



CANFORD HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023



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Thank you to *Everyone Active* for printing the paper copies of our newsletters.

Hello and welcome to the spring issue of our newsletter.

GOOD NEWS !

Congratulations to Sandra Moore our hard-working secretary. Sandra recently won the ***Eminent Woman of Impact Award***. (Read more on page 2).



Congratulations also goes to ***Steve Gray***, our ***300th member!*** (Read more on page 3).

GOODBYE AND THANKS

After the good news we have sadly said goodbye to two of our wonderful committee members. ***Jackie and Marcus***. Our thanks go to both of them as they worked so hard for us in their roles. We will really miss them. Monique, our Chair will also be leaving us at our AGM, so we'd love to hear from you if you are community-minded and would like to make a difference by joining our friendly committee. (Read more on page 3).



OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS INSIDE:

Our AGM, coffee morning, survey results, ideas of how to spend £200, fundraising (via used printer ink cartridges) and more.....

Enjoy reading this issue, with best wishes from your
Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch Committee



SANDRA, AN EMINENT WOMAN OF IMPACT

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Sandra Moore, our Secretary for winning the *Eminent Woman of Impact Award* at the BCP Women's Community Impact Awards celebration held on 11 March at the Highcliffe Marriott Hotel in Bournemouth.

The idea of the awards is to celebrate and credit women's histories, contributions and achievements that have had a profound community impact to inspire the next generation of females in the community.

Sandra was nominated by ARCH (Association of Residents of Canford Heath) who said this in their nomination: *"She is a true inspiration and an unsung hero. She goes above and beyond for her community - She balances huge casework with representing our community at the council level, but it's everything else that she does which is the reason for this nomination for a community impact award because that's exactly what she does - she impacts our community in so*

many different ways over such a long time."

Neighbourhood Watch is very lucky to have her as our Secretary and recognises all she does, much of it behind the scenes. We believe that we are all very much indebted to Sandra for all her hard work on behalf of the Canford Heath community and she is a very well-deserved award-winner.

EVENTS

Join us for our **AGM** on **Tuesday 6 June** (6.45pm for a 7pm start) at The Beacon Church, 3 Mitchell Road. We are delighted to say that our AGM this year will open with a very interesting and enlightening talk by **Sgt Guy Nicholas from the Dorset Police Missing Persons Team**. So if you've ever wondered what happens when a person goes missing in Dorset, don't miss this fascinating talk.

COFFEE MORNING on **Wednesday 14 June** from 10-12 at Canford Heath Library. This is a lovely opportunity for you to meet new people, collect Neighbourhood Watch information leaflets while enjoying a drink and biscuit!

COME AND JOIN US STAND now that spring has arrived we'll be outside again with our gazebo giving you the opportunity to talk to us and collect any information leaflets you feel could be useful. Look out for us opposite the chemist near ASDA on the following dates: (weather permitting!) 24 June and 26 August between 10am and 12 noon. Don't forget you can drop off your used printer ink cartridges (see page 6) to help with our fundraising too.

COULD YOUR GARAGE/SHED HOST OUR GAZEBO, BANNERS AND LEAFLET BOX?

Are you able to look after our gazebo (and 4 base weights), banners and box of leaflets for us? We would need to access them when we have a Come and Join Us event. If you can help please let Jenny know jennychnw@gmail.com or by calling Sandra 01202 388418. Many thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE GRAY AND HIS FAMILY FOR JOINING US AND BECOMING OUR 300TH MEMBER!

Steve and his partner have between them have lived on the heath for around 20 years. Steve said he joined Neighbourhood Watch because he wanted to feel part of a safe community and feels we should all do our bit to help each other out. *We agree Steve! We gave Steve a voucher to help him celebrate.*



IDEAS PLEASE—HOW TO PUT £200 TO GOOD USE

Your Committee is asking for your ideas! Rather than sit in our bank account, we thought “How can we put £200 to better use for the good of the local community to help prevent/design out crime and help improve communication following a burglary?” For example: do you have any ideas about how we could make an area safer? Or are there any safety features which could be installed for a few elderly or vulnerable people? Please have a think and then let us know your ideas by **19 May** either by emailing Jenny jennychnw@gmail.com or calling Sandra 01202 388418. We look forward to hearing from you.

