

Trevor Lyons

It is with tremendous sadness that we pay tribute to Trevor Lyons, who passed away in January.

Trevor was an active member of Nailsea NHW for over 14 years. He held the role of treasurer for some of those years.

Trevor will be remembered for his enthusiasm and wit, especially at Christmas when he produced excellent quizzes. He was also a good bingo caller, always while wearing a funny hat.

Trevor is and will be greatly missed by us all.

We would like to thank him for all his years of service to the Neighbourhood Watch.

Get in touch...

As you all know, we now have a Facebook page, and our Treasurer Colin has also been spending some time updating our website. (Thank you Colin!) www.nailseanhw.org.uk

We would just like to draw your attention to the other ways to get in touch with us if you need to. These will be included in each newsletter.

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In this issue....

All the photos and news from our March meeting, details of our annual Houses of Parliament visit, the latest from our local policing team, an update on our street signs survey and a very exciting announcement about our new logo!

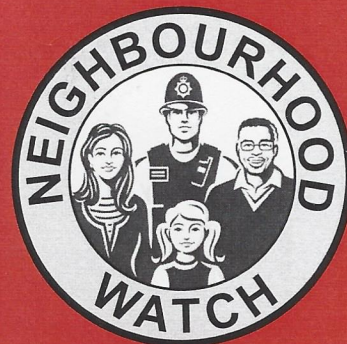
NEXT PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY

7.30 UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL
Stockway North, Nailsea

SHIRLEY HOBSON- "EVERY BOY SHOULD JOIN THE NAVY"

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all at our next public meeting. There will be free refreshments, and a fantastic talk from Shirley Hobson on why she believes "Every boy should join the Navy." This is a great opportunity to meet fellow members and socialise in a relaxed atmosphere. Please do come along. You will be made very welcome.

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Ashley Jones with Sue Lomax

Our latest meeting

We were tremendously grateful to Ashley Jones for coming along to our last meeting to give a fascinating talk about the Honours System.

Ashley took us on a journey through the British Honours System, including some of the lesser known awards and stories of some very worthy recipients.

He clarified what can seem a confusing system in how to nominate someone for an award, and also what to expect if a letter suddenly lands on your doorstep from the Cabinet Office!

We all found it incredibly interesting, and found there was quite a lot we didn't know— it was a brilliant evening and we are delighted that Ashley has agreed to come back to our meeting Wednesday 4th October to give a talk about senior road safety, a cause very important to all of us. Please do come along if you can.



Thank you so much to Ivan and Irene

After many years of loyal service to the Neighbourhood Watch we will shortly be saying goodbye to Irene Hatherall and Ivan Button as street co-ordinators. We would like to thank them so much for all they have done. Our schemes could not run without loyal volunteers who do so much for their neighbours and communities.

Could you replace them? We are now looking for replacement coordinators for Whiteoak Way and Mizzymead Rise. Please get in touch if you can help.

Have you paid your subscription?

Subscriptions were due to your Coordinator in September but if you haven't yet paid yours please can you ensure you do so as soon as possible.

You can help your Co-ordinator greatly by paying your subs promptly. Please deliver your £1 to him or her as soon as possible.

Your Co-ordinator will be most appreciative of your help. Co-ordinators, if you need further information please contact Colin Oliver on 07905360044 or colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk

Visit to the Houses of Parliament

We are delighted to announce the details of our annual members trip to the Houses of Parliament.

It will take place on July 31st this year and we hope you will join us!

This is always a tremendously enjoyable day.

Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and will cost £15 per person.

We will operate a reserve list if the trip is oversubscribed.

If you would like to come along, please contact Geoff Collard on 07737076422.

On the Beat

Unfortunately we didn't receive any information for the "On the Beat" section this time.

Hopefully we will be able to share extra news with you next time, along with the confirmed date for the move to the fire station!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

You may have noticed the new logo on the front of the Newsletter. These are now covered by copyright from the National NHW (Ourwatch) and only approved NHW schemes can use it for free, also only registered printers will be allowed to produce signs for a large fee. This watch scheme is soon to be associated with the Avon & Somerset Force Level Association. This association will be run by NHW volunteers - not the police. We will have policies and guidance on how we operate within our area created by us together with the other watches in our association (A&SFLA). The association is still to be fully functioning, although it has been set up it still has to finalise the detail with the A&S Police force.



A Rose by Another Name...

For some time we have used the term Contact Person for the scheme coordinator who delivers Newsletters, passes on to the members relevant Alerts/Messages from the police, collects any subscriptions and passes them to the Treasurer, and generally is the conduit for their scheme. Both the National NHW, the Police Administrator and the other Watches use the term Co-ordinator (with or without the hyphen). To be consistent with the other groups we are now proposing to call these unsung hardworking members of the watch Co-ordinators.



That's a great plasma telly. I can see it through your window, along with your

laptop and antique clock. Lace curtains or blinds stop me knowing how rich the pickings are.

Our street sign survey...

With the help of Co-ordinators, we have recently undertaken a survey to determine where our NHW Street Signs have been erected. This is a requirement of the Government Regulation on "Advertisement", the Avon & Somerset Police Administrator and North Somerset Council.

This is a very time consuming and bureaucratic procedure to get a new sign erected, which we would have needed to follow even to replace signs because none have official permissions (even though they may have been put up by Police personnel).

We have now come up with a simple procedure for the Co-ordinator - just contact the Nailsea NHW Schemes Administrator at colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk or 07905360044 with the relevant details and they will carry out the procedure on your behalf using email templates and file attachments. The A&S Police NHW Administrator has agreed to accept our survey results without going through this process for each existing sign on Lampposts. We have contacted the N-Somerset Street Lighting Dept. who also wish to have a copy. This means that only new signs will be affected.

We hope to have completed the survey by the end of March (2017!). We will add the revised procedures to the website once we have final agreement with the A&S Administrator and the N-Somerset Council. In the case of signs attached to BT or Electricity Poles, these will need to be ratified by the relevant authority - again this will be undertaken by the Nailsea Schemes Administrator but permission may not be given and the signs will need to be removed. Another benefit for gaining permissions is that signs and co-ordinators will be covered by the Public Liability Insurance provided by the National NHW (ourwatch.org.uk) and the A&S Police Authority (under revision) without any complications.

AROUND THE SCHEMES

We need volunteers to become new co-ordinators for Whiteoak Way and Mizzymead Rise. Please get in touch if you can help.

Nailsea Police Station

Will shortly be relocating to the Nailsea Fire Station. We don't have an official date as yet, but will let you know as soon as we do!

Dates for your diary

WEDNESDAY 3rd May 2017

Shirley Hobson "Every Boy Should Join the Navy"

WEDNESDAY 5th July 2017

AGM

Joe Norman

"History of the Clevedon Marine Lake"

WEDNESDAY 4th October 2017

Ashley Jones

"Senior Road Safety"

WEDNESDAY 6th Dec 2017

Christmas Social

You've been in touch...

Thank you so much to those of you who have been in touch with me over the last couple of months with suggestions for the newsletter. Please keep them coming!

"I would like to see more in-depth crime figures."

I have removed the local crime figures from police.uk from this month's newsletter and will try to get something more specific for the next one.

"What happens if my green wheelie bin is stolen?"

If the bin is damaged by the refuse collectors the council will replace it free of charge. However the cost of replacing a stolen bin will likely fall on the owner.