



**Minutes of the Ickenham Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators' Meeting  
Ickenham United Reformed Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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**Present:** Dave Ludlow (DL) (Borough Chair of Hillingdon NHWatch)  
Kevin Mepham (KM) Dep.Ch. of Hillingdon NHWatch  
Simon Clarke (SC)

**Coordinators:** Prakash Patel, Vandana Radia-Patel, Ian Parfitt, Jackie Caldwell, Joan Waters

**Invited guests:** Margot Barnikel, Liz Blainey, Ian Burnell, Diana May, Rosemary Ralls

**Apologies:** Brian Walters

- 1. Welcome** (KM) outlined the purpose of the meeting to appoint a new Chair and that SC had offered to stand. Those present were invited to stand as Chair, but they unilaterally approved SC appointment.
- 2.** After SC invited those present for input on frequency and day of the meeting, it was agreed these will be quarterly on a Thursday to align with Ward panel meetings. Date of next meeting January 29<sup>th</sup> 2026.
- 3.** BD. It was proposed that attendees will be Coordinators plus selected INHW members from roads with specific concerns, subject to a limit on numbers due to the venue capacity. A sign-in sheet will be provided to track attendees at future meetings. A Constitution of this forum to be circulated at the next meeting.
- 4.** Suggestions for the scope of these meetings were invited from the coordinators. Here is the list:
  - a. Crime Prevention and Home Security
  - b. Online Fraud / scams
  - c. Trading Standards
  - d. CCTV capability / developments
  - e. WhatsApp group set up guidance (for Coordinators to contact / be notified of suspicious incidents by residents)
  - f. London Fire Brigade (re safety in the home)
  - g. Technology developments
  - h. E-petition guidance to promote action by the Council
- 5. NHW street signs.** KM reminded Coordinators that new signs are available to replace those that are damaged / missing. The Coordinator from Vinlake requested some replacements.
- 6. Activity updates**
  - a) Watches.** DL provided an update for sign-up of OWL members onto replacement NHW system and also Met Engage, where Ickenham is being used as a pilot for other Hillingdon

wards – still quite a large proportion of OWL users who have not yet registered on NHW system. KM to provide LB with a list of roads with no Coordinator for a Facebook update.

b) **Ickenham / S. Harefield Crime Update.** Crime Statistics trend for Ickenham and Hillingdon Borough were provided by DL. The recent Esso service station and distraction theft were discussed. Graffiti is also an issue in some areas (e.g. Soldiers Return).

c) **Borough update.** There is a focus to improve sign-up for NHW and Met Engage - Police are ensuring that all Met Engage sign-ups also join NHW. While burglary levels have declined, there has been a substantial increase in theft of / theft from cars. Council to be requested to provide summary of blue badge thefts as this appears to be a growing issue. An update on Uxbridge Town Centre crime was requested for next meeting.

7. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April had been issued by Diana May, Acting Chair.

8. **A.O.B.**

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 21.10

**FURTHER MEETINGS**

To be reviewed

**Important contact details**

<b>Emergencies or crime in progress</b>	999
<b>Met Police non-emergency</b>	101 / online / police.uk APP
<b>Contact Ickenham NHWatch</b>	<a href="mailto:IckenhamNHW@gmail.com">IckenhamNHW@gmail.com</a>
<b>CrimeStoppers (anonymous)</b>	0800 555 111
<b>Ickenham &amp; South Harefield SNT</b>	X: @MPSIckenham 0208 721 2543 Inspector: Sarah Fox Acting PS: Babs Rock
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