

URGENT

We have lost our newsletter Editor at short notice and urgently need someone to volunteer to take their place. If you can use a computer and spare just a few hours every other month we would love to hear from you. All the newsletter content will be provided and full training will be given. Without a willing volunteer there will be no future newsletters .

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Administrator

We are pleased to let you know that a volunteer has come forward to take on the role of Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Administrator. Tim Holman has kindly agreed to take on the role from 1st February. Coordinators should now make contact with Tim, via his NHW email: tim.holman@nailseanhw.org.uk, to address any Coordinator issues, including changes to Coordinator details or scheme membership numbers and delivery of Newsletters.

Colin Oliver will continue to administer the Street Signs and for the time being he will continue to gain the necessary permissions from the North Somerset Street Lighting Department and fit new signs or replace existing signs. He can be contacted via email: colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk .

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

If you wish to pay the £1 subscription please don't wait for the Coordinator to come round and collect it, just post it with your name and house number/name through their letter box.

Coordinators, if you haven't paid over the subscriptions already collected, either directly to the Barclays Bank in Nailsea or via internet banking would you please do so before the end of the accounts year, which is 31 May. If you have any difficulties or need further bank details please contact Colin Oliver (Hon. Treasurer) at the following email: colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk .

DIARY WATCH

ALL MEETINGS 7:30pm @ UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, STOCKWAY NORTH

Our guest speaker on 7th March will be Colin Stone from Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service that provides free out-of-hours motorcycle courier service to hospitals across the country. This is a very interesting talk explaining how blood and breast milk are delivered both locally and across the country, so don't miss it.

There will also be literature available on the very latest scams and useful contact telephone numbers.

Why not join other members for an interesting and enjoyable evening. And don't forget there will be free refreshments. You know it makes sense!



THE HIGHER THE VIGILANCE the lower the crime...

WANTED

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency
101 Non emergency
 calls
0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers
01275 542713 Sue Lomax
Website: nailseanhw.org.uk

Christmas Social

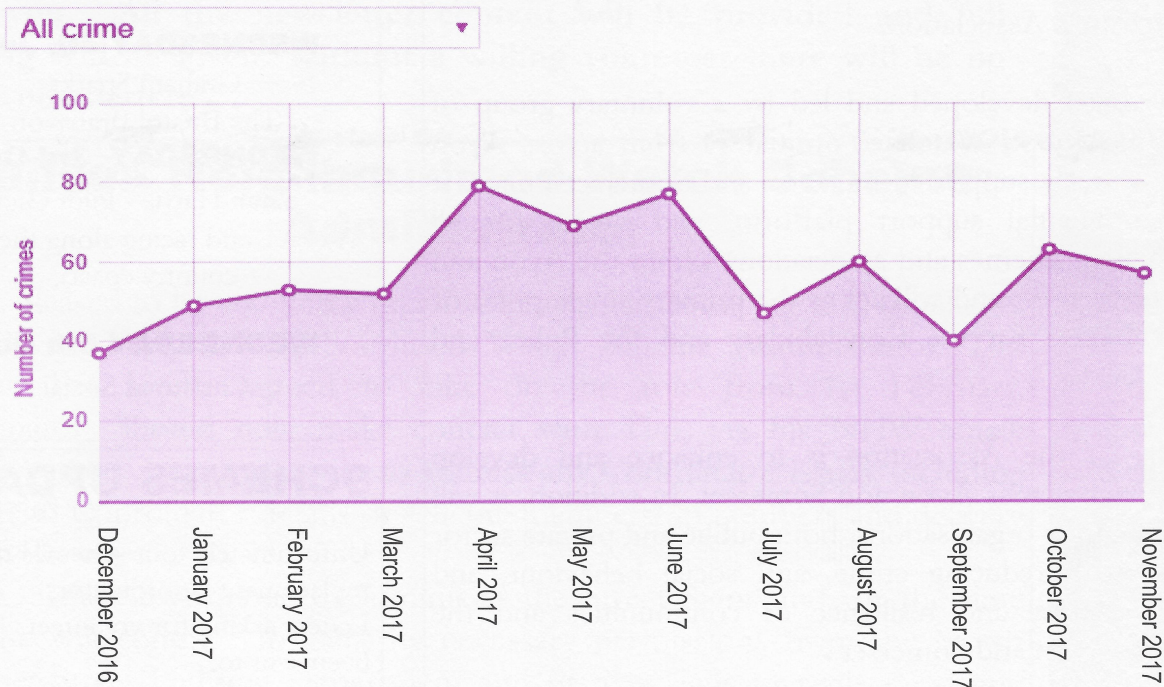
There was a really good attendance at our latest Christmas social—our best attendance yet. There was music, bingo and a free raffle not to mention tea, coffee and mince pies. Members said how much they enjoyed the evening which was a lovely start to the Christmas festivities. Thank you to everyone for their support ■

