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Our Watch

Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch



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Seasons greetings from your Neighbourhood Watch Team!

What a year it's been! Getting back to some normality has been a much-needed relief for many. Being able to reconnect with our members and the wider Canford Heath community has been wonderful.

As we reflect on 2021 and look forward to 2022, we would like to thank our existing members and co-ordinators for their continued and valued support. We would also like to reiterate our commitment to supporting and enabling individuals and the Canford Heath community to be connected, active and safe to increase wellbeing and minimise crime.

We wish you and your loved ones a very happy festive season and a healthy and prosperous new year!

Why not give us a follow? It's a great way to keep in touch with us.

Facebook: [Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch](#)

Twitter: [@CanfordHeathNW](#)

Your Neighbourhood Watch News

Come and join us - We would love more residents to join us. It's FREE! Contact Jenny jennychnw@gmail.com or for a paper copy of the joining form, call Sandra on 01202 388418.

Upcoming events for 2022:

March - Self-defence sessions. Date/venue/price to be confirmed

April - Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch AGM. Date/venue to be confirmed

2nd July - Keep Safe On Canford Heath event

Donations - As we are charity-funded, we rely on your kind donations to help us serve the community. If you would like to donate, please contact Sandra or Jenny using the contact details above.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) - As above, our 2021 AGM has been postponed until April 2022. If you would like to see a copy of our accounts in the meantime, please contact us.



Keep Safe On Canford Heath event - October 2021

2nd October 2021 saw the inaugural Keep Safe On Canford Heath event. Run by our committee, the event, held at Limelights Youth Centre on Leyroyd Road, brought together various local agencies who specialise in providing support and advice to residents on staying safe in their day-to-day lives.

We were joined for the morning by the new Police and Crime Commissioner, David Sidwick. Mr Sidwick has been particularly keen to praise the impact that community schemes, such as Neighbourhood Watch, play in helping to support effective policing and crime prevention.

Speaking with Mr Sidwick, he told us, "In many ways, it's at the heart of it. You will have heard about my second priority [in the Police and Crime Plan] about having much more visibility and connectedness between the police and the community. We are all in this together. I want the police to be part of the community and I want the community to trust the police. And there's things that the community can do."



"Neighbourhood Watch is a classic example. We know that if you've got a good functioning Neighbourhood Watch, you cut crime by 26%-28%. This initiative here particularly [Keep Safe On Canford Heath] I think is very good. It's got all the components that you need in that room - you've got alarms, somebody offering self-defence classes, you've got the Police, Fire service so I think it's a very good initiative. All credit for running it."

Above (right foreground): David Sidwick

For those that missed us on the day and would like to know more about the exhibitors in attendance, please find a full list below:

- **Association of Residents of Canford Heath (ARCH)** - canfordheatharch@gmail.com / ARcanfordheath (Facebook)
- **BCP Council**
- **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue.** Offer free home safety visits through their Safe and Well service - 0800 038 2323 / dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits
- **Poole Lions.** Raising money and support good causes - 0845 833 4756 / poolelionsclub.co.uk
- **Poole Key Locksmiths** - 01202 377446 / poolekeylocksmiths.co.uk
- **Poole Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)**
- **South Coast Self Defence.** Learn how to protect yourself (suitable for all) - 07426 859580 / scsd.co.uk
- **Unique Fire and Security.** Detection systems - 01202 743231 / uniquefireandsecurity.co.uk
- **Victim Support.** Charity supporting victims of crime and traumatic incidents - 08 08 16 89 111 / victimsupport.org.uk



Keep Safe On Canford Heath event - October 2021 (continued)

Of the event, our Committee Chair, Monique, said, "We received some really positive feedback from the exhibitors who came along and those who braved the weather thought the whole event very worthwhile and helpful to them. We are looking forward to good weather and seeing lots of Canford Heath residents on 2nd July for Keep Safe on Canford Heath 2022!"

The also event attracted interest from the Bournemouth Echo who sent reporter Andrew Goldman along to see us. You can read Andrew's report here:
<https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/19629861.canford-heath-neighbourhood-watch-hosts-first-event/>

We would like to again thank all residents, exhibitors and guests for coming along and making the event a success.

As Monique has mentioned, we are excited to confirm that next year's Keep Safe On Canford Heath event will be held on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at Limelights Youth Centre. Look out for further details in the new year!



Are you registered for updates from the Dorset Alert service?

Dorset Alert is a free community messaging system operated by Dorset Police, which allows the Police to exchange information with you by email or phone. 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. You will not be notified about every crime or incident that happens in your neighbourhood. 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 or call **101** for more information.



Association of Dorset Watches (ADW) Annual General Meeting

October also saw ADW hold their AGM at the Hamworthy Club, Wimborne.

With Police and Crime Commissioner David Sidwick and Assistant Chief Constable Steve Lyne the guest speakers, we sent some of our team along to find out what they had to say.

We learned that there will be 200 new police officers for Dorset, 50 of which were due to start in November and December. It was also announced that the opportunity for members of the public to be police observers is to be reintroduced. These were paused during 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19.

