Welcome to the second issue of our Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter now titled “Victoria Neighbourhood Watch” to reflect the historic nature of our neighbourhood, which now brings together Barnsley Street, Celtic Street and Hall Street in a joint effort to bring you all the local neighbourhood watch news in one edition.

Many of you have signed up to the scheme, it is great to have you on board, together we can make a difference. If you have neighbours that have not signed up let them know what is happening and asked them to join us, the more there are of us the stronger we are.

Remember all it costs is a little time.

Your coordinators have been working closely with members of “The Stockport Central Neighbourhood Policing Team”.

We have also had contact with the Greater Manchester Police Communications Team, who were very pleased with our efforts to date.

Adam Higson, said “I agree - we need people to be aware and help in the fight against crime. I coordinate the media activity here from the Stockport division and try and keep people aware of crime issues.

Commenting on our newsletter, Adam, said "It's the best example of a community Neighbourhood Watch newsletter I have seen yet and will help increase confidence and fight crime."

Inspector Brian Nicholls. “We are committed to providing you with the best possible service and making your neighbourhood a safer place to live.”

“We are making the area as safe as possible but we really do need your help.”

Points of interest:

- Working together to fight crime and protect people
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- If you see anyone acting suspiciously telephone the Police on:- 0161 872 5050
- Problems with Doorstep Callers? Ring Stockport Trading Standards on:- 0845 404 0506

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Breaking News Property and vehicle damaged

A neighbour heard activity on Barnsley Street in the early hours of the 19th, on investigating damage was discovered to a glass door and four tyres had been punctured on a nearby vehicle belonging to residents of the property. The police were contacted and attended the scene and arranged for the property to be made safe.

If you have any information relating to this incident please contact 0161 872 5050, or contact a coordinator.

Any assistance that you can provide would be appreciated; the person/s concerned should not be approached as they could be dangerous.
What can the Scheme do for you?

You will get notification about criminal activity in the area. Hopefully this will prevent anything happening to you or your family.

This may be details about someone acting suspiciously or activity about bogus callers.

If there have been thefts in the area you will get details of this activity; in the past this has included the times and the nature of these thefts. This way you know who to look out for.

Alerts will be sent out by post or email. You may even get a leaflet through your door.

“Are there youths hanging around making trouble or drinking?” This can be reported and dealt with.

“Are people parking across the corners of roads making it difficult for you to cross the road?” Report it and put a stop to it.

“Is dog fouling an issue?” This too can be reported.

What can you do to help?

Let us know what you want from the scheme after all it is there for you. Just drop us a line or give us a call. We will also be organising our first meeting sometime in August, so we can also have a chat then.

Keep your eyes open, report any suspicious activity.

Talk to your neighbours, so that you and they know what is going on in our neighbourhood.

Are there people hanging around houses that you don’t know? If there are let the police know.

Is there someone hanging around our cars or vans, they could be looking to steal the car or to break into it, report it, to the police.

If you see something suspicious and you have a camera or mobile with camera in it, take a picture.
Useful contact numbers

Anti Social Behaviour Action Team - 0161 476 2876
Stockport Youth Offending Team - 0161 476 2876
Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111
Greater Manchester Police – Non emergency - 0161 872 5050
Stockport Council Switchboard - 0161 480 4949

Stockport Drug Action Team - 0161 474 3022
Stockport Domestic Violence Unit (Police) - 0161 429 0849
Stockport Social Services - 08456 444 313
Stockport Victim Support & Witness Service - 0161 477 9597
Stockport Women's Aid - 0161 477 4271
Community Drugs Team - 0161 480 4441
Community Alcohol Team - 0161 474 0558
Syringe Removal - 0845 833 4444
Crime and Disorder Team - 0161 474 3143
Town Wardens/Neighbourhood Rangers - 0161 474 7285
Stockport Park Watch - 0161 474 5555
Stockport Probation Service - 0161 429 0010
Home Security Package - 0161 474 4364
Interpretation Service - 0161 477 9000
Stockport District Citizens Advice Bureau - 0844 826 9800
Manchester Rape Crisis Centre - 0161 273 4500
Greater Manchester Family Mediation - 0161 797 9910
National Drugs Helpline - 0800 77 66 00
Alcohol Concern - 0171 928 7377
Childline - 0800 1111
Racial Harassment Helpline - 0800 138 1666
NSPCC Helpline - 0800 614 458
Kidscape - 020 7730 3300
Crime Concern - 0179 386 3500
The Samaritans - 0845 790 9090
Card Watch Campaign - 0870 550 0005