Sue



CRIME FIGURES

Crime levels in this area between December 2016 and November 2017



These are the latest crime figures available from the Police ■

Avon and Somerset Constabulary reaches a 'tipping point'

In a letter and report sent to Nick Hurd, Police and Fire Minister, Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, and Chief Constable Andy Marsh said the Constabulary was facing a tipping point.

The force has repeatedly been recognised by HMIC as outstanding in driving efficiency and managing demand. The report states: 'We have achieved this by successfully transforming and innovating to manage the substantial funding reductions faced by police and other sectors. Despite a strict curb on pay increases, police officers and staff have shown tremendous resilience, professionalism and commitment, carrying out some of the toughest jobs in increasingly difficult circumstances. But we now face a tipping point. We cannot sustain further funding cuts without extremely serious consequences.'

Since the government's first comprehensive spending review in 2010, policing in Avon and Somerset has been hit hard with savings of £65 million and 655 fewer police officers.

Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens said: "We have reached the point where enough is enough and policing in Avon and Somerset cannot be stretched any further. With required savings of £17m to find by 2021/22, crime and the demand for services rising and changing against a backdrop of a reducing workforce, the current situation is unsustainable. We need investment in policing, with funding to strengthen our neighbourhood policing teams, in order to focus on prevention and tackling terrorism before it happens ■

(source: avonandsomerset.police.uk The full report can be viewed here)

Avon & Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Assoc

The Avon and Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association (ASNWA) has arisen from changes to local Neighbourhood Watch representation to the national Neighbourhood and Homes watch network and the Constabulary, based on Police Force areas. These changes apply to all Neighbourhood Watch 'force areas' across England and Wales. Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch is now part of this newly formed 'force area' Association.

The ASNWA has been developed and led by a voluntary group of experienced Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators from across Avon and Somerset and actively supported by Avon and Somerset Police. It will provide an influential support platform, and voice, for all Neighbourhood Watch schemes and associations within the Avon and Somerset Police 'force area', and will act as the primary single point of contact and consultation for the Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The principle role of the Association is to enhance and develop Neighbourhood Watch across Avon and Somerset. In addition, it will work with other voluntary organisations, both public and private sector bodies, concerned with reducing crime, anti social behaviour, and improving safety, security and resilience of communities and the general public across Avon and Somerset ■

(source asnwa.org More details can be found here)

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2018 Diary

WEDNESDAY 7th March

Colin Stone
Freewheelers

WEDNESDAY 2nd May

Philip Unwin
SS Great Britain 1839 to 1968

WEDNESDAY 4th July

Graham Sparks
The Bristol Brabazon
WEDNESDAY 3rd Oct

Sarah Harris - Pilot Gigs
(Rescue and racing along the west
country coast).

WEDNESDAY 5th Dec

Christmas Social

SCHEMES UPDATE

Unfortunately four schemes require replacement Coordinators.

Letters asking for volunteers have been sent to:

- * Corfe Close;
- * Riverway;
- * Southfield Road 2 (Nos 1-28 & 73-87);
- * The Willows & Withy Close

No one has come forward as yet. These schemes are therefore likely to be de-registered by the Police ■

KEEP HIM OUT !!



“Keep grandma's jewellery in a safe. Just make sure you bolt it down, so I can't run off with it “ ■

See our web site for details of all the latest scams and much more.
www.nailseanhw.org.uk