



# HAVANT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF HAVANT NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION WATCH A.G.M

24<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
At Havant Civic Centre

**1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:** The meeting, attended by the Deputy Mayor, four senior police officers, Members of the Community Safety Team, the Group Manager of Havant Fire and Rescue Service, Havant Neighbourhood Watch Association Committee and 133 co-ordinators, was chaired by Mr Tim Pointer, Community Safety Team Leader, Havant Borough Council, who opened proceedings at 7.30pm by welcoming all present. Mr Pointer remarked that he was now a NW member. He reported 133 apologies.

### **2. ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR:**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jackie Branson, a deliverer of NW Newsletters, said that the assembled company was a tribute to Jayne Emery, the HNW Chairman, and the Committee. She stressed the importance of NW and "keeping an eye on things." She thanked the assembled co-ordinators on behalf of the Borough.

### **3. THE COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM:**

**Sam Charlton** explained the development of the team since 1998 and the way that the partnership works to make the Borough a safer place. She outlined the work of the Strategic Group.

**Katherine Vasey**, the Community Safety Projects Officer, displayed the [www.saferhavant.co.uk](http://www.saferhavant.co.uk) website and recommended all to use it to inform themselves about the Team and the work that they do. She distributed a questionnaire on community safety to all co-ordinators present.

**Ryan Gulliver**, Community Safety Analyst, told how his data helps the Team to give priority to areas where resources are most needed. He highlighted the success with the Borough-wide Drinking in Public Places Order.

Sam Charlton then summed up and requested everybody to give five minutes a week to help the community by checking the web site or reporting an incident.

### **4. HAVANT FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE:**

#### **Ian Grey, Group Manager.**

Ian Grey stated that he was responsible for all the fire services of the area. He again advised use of the [www.saferhavant.co.uk](http://www.saferhavant.co.uk) web site to view the extent of his liaison with other agencies. He was one of the Strategic Group which meets to form strategies and Chair of the Performance Group which implements decisions.

### **5. HAVANT POLICE**

#### **Chief Inspector Will Schofield, District Commander, Havant & Waterlooville.**

Chief Insp Schofield said that he was Vice-Chair of the Strategic Group. He had now been in his post as DC for 2 years. He praised the volunteers, the growth and the results of Havant Neighbourhood Watch, before updating the assembly. The Partnership was having a positive effect. Performance was good with a 20% drop in Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams were doing good work with various strategies and targeting. Providing figures, he said that to April 2008 the reduced crime rate was one of the best in Hampshire and it was still going down, though more slowly. 2009 could be challenging due to the economic situation. Low level violence was worrying and was not reducing. Priorities in 2009 would be violence and delinquent alcohol drinking. The Drinking in Public Places Order had been very successful and though there were fears, it was only being used selectively. He related some recent successful initiatives to illustrate the working of the Partnership. Safer Neighbourhood Teams had a new shift pattern to ensure that more of each team would be on duty at any one time, with shorter days, but more days worked so that there would always be cover.



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## **Inspector Ian Ogilvy, Leigh Park.**

Insp Ogilvy reported that ¼ of all crimes were being solved in Leigh Park, but crime had reduced. He reported the success of a recent Leigh Park initiative. He requested people to phone to report crime. There was an upward trend in theft of mopeds.

## **Inspector Rob Mitchell, Havant, Emsworth, Bedhampton and Hayling Island.**

Insp Mitchell was new to the post. He outlined his experience over 12 years in the force. He said that he had inherited a good team. The drop in crime was levelling off a little. Thankfully Anti-Social behaviour affected a lot of people and that was reducing. He would continue to deliver good policing and to create confidence in the local police service. He thanked Neighbourhood Watch.

## **Inspector Sally Terry, Waterlooville.**

Insp Terry took over Rowlands Castle in April 2008 under the reorganisation. She had had good feedback on the results. Rowlands Castle had been retained in Havant Neighbourhood Watch Association despite being policed from Waterlooville and she wished this to continue as Ring Round was invaluable. Rowlands Castle was policed on the basis of what they would like if they lived there. Fear of crime in Rowlands Castle was high, but crime levels were, in reality, low. The young people were, on the whole, law abiding. She thanked Christine Taylor.

## **6. ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN:**

Jayne Emery thanked all for attending before beginning her review:

### **a. Development of the Association.**

Good progress had been made in meeting the aims and objectives of the Association. The Committee had continued to meet monthly in 2008 and had tackled a multitude of local problems. Co-ordinators had reported an improvement in liaison with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

### **b. Current State of the Association Membership.**

An ongoing aim is to maintain and expand the membership of the Association. Thanking all concerned, she stated that we had increased membership in 2008 to 395 active schemes. She requested co-ordinators to keep their details on the Association file up-to-date. Jayne thanked Sandy Alford and all concerned for the setting up of 30 new schemes in 2008 which included 8 in high crime areas, bringing total households to 9811. 14 schemes had been revamped. The aim was to achieve 10000 (ten thousand) households in 2009. Jayne warmly welcomed all new co-ordinators.

### **c. Quarterly Newsletter.**

In 2008 Havant Borough Council and Hampshire Police gave a grant for two editions of the Newsletter. Jayne stated that the aim was to issue one in March 2009 and one in early winter.

### **d. Ring Round Scheme**

Don Scott and Jenny Vince had continued to run this system for the benefit of all members and Jayne thanked them. She stressed for information to be passed on within 24 hours. Jayne thanked all the Ring Round volunteers and asked for more volunteers for the Ring Round service.

