

<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Housing/Homelessness-and-rough-sleeping/Advice-for-homeless-families.aspx>

All treat and no trick this Halloween

As we approach Halloween, we thought we would share some tips courtesy of www.safekids.org on keeping safe if you and your children/grandchildren plan to enjoy the festivities. **Please be mindful though that Halloween is not everyone's idea of fun so ensure you are respectful of those that do not wish to take part.**



Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crossings. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- Always walk on pavements or paths.
- Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Costumes for a Safe Halloween

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at crossings and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Get rid of any distractions - like your phone - in your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Be especially alert for kids during those hours.