CAN YOU HELP US ON OUR COMMITTEE? WE ARE LOOKING FOR A....

Social Media Volunteer

Thanks to all Marcus’s hard work, our social media has proved very popular over the past couple of years, having seen a three-fold increase in followers!

We currently run a Facebook and a Twitter account sharing what we’ve been getting up to recently, connecting with the wider Canford Heath community in a more informal and fun format.

It’s provided us some great opportunities to collaborate with other local agencies in a collective strive to make a difference on Canford Heath and help to build a greater togetherness amongst the community.

Time commitment: roughly 1 hour a week.

Newsletter Editor

Our quarterly Newsletter is an opportunity to get creative, producing some more in-depth content and articles. In the past, we’ve interviewed a local Police Community Support Officer for a Q&A feature, compiled tips on how to protect yourself and your home from crime and shared coverage from our in-person events.

Time commitment: approximately 6 hours each quarter.

Chair

As well as being a committee member, the Chair leads the committee meetings, helps Sandra, our Secretary with papers for the meetings and attends events. They liaise with other Neighbourhood Watches like the Association of Dorset Watches and generally ‘muck in’ when needed!

Time commitment: approximately 2-6 hours a month.

For more details contact Jenny jennychnw@gmail.com or for an informal chat call Monique 07419 209 862.

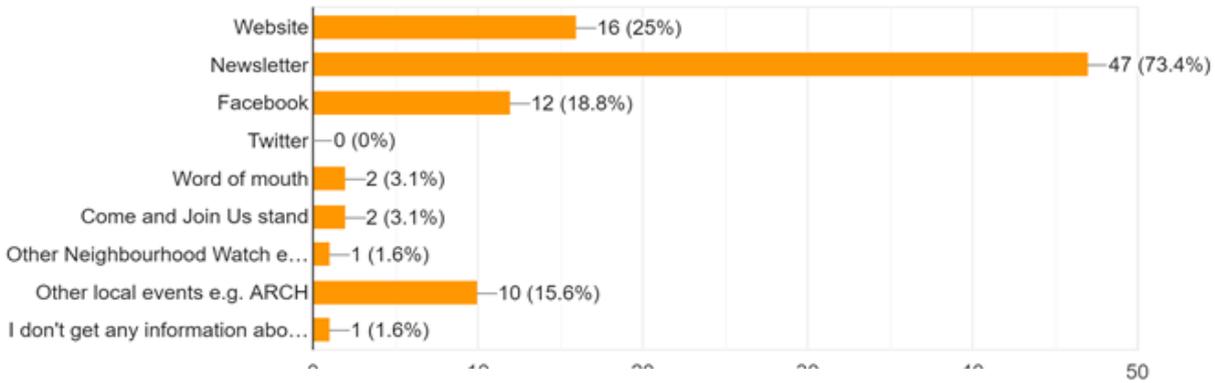
SURVEY RESULTS

We received an amazing 64 replies to our survey which was a fantastic result. Thanks very much to everyone who took part. The following graphs show the results. We hope you will find them interesting.

The replies to the questions on the next page we will be sharing with Dorset Police.

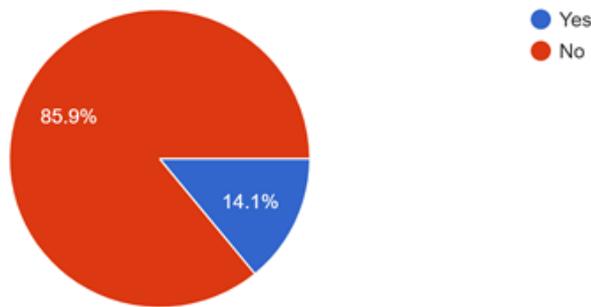
Tell us how you get information about Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch.

