

# NEWSLETTER-SUMMER 2019



## KETTERING BOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

FOR THE 6,700 NHW MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF KETTERING



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### OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



was held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the Cornmarket Hall, Kettering with 61 attendees. Awards were presented to Mary Medhurst, Neil Chambers, Peter Hartley (accepted in his absence by his wife, Sue), and to Peter Hill who was not standing for re-election as



Secretary and Newsletter Editor after 11 years in post. Martin Bentley and Gary Catford also had awards but were unable to attend to collect. Both Jane Calcott and Peter Hill asked those present to consider volunteering for the two posts Peter was vacating. All other Officers were re-elected. Inspector Scott Little (Commander, Kettering and Corby Neighbourhood Policing Team), spoke about aspects of his role. Just one quote about County Lines and cuckooing was; *"Watch out for unusual behaviour in your neighbours' properties"*. Scott also answered questions from the floor and performed the draw for the prize raffle.

**AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING** Jane Chudley volunteered to be the newsletter editor, so this newsletter is the result of a handover collaboration between Jane and Peter.

**LATER THE SAME EVENING** (approx. 11:15pm) with Scott's quote still fresh in mind, Peter Hill and his wife noticed lights on in the property next door, which was odd as it had been vacant for some time after the owner had passed away. So, what were the lights doing on? Could this be what Inspector Little had been talking about? Peter called 101, which was answered within a minute. After answering questions from the triaging officer such as, *"Could it be family?"*, though it wasn't an emergency a police vehicle appeared within 20 minutes. In the meantime, Peter saw an elderly man walking a dog come to the property. Sure that it was a family member after all, Peter challenged the man, who turned out to be the deceased's son. Peter explained that the police were on their way, as no-one was expected to be in the property so late. The son thanked Peter for looking out for the property and explained he was staying over as furniture was being collected at 6:30am the next day. Upon arrival, the police officer quite understood and said the right course of action had been taken. New technology was used to file a report instantly on a mobile phone rather than returning to the office to file the report the next day.



**CALLING ALL KNITTING ENTHUSIASTS!** The police are calling for volunteers to knit soft toys which will be given to children, in order to provide some comfort when officers attend incidents in their homes. The toys are called 'Bobby Buddies' (pictured) and local knitting enthusiasts are invited to make them, in the knowledge that their donation could help a child at a potentially distressing time. If you are a knitting enthusiast or a knitting group that would like to help, please email [rachel.percival@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rachel.percival@northants.pnn.police.uk) with your details. The pattern will then be supplied. The cost of materials will be reimbursed.

**FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS ONLINE TRAINING TOOL** With fraud accounting for more than half of the UK's reported crime, it's time for us all to take a stand. Scams come in many forms; uninvited contact is received by email, letter, telephone or in person, making false promises to con victims out of money. The most common scams include fake lotteries, deceptive prize draws or sweepstakes, clairvoyants, computer scams and romance scams. Postal, telephone and doorstep scams are often targeted specifically at disadvantaged consumers or those experiencing a period of vulnerability. Friends Against Scams (FAS), an initiative run by the National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team, is empowering people to take a stand against fraudsters. The FAS online training tool takes around 20 minutes to complete and can be found on the website. [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/NeighbourhoodWatch](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/NeighbourhoodWatch)



**DISPOSE OF YOUR WASTE LEGALLY** Has the warmer weather encouraged you to have a clear out at home or tidy up in the garden? There are lots of ways you can legally get rid of things you no longer want. Such as taking it to your local Northamptonshire County Council household waste recycling centre. Though if employing a third party to dispose of your rubbish, avoid handing your waste to a rogue trader who may simply fly tip it, follow these simple steps:

**Suspect** all waste carriers

**Check** with the Environment Agency that the provider you choose is licensed on 03708 506 506 or [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency)

**Refuse** unexpected offers

**Ask** what will happen to your waste and where it will be taken for disposal

**Paperwork:** get a full receipt including contact details and licence number of the waste carrier

**USEFUL WEBSITES:**

- ❖ Neighbourhood Watch: [www.ourwatchmember.org.uk](http://www.ourwatchmember.org.uk)
- ❖ Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch: [www.northantsnhw.co.uk](http://www.northantsnhw.co.uk)
- ❖ Northamptonshire Police: [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)
- ❖ Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner: [www.northantspcc.org.uk](http://www.northantspcc.org.uk)
- ❖ National Trading Standards: [www.nationaltradingstandards.uk](http://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk)



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**SECURITY PRODUCTS FOR SALE** can be purchased from Jane Calcott or the police enquiry desk at Kettering Borough Council Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX. The enquiry desk is open 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am - 1pm on Saturday.



**Protect your purse/wallet/bags** with bells (£0.50 each) and/or a chain (£1.00 each) (bells available in a variety of colours)



**Prevent your contactless card details being stolen**

- by fraudsters cloning the RFID technology, by using Card Minder
- aluminium credit card holders (hold 1 card each): £0.50 each
  - Platinum Card (slip it in your wallet, protects a 1cm range): £2.00 each
  - Card Holder Wallet (carry your cards in it): £2.00 each



**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ ABOUT IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?** If you have any suggestions or ideas for newsletter content or would like to see something in particular included, please let Jane Chudley ([connollydrive2nhw@gmail.com](mailto:connollydrive2nhw@gmail.com)) or Jane Calcott ([jane.calcott@northants.police.uk](mailto:jane.calcott@northants.police.uk)) know.