

Minutes of the North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association, (NWNHWA)

Meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th June 2021

Online Zoom Meeting

[Web site; nwnhw.co.uk](http://www.nwnhw.co.uk)
[Online Shop: nhwshop.uk](http://nhwshop.uk)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWNHW/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NorthWarksNHW>

1. Present

Tony Hardman (Kingsbury) (Chairman) TH; Phil Bent (Kingsbury) (Treas) PB;
Colin Cartwright (Austrey), (Secretary) CPC; PCSO Mohsin Yaquob;
Coleshill Resident; Cllr Jo Hooke (Fillongley Parish Council);
Karen Barber (Baddesley Ensor Parish Council Chair)

2. Apologies

Brian/Beryl Grix (Austrey); Cllr David Humphreys; Cllr Marian Humphrey;
Sue and Steve Kelley; Sgt Adam Skelsey (North Warwickshire SNT); Cllr Ray Jarvis;
Carol Cotterill (Shuttington/Rural Crime Team) CC; Keith Woodward Vice Chair (N Whitacre) KW;
Cllr Judy Macdonald; Cllr Bridgette Chandler (Shustoke Parish Council); Jill Mawson (Ridge Lane)
JM; David Atkin (Asst. Sec.) DA;;

Open Forum

- *Roadshows* – Tony to contact organisers regarding a Party in the Park event in Baddesley Ensor. See list of events on page 4. PCSO Mo Yaquob and PC Simon Ackroyd are planning 5/6 property marking events over the next 6 months with support from NHW.
- All new NHW street schemes we start up are made fully aware of the support we receive from the PCC and NWBC and as always, our promotional Yellow Information folders all bare the OPCC logo and NWBC logos.
- *Venues* – Meetings at indoor venues currently on hold due to Covid 19. Tony would like to pass on our thanks to the venue organisers where we hold our meetings.
- *Online Zoom Meetings* – We will continue to hold monthly Zoom online NHW meetings until we return to face to face meetings.

Future meetings will be held on Thursday 8th July and 19th August.

- *Online Shop* – Crime prevention items are available to purchase via our online shop: nhwshop.uk
Catalytic Converter Marking Kits are available from our online shop. Cost £6.50.
https://www.nhwshop.uk/index.php?route=product/product&path=17&product_id=80
The Catalytic Converter Marking Kit contains two (2) heat resistant TESA labels that have been specially lasered with a unique code so allow a specially formulated Metal etching compound to be applied over the label to create a permanent mark on the metal surface below the label.
Included in the kit price is free lifetime registration on Selectamark's Secure Home Office and ACPO SBD Police approved database.
The kit also includes two (2) warning window stickers to advise that the catalytic convertor has been security marked.
Designed to permanently mark a Catalytic Converter on a vehicle with an almost indestructible sticker and a metal marking fluid.
- *Security Product Price List:*
The Security Product price list is being updated and will be published on our website. Members will be able to download a copy from our website. New products have been added in the update.
- *General Advice* - Avoid being a victim of car crime by making sure that you do not leave any valuables or even small change on view. Remove your tools from vans overnight. If you have a shed or garage, consider fitting a shed alarm. These alarms are not expensive but can be very effective. Free Number Plate safety screws are available - simply e-mail or phone Tony Hardman and he will send a free set to you.
Don't leave wheelie bins outside the front of your property as they are great for intruders to use to get over your fence or gate. They are also often used to carry your stolen property away as the wheelie bin can be moved down the street and left for a later pick up by the thieves.
- *Community Speed Watch* - locally trained residents have been operating Speed Watch in their villages with amazing success. If you would like to help reduce passing traffic speed in your area please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team member, usually a PC or PCSO.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. Ongoing Background/Action Points

Property Marking

NHW will continue to help provide property marking and crime prevention advice. Property marking helps the Police to get stolen items back to the owner and also helps the Police link an offender to a crime and get a conviction. Tony advised that we are able to supply free UV property marking pens to residents who would like to property mark their property.

Bike Register Security Marking

We continue to offer bike security marking using the Bike Register Security marking labels.