64 responses



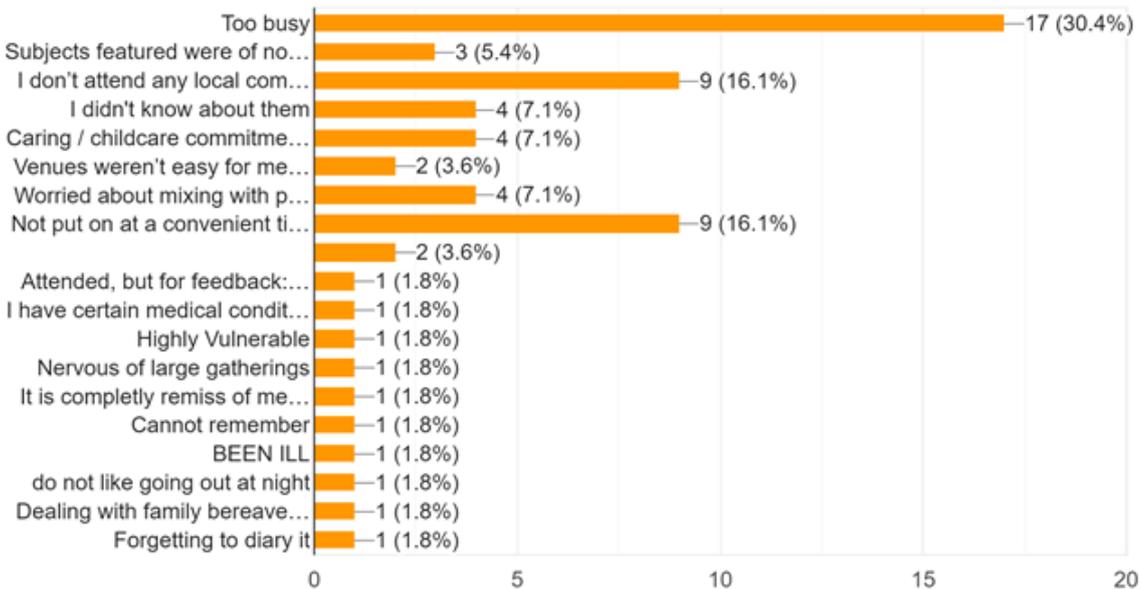
Have you attended a Neighbourhood Watch event in the last 12 months (AGM, Keep Safe on Canford Heath, our Come and Join Us stand)?

64 responses



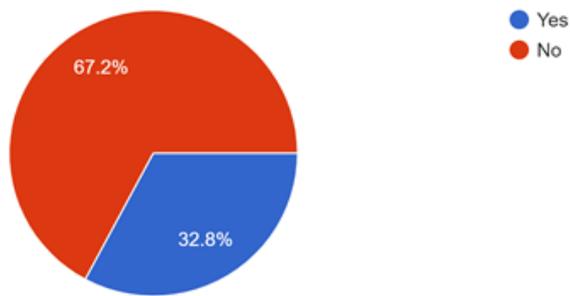
If you haven't attended one of our events in the last 12 months, why is this?

56 responses



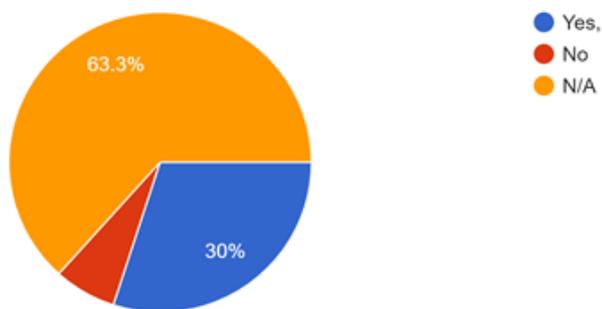
Have you been a victim of crime while living on Canford Heath?