Reassuringly, David Sidwick reiterated his praise for Neighbourhood Watches and cited that statistics indicate crime is 26-28% lower in areas where a Neighbourhood Watch is in place.

We put a question to the panel, asking whether the excellent Dorset Alert information service (dorsetalert.co.uk) could be made available to those without internet access or smart phone - ACC Lyne took this action away with him so we will keep you updated on this.

We felt the AGM went very well. It was great to see the event offering stalls from Community Speedwatch, Cyberhood Watch and Dorset County Council who were there raising awareness of the Friends Against Scams scheme (friendsagainstsams.org.uk).



NEW: Stay Safe booklet 2021/22

Find the new Stay Safe booklet here:

<https://nhwdorset.org.uk/downloads/ADW-StaySafe-2021.pdf>

It is a fantastic booklet from Association Of Dorset Watches (ADW) and is full of helpful suggestions on a wealth of safety and security matters.

Calling all online groups!

Are you a member of a group that holds virtual meetings? Would your group like the opportunity to speak with a police officer online during your meeting?

If so, Dorset Police are inviting you to contact them to arrange on:
neo@dorset.pnn.police.uk

New police pilot - StreetSafe

A new online tool is being trialled which enables members of the public to anonymously pinpoint locations where they have felt unsafe because of antisocial behaviours, environmental issues (e.g. poor street lighting, vandalism) and/or because of other people's actions (e.g. being followed or verbal abuse).

The tool is available on the Police UK website: **www.police.uk/streetsafe**



Anyone who has concerns about a particular location is encouraged to flag it through the StreetSafe tool. It is very easy to use and includes a short series of sections to complete with guidance every step of the way.

This information is considered alongside the Police's existing evidence base and used to inform the community safety activities of the police and partner organisations, such as local authorities. For example, increased streetlighting or increasing the Police presence in those areas.

Please note. The StreetSafe tool not intended for reporting crime and you should continue to report crime in the normal way:

- For non-urgent crimes, please visit www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/ to use the online reporting tool or dial the non-emergency line 101.
- Report to police by calling 999 if anyone is in immediate danger, or a crime is in progress.



Antisocial Behaviour – Recognise, Record, Report

Recognise - What is Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)?

ASB is a range of behaviours that can cause nuisance, annoyance or harm and distress to a person in their home, neighbourhood or community. It covers a wide range of activities such as noise nuisance, household disputes, harassment and intimidation or behaviours which negatively impact the environment.

Keep a record

If you are experiencing ASB, it is important to keep a record of the incidents and behaviours as this will be helpful in investigating and tackling it. It can also help you get some perspective on how often it happens. Diary sheets are a great way of recording what is happening, how often and the impact this has had on you and your household. Consider keeping a simple diary with the date, time and place, the behaviour you witness, what you were doing at the time and how it made you feel.

Report!

Reporting ASB is important to prevent it from escalating and having a greater impact on your wellbeing. The Local Authority, Social Housing Landlord and the Police all have powers to deal with ASB. If the antisocial behaviour is not serious, criminal, or causing a risk to someone, you should contact:

- If you are in private rented accommodation or a homeowner, contact the Local Authority.
- If you are a tenant or a leaseholder for a social/council housing provider, you should contact them directly.

If the behaviour is serious, criminal, or causing risk to a person, report it to the police in the first instance.

Important - What next?

If you have reported antisocial behaviour but the situation does not seem to have improved, the Community Trigger has been designed for you. If you have reported an incident 3 times or more within 6 months, you can activate the Community Trigger via the Local Authority. This entitles you to have your case reviewed, bringing multiple public agencies together to look for new solutions and recommendations for dealing with the behaviour.

If you need help, or more information on how to deal with Antisocial Behaviour, visit the ASB Help website: www.asbhelp.co.uk

Staying safe this Christmas

Christmas is a time for celebration and fun, but for some it can present an opportunity to take advantage. Here are a few useful tips to help keep you and your home safe this Christmas:



When out and about. Keep your bags and belongings close, ensuring that your valuables are out of sight.

Protect your home. If you are planning to travel over the festive period, try not to share your plans on social media. Never post where you are going, when you are leaving or when you'll be back. This is prime information for a burglar who will then know when your home will be empty.

If you are going away, perhaps notify a trusted neighbour and ask them to keep an eye whilst you are away.

Take time to make sure your doors and windows are locked and consider using timers on light switches to switch on your lights in the evening.

Keep gifts and packages out of sight. Take care not to leave gifts in view of outside. Consider disposing of boxes for expensive gadgets and gifts at the local household recycling centre, rather than waiting for your regular waste collection which could give thieves a reason to target you and your home.

Fraud and cybercrime. As more and more of our festive shopping moves online, so do fraudsters. Make yourself aware of common online crimes, and how to protect yourself from them. If something seems too good to be true, or you are not sure, speak to a friend or loved one. Visit the Action Fraud website for more information:
<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>.

You can find out more about how to have a safe Christmas on the Dorset Police website here: www.dorset.police.uk/christmas



We hope you enjoyed the read!

Happy festive season!

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