The security marking kits are applied and the details sent off to a national database that is accessible by the owner of the bike as well as the Police should anything happen to their bike or if they want to find out if a bike offered to them is stolen. Please contact any member of the North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Core group if further information is required.

Faraday Cases

North Warwickshire NHW have supported the SNT by delivering vehicle crime prevention leaflets and supplying a free faraday case to keyless car owners in hot spot crime areas. North Warwickshire NHW to check if there are any other areas that would benefit from crime prevention leaflets and free faraday cases.

Contactless Card Protection

More and more of us opt to use contactless payment cards as a quick and easy way to pay for items. However, the cards can leave you vulnerable to theft, consider using contactless card protection sleeves or a card blocker to protect your contactless cards from being cloned.

Lions Message in a Bottle

These have been popular at Road Shows and have been widely distributed. Provides essential information for Emergency Services when needed. Thank you to the Lions for their support. Please remember to keep the medication records kept in the bottle up to date.

Smart Water

NWNHW continues to offer supplies of Smart Water via a voucher scheme. The kits will property mark up to 30 items and are available through NWNHW at a cost of £12 each.

Holiday Security Loan Packs

Neighbourhood Watch schemes have access to holiday security packs that can be loaned from NHW whilst residents are on holiday. Each pack consists of a number of items to help improve your security whilst you are away on holiday. Members reminded to remain vigilant especially around holiday periods. Residents should review their security and consider using simple devices such as timer switches to turn lights on at night and play music. Do not leave rubbish bins out while you are on holiday. Further home security advice is available on the Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Rural Watch websites.

NHW Street Signs

Guidance notes on erection criteria for street signs and application forms for completion and submission to the Highway authority are available on request from Core Group members.

Car Anti Tamper Screws

Note: This is an ongoing issue to guard against in that an element of car crime is directed at stealing number plates for criminal purposes. This is an easy crime to counter by using the screws that we provide FREE. An increasing number of people are using the screws for caravan plates too.

Need supplies? - contact Tony Hardman 01827 873774 or email contact@nwnhw.co.uk

FREE anti tamper number plate screws are also available at Coleshill library, Polesworth and Atherstone libraries and can also be obtained from the local SNT's and Rural Watch.

Liaison using the NHW Database. Anyone wishing to contact coordinators in their local area should contact CPC who will forward their details to fellow local coordinators for them to respond and make contact. This procedure is necessary to comply with the Data Protection Act, as contact details cannot be freely circulated to other members without their agreement.

Warwickshire Horse Watch

We continue to get messages out via alerts on the Horse Watch and Rural Watch social media pages.

Details on tack marking and other crime prevention advice for your horse, tack and equipment can be found on the Warwickshire Horse Watch website www.warwickshire-horsetwatches.co.uk.

The Horse Watch scheme also provides signs for your gate and stables, plus trailer stickers. For more information email horsetwatches@warwickshire.police.uk.

Reminder that the new microchipping law is now effective and all horses should be chipped. Anybody who needs any help or advice can contact us by email at horsetwatches@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk.

Further information can also be found here: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/horse-ownership/horse-passports/microchipping>

Rural Crime Team

Copy of the latest Rural Crime Team Newsletter is attached and can be downloaded here:

<https://members.warwickshireconnected.com/AlertMessage/Attachment/CE96E7DD733F03073DEE2680C46C4017>

6. Police Update North Warwickshire

East

Burglaries – 5 Incidents

Damage - 5 Incidents

Thefts – 8 Incidents

Vehicle – 5 Incidents

North

Burglaries – 0 Incidents

Damage – 4 Incidents

Thefts – 13 Incidents

Vehicle – 9 Incidents

South

Burglaries – 4 Incidents

Damage – 5 Incidents

Thefts – 12 Incidents

Vehicle – 13 incidents (Includes 3 HGV Curtain incidents at Corley services)

West

Vehicle – 4 Incidents

Thefts – 11 Incidents

Damage – 12 Incidents

Burglaries – 4 Incidents

Burglaries – are anything from houses to garages but on our systems, they are classified differently but we group them for meetings

Thefts – from push bikes, to keys, or banks cards/wallets.

