

# Redbourn Ward Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

## Minutes

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

### Attendees:

| Name           | Street           |
|----------------|------------------|
| Clive Crowther | Ward Coordinator |
| Alex Peduto    | PCSO             |
| Rachel Dilley  | Ridgedown        |
| Mike Thain     | Lybury Lane      |
| Mandy Coster   | Wheatlock Mead   |
| Ruth Crowther  | Cumberland Drive |

| Name              | Street        |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Ian White         |               |
| Spencer Clark     | Fish Street   |
| Natalie Pearce    | Crown Street  |
| Sandy Ross        | Bassett Close |
| Steve Lilleywhite | RCG           |
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## 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sara Withers (Holts Meadow).

## 2 Introductions

Clive introduced himself as the new Ward Coordinator for Redbourn, taking over from Ian White. He thanked Ian for all his past work and support.

He also identified that there is a new Coordinator for Harpenden, Redbourn, Wheathampstead and Sandridge (HRWS or Harpenden and Rural)) in Paul Foster. Paul is also the new Ward Coordinator for Harpenden North and Harpenden West. Alan Bostock is the new Ward Coordinator for Harpenden South and Harpenden East. Clive will be working closely with them to develop a consistent local approach to NHW.

**Note:** This is slightly different to (but more accurate than) what Clive said in the meeting.

## 3 Police Report

Alex presented the Crime Trends report. In summary, crime in Redbourn remains very low.

### 3.1 FLY TIPPING

From Council:

May -5

June - 4

July - 3

August- not yet available

From Police:

41/65020/26 – Holtsmere End Lane - On 03/07/2026

41/74626/26 – Watery Lane - On 16/07/2026

41/78415/26 – Harpenden Lane - On 16/08/2026

## 3.2 BURGLARIES

41/66689/26 – Childwickbury Estate On 14/07/2026

## 3.3 CRIMINAL DAMAGE

41/61787/26 – Damage to Residence – Longcutt

41/68684/26 – Damage to Play Area - On 20/07/2026

41/87610/26 – Watery Lane - On 16/07/2026

## 3.4 THEFT FROM SHOP

41/74503/26 – High Street - ON 05/08/2026

## 3.5 BILKINGS (THEFT OF FUEL/MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT)

There are no crimes under this heading

## 3.6 THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

41/67110/26 – Coopers Meadow On 16/07/2026 – Interference

41/67509/26 – Blackhorse Lane – On 17/07/2027 – Interference

41/78893/26 – Down Edge – On 17/08/2026 – Interference

41/79683/26 – Hilltop - On 20/08/2026 – Theft Of

41/84243/26 – Tassell Hall - On 02/09/2026 – Theft Of

## 3.7 ASSAULTS

41/62287/26 – Luton Road - On 03/07/2026

41/63437/26 – Hilltop - On 06/07/2026

41/66176/26 – High Street - On 13/07/2026

41/66831/26 – Dunstable Road - On 15/07/2026

41/66843/26 – Dunstable Road - On 15/07/2026

41/69345/26 – Lyubury Lane - On 20/07/2026

41/73357/26 - Dunstable Road - On 15/07/2026

41/75843/26 – Childwickbury Estate - On 16/07/2026

41/79638/26 – The Common - On 19/08/2026

## 3.8 ASB

There are no crimes under this heading. Police have received during this period:

- 38 abandoned calls,
- 5 calls in relation to rowdy and nuisance behaviour,
- 9 calls in relation to nuisance and abandoned vehicles,
- 4 calls in relation to litter,
- 3 calls in relation to fire and fireworks,
- 7 calls in relation to animals, and
- 2 calls in relation to neighbours' issues.

## 3.9 Current priorities for F2

- Harpenden Town Centre ASB

- Open Spaces/Parks ASB
- Nuisance E-Bikes/Scooters

### 3.10 Events

Saturday 07.11.26 – Redbourn Fireworks

Sunday 08.11.26 – Remembrance Parade

All events open to members of the public will be advertised on Police social media such as Herts Connected.

Please note that all events are subject to Operational Requirements on the day.

## 4 Local Initiatives

Clive highlighted an initiative by the Harpenden and Rural coordinators to revitalise NHW locally under the slogan Join \* Connect \* Learn. An early draft of the material was circulated. There is more work to be done on this so watch this space.

## 5 Areas of Concern

### 5.1 Fly tipping

Concern that each fly tipping event appears to be more significant and therefore more costly for the landowner.

Alex reported that the PCC has a 'clean-up fund' to help with these.

### 5.2 e-Scooters and e-Bikes

There was strong concern over the increased use of e-Bikes and e-Scooters. Attendees didn't understand why they weren't being seized. Alex clarified that the principle of proportionality needs to be applied and that seizing wasn't always the most appropriate course of action. Nonetheless, this subject is one of the three current focus areas for local policing.

### 5.3 Speeding

It was highlighted that this is an ongoing issue in certain roads and on the Hemel Hempstead Road in particular.

Clive undertook to explore the possibilities of:

- Getting the PPC's speed van to visit
- Getting speed tapes put in the road to monitor speeds to gain evidence
- Obtaining the loan of a community speed camera

**Action 1.1 – Clive**

## 6 The Future

Clive highlighted that his initial focus will be on strengthening the existing village NHW organisation:

- Confirming Street Coordinators
- Building membership
- Ensuring that Herts Connect is better focused on local's needs

His idea, shared with Harpenden Rural, is that there should be a default setting for Herts Connect so that new users get a focused sub-set of messages that don't turn off their interest in NHW. Ian offered to raise this with the System Administrators.

**Action 1.2 – Ian**

### 6.1 Current Stats

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Streets (Schemes)   | 111 |
| Members             | 610 |
| Street Coordinators | 24  |
| Empty Streets       | 2   |

Clive advised that he would approach residents of the two empty schemes to try and sign them up.

**Action 1.3 - Clive**

Clive thanked everyone for attending and for their participation. He looks forward to working together in the future.

**MEETING CLOSED**

#### **Post meeting notes:**

At the request of Mike Thain, Clive undertook to investigate what happened to the welcome packs distributed to new residents of the village.

**Action 1.4 - Clive**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 19:30 in the Parish Centre.