

Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch Association (HDNHW)

Committee Reports for the Meeting on Monday 18 November, 2019

1. Chairman's Report (Andrew Moffat) – received 06 Nov'19

"During the past quarter, the leading priorities were the arrangements for the AGM and the speakers thereat, including the CEO of National NHW, who kindly attended. However, despite excellent speakers of distinction in recent years, I am aware that turnouts have been disappointing. After discussions with fellow Executive Committee Members, we have in consequence taken the view that the next AGM should be added to the Agenda of an ordinary Committee meeting, without seeking to attract a speaker from outside. This matter is tabled for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Further to our AGM, I have also liaised with the local press and we received resultant publicity online in the West Sussex County Times.

I have liaised with Horsham District Council with respect to Junior NHW, Joint Action Group (JAG) and local NHW matters (relating to Nutbourne).

Correspondence and discussions with Committee members, ACs and the Federation.

Attendance at the Executive Committee Members meeting."

2. Vice Chair's Report (Marc Bryant) – pending
3. Treasurer's Report (Steve Guzy) – pending
4. Secretary's Report (Ken Broomfield) – received 06 Nov'19

a. Events/Meetings

- i. Organised the 2019 AGM held in Billingshurst.*
- ii. Attended Sussex Federation Meeting (with Steve Guzy) in September.*
- iii. Organised and attended our regular meeting with Sussex Police on 31/10, with Sgt. Peter Allan & PSEO Janice Brown at Horsham Police Station.*
- iv. Started the first steps arrangements for NHW to attend (i) Southwater Christmas Festival on Sat 30/11 (12pm to 4pm) and (ii) support Operation Tinsel on Sat 14/12 (1pm to 3pm).*

b. Documentation

- i. Commenced a detailed review and update of HDNHW's Constitution (last done in June 2012).

c. Coordinators, membership

- i. Ongoing contacts with ACs across the District.
- ii. 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.

d. Street Signs

- i. No updates for this meeting.
- ii. Additional sign(s) requested for (1) Ropeland Way, north Horsham and (2) Crawford Gardens, Horsham in the summer – no progress this far.

e. Stock & Equipment

- i. **No update to the status reported in May and August**
- ii. The main responsibilities of the Stock Keeper to be documented and a new S/K to be sought from the Committee or from the wider membership across the District.
- iii. 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 flag x1 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.

5. Junior NHW Report (Tony George) – received 10 November

Having stalled last term due to our limited volunteer teacher availability, we have been able to move on this term with a smaller school, Barns Green Primary, giving us the opportunity to try out the new 2-day course routine. The Year 6 class at Barns Green Primary is only 19 pupils, a group size that our team can handle; their class teacher is very keen on the 2-day routine, having been enthused by the pupils' participation in Junior Citizen earlier this year; so we are in action there on November the 12th and 19th.

I have been comparing notes with Crawley's JNHW team who have been very helpful with advice based on their trials with the 2-day programme with Crawley schools. All the schools trialled have been very enthusiastic with the new programme. Ironically, the Crawley JNHW team is now facing the same lack of volunteers that we have experienced. Their two main team members, both with past teaching experience, are no longer available.

With the Barns Green experience, we should be able to deliver a similar 2-day programme next term, and will be getting ready for Horsham's Junior Citizen event at the Denne Road Drill Hall just before Easter 2020.

6. Liaison Officer's Report (Arthur Carden) - pending