### **e. Liaison with other Crime Prevention Agencies.**

One of our main aims, said Jayne, was for us to "cultivate an effective liaison with other crime prevention agencies within the Havant area". This had still been fragmented in 2008. Jayne hoped in 2009 the government policy for community inclusion and neighbourhood policing would make a difference. She hoped that the agencies would continue to work with us and include us.

### **f. Association Finances.**

As required by the Constitution an audit was carried out on our funds and they showed that at 31.12.08 we had the sum of £3,441.40 in the bank including £372 Data Link Money, and £29.00 in cash. The funds included several grants for specific purposes which are ring-fenced and cannot be spent on running the



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committee. A full copy of the statement was provided for all present. Sandy Alford would be available for any questions after the meeting.

Jayne then detailed the main sources of funding – Havant Borough Council, West Leigh Neighbourhood Watch raffles and Hampshire Police. Havant Football Club as a venue was very important to the West Leigh members for their meetings and Jayne urged members to attend some of the informative and enjoyable meetings.

## **g. Safer Neighbourhood Teams**

Many had reported an improvement in contact with the police over the past year. A lack of feedback was a recurring problem. Jayne urged co-ordinators to attend beat surgeries which were well advertised. She thanked all local officers.

## **h. Main Aims for the Coming Year.**

- i. To continue to regenerate defunct schemes and to encourage new NW schemes.
- ii. To continue to work with police and other agencies in the Borough.
- iii. To improve our finances.
- iv. To encourage awareness in neighbourhoods through Ring Round and the Newsletter, quality of life and care for the vulnerable.
- v.

## **i. Conclusions.**

We needed more active people to join the committee as new members were vital for its continuation. She thanked Tim Pointer for his chairmanship of the meeting.

Anybody who had an audible alarm on their house must register with the Hampshire Police. Forms were available at police stations and it was free to register.

Jayne thanked Jan Mitchell for her help as a committee member and Honorary Secretary of the association and made a presentation to her.

## **7. COMMITTEE ELECTION:**

The following applicants were all appointed without the need for election to the committee:  
Jenny Vince, Roger Carpenter, Sandy Alford, Jayne Emery, Jane Jarvis, Trevor Austin.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Dennis Ansell, Leigh Park thanked Ian Grey, Group Manager, Havant Fire and Rescue Service and his team for their help with Leigh Park discos. He asked for an update on the 101 phone number. Chairman Tim Pointer replied that he had no update but was sure that it would continue in some form, perhaps with an amalgamation of the 0845 number and 101. He advised continued use of 101.

b. David Atkinson, Emsworth, thanked Sam Charlton for her team's presentation and learned that all was on the web site [www.saferhavant.co.uk](http://www.saferhavant.co.uk) plus a great deal more.

c. John Sawtell, asked if the forecast increase in crime due to the economic situation was prepared for. Tim Pointer replied that the Strategic Group was aware and were monitoring local reports. Chief Insp Will Schofield added that the Chief Constable was concerned.

Previous recessions and their figures had been studied to see patterns. Crime may be on the rise nationally. Certainly acquisitive crimes and alcohol abuse were increasing.

d. Roger Carpenter, Leigh Park, asked if the police were aware that youngsters were now congregating in houses, particularly in singles' flats to drink, following the Drinking in a Public Place Order. Insp Ogilvy answered that people will always find loopholes and the trend will be watched. Roger added that the trouble occurred when they left the property used for the gathering.



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e. Yvonne Weeks, Barncroft, wished to thank Sgt Gunther who had worked hard to counter anti-social behaviour in her area.

f. Councillor Ray Boulton, Co-ordinator Havant Purple South, pointed out that there had been 15 burglaries recently in his area from garages, sheds and cars, in every case unsecured. Tim Pointer said that all we could do was to spread the word. Chief Insp Will Schofield added that we also have to be aware of distraction burglaries. SNTs do leaflet areas to warn residents after a pattern has been established. He pointed out that house-to-house response teams after an incident discover many unlocked front door and insecure properties.

g. Bill West, Rowlands Castle, asked about cross-boundary services in the Rowlands Castle/West Sussex area. He was assured that there was a huge amount of co-operation between all services. Insp Will Schofield, citing instances, said that border communication was very good, particularly with response units. Ian Grey assured that there was complete cross-border co-operation.

h. Keith Watson, Glenleigh Park, requested a Cold Calling-Free status for his road. He was told that a road has to be identified as a high distraction and cold-calling area before this can be done. Chief Insp Will Schofield said that it was very selective and there had to be an identified "hot spot".

i. Kathleen Wells, West Leigh, reported an incident regarding youngsters with cans of petrol. Ian Grey answered that any incident of this type should be reported immediately and the purchase would be investigated and the incident dealt with.

j. Rev. Thomas, Rentacourt Road, had reported an incident regarding a badly parked car and asked for feedback. Insp Will Schofield asked for any such reports to include a reg. no. if possible, and a full description of the vehicle. Tim Pointer added that poor parking can be reported to the [www.saferhavant.co.uk](http://www.saferhavant.co.uk) web site.

k. Peter Turnbull, Langstone, asked if police summaries of crime such as he has received for the St Faith's area would be available for other areas. Chief Insp Will Schofield replied that there were insufficient funds. It was done for Waterlooville as they did not have Ring Round. It would not be expanded. Details were available on the web site.

l. Sandy Alford, West Leigh, thanked the Havant Fire and Rescue Service for their excellent response to a fire in her area.

## 7. CLOSING REMARKS:

Tim Pointer thanked all the speakers and the co-ordinators for a successful meeting. He then closed the A.G.M. at 9.00pm.

Signed

Jan Mitchell  
Former Havant Neighbourhood Watch  
Honorary Secretary  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Jayne Emery  
Havant Neighbourhood Watch Committee  
Committee Chairman  
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