64 responses



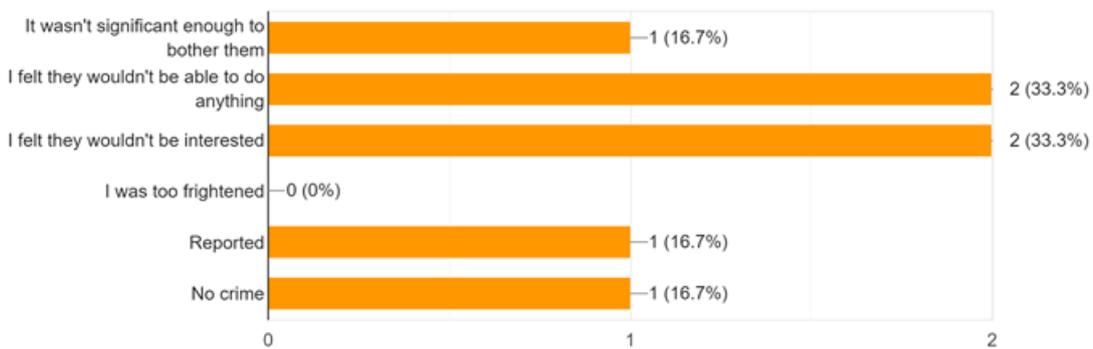
If you have, did you report it to the Police? (i.e. 999 or 101 service)

60 responses



If you did not report it to the Police, please tell us why?

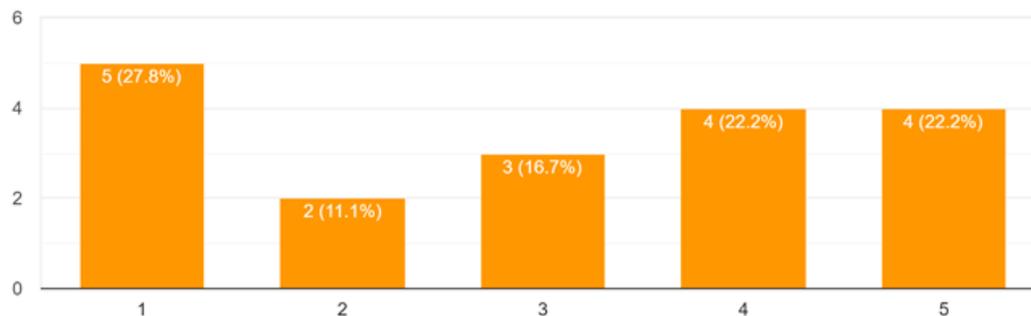
6 responses



If you did report it to the Police, how do you feel about the response you received?

18 responses

1= very dissatisfied - 5 = very satisfied



HAVE YOU SPOTTED ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS?

As you will see from our survey results on the previous two pages, people don't always think something they have seen is worth telling the police about. But how do you know that other similar occurrences haven't happened before, or will again when a crime will be committed?

If you tell the police they can add it to their response map where they can see at a glance whether similar events are taking place and can therefore target their resources.

Call 101 or email: 101@dorset.pnn.police

WILDLIFE SAFETY ON THE HEATH

Dog owners please help our wildlife this spring and summer by respecting the **1 March to 31 July** rule when dogs should



be kept on a short lead to protect ground nesting birds and breeding reptiles, including adders.

EMAILS BOUNCING BACK -PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CHANGE YOUR EMAIL

A plea from Jenny, our membership secretary. When she sends out emails to members, she has quite a few emails which are undelivered. Please add Jenny's email address to your contacts folder jennychnw@gmail.com and if you change your email address, please let her know. Thank you.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES TO US

So far we have raised just under **£100** by sending off your used printer ink cartridges for recycling which is fantastic. So thank you very much.

Here's where you can drop them off:

Palmer Snell and Austin & Wyatt estate agents, **Sea Horse Quilting, Craft Bliss** and **Nicholas O'Hara Funeral Directors**.

Or just bring them along to our **Come and Join Us** stand (near ASDA) on any of the following dates (weather permitting of course!) Saturday 24 June and 26 August between 10am and 12 noon.



YES PLEASE

NO THANK YOU



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A NEW GROUP ON CANFORD HEATH

We know there are regular concerns about vehicles speeding on Canford Heath. So would you like to be part of a new group of Community Speedwatch volunteers? You could help to raise awareness of excessive speeding and make Canford Heath roads a safer place for vehicles and pedestrians alike. If so, please let Sandra 01202 388418 know.