



WORKING FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

We have:

- Remained self-funding from the sales of discounted crime prevention products.
- Addressed 14 private and NHW groups re crime prevention with due emphasis on the risks posed by cons & scams. These meetings included our restart with Dosti, an Asian ladies' group in High Wycombe. In addition, we have carried out a programme of 17 visits with talks to sheltered housing sites of Red Kite Housing. Total = 31 talks.
- Held 6 WDNHWA committee meetings via Zoom.
- Held one general NHW meeting via Zoom and one at Godstowe School.
- Resolved Alert database issues, including duplications, communication issues, deletions, mapping of schemes, and adding our approval of new Co-ordinators and of new schemes.
- Submitted 28 articles about our activities to 7 local quarterly magazines, including on raising crime awareness. In addition, we have made very regular postings on Instagram and Facebook about our involvement in local community events and meetings. We have also submitted very frequent items to 5 local newsletters.
- Continued to promote an arrangement with Selectamark, whereby our members can buy Selecta DNA marking kits at greatly reduced prices directly from them with a small commission for us. In a similar way, we continued to promote our link with Howden Insurance, formerly A-Plan Insurance.
- Carried out 15 live radio interviews on Wycombe Sound and on BBC 3 Counties Radio.
- Held 9 table displays at the main 4 mosques in High Wycombe with our Director of Operations giving a short talk inside one of the mosques on one occasion.
- Held / attended 21 table displays in various public locations.
- Attended 5 review meetings with local Neighbourhood Policing Inspectors via MS Teams.
- Sent out 94 Alert messages (86 in 2022) on a variety of crime related topics and advice.
- Arranged one visit to the CCTV Control Room in the Bucks Council offices in High Wycombe for our Co-ordinators.
- Attended 14 local Community Board Meetings.
- Attended 2 Wycombe Community Resilience & Regeneration meetings.
- Attended 5 meetings of HWBIDCO (re High Wycombe town centre issues).

- Attended 3 Thames Valley police meetings re rural crime.
- Attended 2 Thames Valley Police Governance Reviews.
- Attended 2 Neighbourhood Watch Network seminars.
- Attended a Thames Valley Police PCC (Police & Crime Commissioner) update meeting.
- Attended 2 Thames Valley Police Community Engagement Days.
- Attended the Thames Valley Police Open Day.
- Attended 11 Action4Youth drop-in meetings with a view to establishing a Youth Watch scheme.
- Held the first of our talks to Thames Valley Police Cadets to make them more aware of the role of NHW.
- Started 13 new NHW schemes involving 18 new Co-ordinators for those schemes in the year.