

Committee Reports for the Meeting of Horsham District NHW Association

Monday 12 August, 2019

Chairman (Andrew Moffat)

Pending...

Vice-Chair (Marc Bryant)

Pending...

Treasurer (Steve Guzy)

Pending...

Secretary (Ken Broomfield)

1. Events / meetings

- a. Provided support on the NHW stands at Billingshurst and Funday Sunday.
- b. Provided the "Event Box" and other items for NHW at two other events, (i) Earles Meadow Community Picnic and (ii) Kilnwood Vale Family Day.
- c. Arranged our regular meeting with Sussex Police on 31/7, with Sgt. Peter Allan & PSEO Janice Brown at Horsham Police Station.
- d. Provided NHW Coordinator contact and other information to Horsham DC Community Safety Manager and Sussex Police in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and other issues in Horsham (Millais and Highwood Estate areas) and Steyning (vehicle interference).

2. Documentation etc

- a. Nothing to report.

3. Coordinators, Potential new members

- a. Area Coordinators – spoke to AC for Steyning and potential new members, coordinator for Billingshurst; haven't spoken to AC for Pulborough yet - work continues on my list of contact names and schemes.
- b. General membership – of the 23 people who left their contact details at the summer events, 8 have been emailed with information – disappointingly, none have replied thus far.

4. Street Signs

- a. Finalised the installation of signs for:
 - i. Billingshurst – Dell Lane (2) and Carpenters (1)
 - ii. Storrington – Thakeham Road (2)
 - iii. Southwater – Welcome Place (1)

- b. Recent changes within WSCC Highways means they and SSE Contracting will no longer install our signs; we'll either do it ourselves or pay a specialist company.

5. Stock and Equipment

NO UPDATE TO THE STATUS REPORTED IN MAY.

- a. In the absence of a volunteer Stock Keeper, I will draft a proposal to keep one or two boxes of "regularly requested" and "events items" at my house; all other stock items, i.e. additional leaflets, booklets, etc. to be stored elsewhere.
- b. Event equipment – gazebo & side/roof panels x1, leg weights x4, tables x2, and chairs x4 all kept in lock-up storage room in the rear car park at Horsham Police Station. The table cloths x2 and feather flags x2 are in Ken's garage. Any NHW member wishing to use the equipment can visit the Station and request the key from the front desk.

Liaison Officer (Arthur Carden)

To be stated in person at the meeting.

Junior NHW Coordinator (Tony George)

We had booked to do the JNHW after-school club course at Leechpool Primary School in the summer term, but the school asked us to postpone at the last minute, leaving no time to fix an alternative date – so no course was run last term.

I have been in close contact with Crawley JNHW who were able to trial a new system with the existing JNHW six 1-hour sessions compacted into two 3-hour sessions, to be delivered as part of the school curriculum; two intensive days instead of six 1-hour afternoon stints.

I was able to watch a part of this new programme, which seems to work well. The Crawley schools ran the programme for their complete Year 6, which meant large groups of 30 - 40, which can be quite a task compared with the 16 -20 maximum we've been working with in the after-school club routine. The school's teaching staff joined in the sessions, although the Crawley JNHW team led the process. The two trialled schools in Crawley were both very enthusiastic, and the Crawley JNHW team were very pleased with the new system.

As a result I was able to discuss with Leechpool the adoption of the new 2-day version next term, and the suggestion there also met with enthusiasm. Leechpool is larger than either of the Crawley schools with 60 Year 6 pupils, too large to manage in one tranche, so we would have to do two routines during the term. While working with Leechpool to plan the programme, Nick Probin, who is a key JNHW team member, had to warn me that his basketball coaching commitments might increase next term to preclude his participation in JNHW. Confirmation of his added commitment won't come until September, so I had to ask Leechpool to hold plans. We could not handle the new routine short-handed.

After the end of term there came a possible ray of hope – contact with Southwater’s newly appointed Neighbourhood Wardens put me in contact with Grace Williams, who is very keen to join JNHW and was only disappointed that we don’t have activity now during the holiday. She doesn’t have teaching experience, but is keen to learn.

Our limited team capability is highlighted by the fact that Crawley’s two key JNHW team members both have considerable teaching experience, and the adoption of the new 2-day routine was relatively plain-sailing for them, with school teacher assistance.