Damage – scratches to vehicles, stones being thrown at window

Vehicle – anything to do with vehicles, theft of vehicle or parts etc number plates.

Both locally and nationally there are still issues with catalytic converter thefts. The vehicle crime team and CID have been patrolling hot spot areas to target the offenders. There have been just 2 incidents in the last month but officers still urge vehicle owners to be vigilant.

Offenders mainly target Toyota and Honda vehicles and officers are continuing to work hard to address the issues and have previously made arrests.

Owners are being encouraged to report suspicious behaviour and property mark their catalytic converters so if stolen they can be traced accordingly.

From 1st June 2021, owners of Toyota Auris and Prius and Honda Jazz vehicles who live in North Warwickshire can get their catalytic converter security marked for free.

Contact Kwik Fit Atherstone, Coleshill Rd, Milliners Ct, Atherstone, CV9 1BN – Tel: 01827 712878

For owners of other vehicles, catalytic converter marking kits can be purchased from North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch:

https://www.nhwshop.uk/index.php?route=product/product&path=17&product_id=80

North Warwickshire Borough Council currently has a High Court injunction against “street cruising” in its area and this is due to be reviewed.

The injunction forbids people from participating in a “street cruise” within the Borough of North Warwickshire. It also stops anyone hoping to promote, organise or publicise in any manner, any street cruise within North Warwickshire.

Street cruising has impacted on local communities particularly in the Coleshill and Bassetts Pole areas. It is a problem which crosses boundaries and similar Injunctions have been granted in Birmingham and Solihull. The Injunction order has a power of arrest.

Your local Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team have been working alongside West Midlands Police and have been out enforcing this injunction, targeting those persons breaching the injunction.

Residents should continue to report to the Police any street cruising incidents in their area.

Officers from the police off road bike team continue to patrol regular “hot spot” areas and engage with the locals after community concerns. The team have been targeting vehicles that transport vehicles. The team would like to thank members of the local community for providing intelligence to target nuisance off road bikers.

With schools now open after half term, our message to the parents is "Think before you park". Please ensure you are not causing any unnecessary obstruction. We want everyone to be aware that we will be conducting regular school patrols.

Ongoing Anti Social Behaviour issues in Coleshill Memorial Park at night time . Coleshill Fire Service attended the local allotments near to the Coleshill Memorial Park on 23rd May whereby a number of sheds were set alight. Local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) officers attended an allotment meeting to reassure association members. The local SNT and response teams are regularly giving passing attention to the local area.

Vehicle incidents are still occurring at Corley Services (HGV curtains slashed). The local SNT have been doing some follow up work and engaging with the Corley Services management team. Corley Services Management Team to discuss the current issues with their Head Office.

Atherstone & Coleshill Police received reports of Rogue Traders selling faulty tv's at Corley and the M42, Tamworth Services car parks. Warning signs have been put up at the Services car parks to warn the public of this scam.

SNT are aware of an illegal encampment at Birch Coppice Working Men's Club. SNT are in contact and working with the land owners who have bailiffs attending on Friday to serve notices to move on the encampment.

Tony would like to pass on his thanks for the update from PCSO Mo Yaqub.

7. Treasurers Report Treasurer reported on expenditure and income for the last quarter

The PCC funding is allocated/spent in accordance with the basis set out in the submitted bid.

North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the NWBC Community Safety Partnership Grant for all their support. We would not be able to perform the work we do without their funding.

Phil advised that Screamers accountants, audited our accounts at the end of March.

8. Report on other groups – Update at next meeting.

9. Other Items – Update at next meeting

10. AOB

- We now have an online website www.nhwshop.uk that will enable residents to order security items and have items delivered to their home or a local Library/Hub. We can now take credit/debit card payments at events.

Future North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Road Show dates – 2021

JULY

Property marking event – Maxstoke Village Hall Sat 17th July

SEPTEMBER

Horticultural Society Country Fair (The Tap Brewery)	Sun 5th Sept - 12.00 – 4.00 p.m.
Baddesley Ensor Party in the Park	Sat 11th Sept
Fillongley Show – Heart of England	Sat 11th Sep
Property marking event – Coleshill	Sat 18th Sept

The meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed Chairman:

Date:

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