Have you seen this person?
PC Carl Wooding is working in our area helping to keep us safe.
Say hello when you see him around.
After all he is spending around 80% of his time in our neighbourhood.

It’s not just about fighting Crime.

“Will, from Celtic Street, put a call into Streetscene and two faulty street lights were fixed in no time at all.”

If you have problems with any of these numbers let your us know.
If you have a number that you think would be helpful to a neighbour, let us have the details and it will go on the list.
Useful websites

Stockport Council - www.stockport.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Police - www.gmp.police.uk
Reporting crime anonymously - www.crimestoppers-uk.org
Tips on keeping safe + Preventing Crime - www.crimereduction.gov.uk
National Victim Support - www.victimsupport.org.uk
Tips on reducing crime - www.crimeconcern.org.uk
Home Office - www.homeoffice.gov.uk
Central Government - www.ukonline.gov.uk
National Drugs Helpline - www.ndh.org.uk
Advice, Support and Reporting - www.racialharassment.org.uk
Citizen's Advice Bureau - www.nacab.org.uk
Stockport Citizen's Advice Bureau - www.stockportcab.org.uk
Greater Manchester Fire Service - www.manchesterfire.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Probation - www.gm-probation.org.uk
HM Prison Service - www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk
Grtr. Manchester Police Authority - www.gmpa.gov.uk
Info/advice about court - www.courtservice.gov.uk
Health service in Stockport - www.stockporthealth.nwest.nhs.uk
Crown Prosecution Service - www.cps.gov.uk
Criminal Justice Information - www.cjsonline.org
Motor Security Advice - www.secureyourmotor.gov.uk
Good ideas for Safe Communities - www.safer-community.net
Home Security Package - www.stockport.gov.uk

If you have problems with any of the websites above let us know.

If you know of a website that you think would be helpful to a neighbour, let us have the details and it will go on the list.
Neighbourhood Watch is a proven way of reducing criminal activity and antisocial behaviour in a neighbourhood and it does not require neighbours to work as vigilantes, just as neighbours.

According to the Safer Stockport Partnership, "Stockport is one of the safest places to live in Greater Manchester". Our area though has one of the lowest levels of engagement in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Stockport. This must put us at a greater risk of crime and antisocial behaviour; let's face it if another area close by has a good scheme running, where is all the trouble going to happen?

If we work together with the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and the other local agencies, we will be able to deter criminal activity in our area, that has got to be a good thing.

Many of us talk to each other anyway; all we need to do is talk a bit more and pass on information about anything odd that is going on in our neighbourhood to each other and to the police.

Neighbourhood Watch gives you the opportunity to improve the general well-being in the area as we can work closely with a number of other agencies and the Council. Together we can tackle graffiti, litter, noise pollution, speeding traffic and so much more.

Why not join in, join the neighbourhood.

NOTE:
All new schemes need to be approved by the police and the area Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. This process should be near completion for our scheme, as you read this newsletter, once completed we will arrange a meeting probably a Tuesday evening in August. Where you will be able to meet your neighbours and have a say in setting the priorities in our area. PCSO Dave Crowley will be attending our meeting.

The initial priorities are:
1. Youth Crime and Antisocial Behaviour
2. Illegal/Inconsiderate Parking
3. Speeding
4. Dog fouling

As we receive updates on these priorities we will pass the information on to you.
Police in Stockport are urging residents to take extra care and lock away valuable garden tools and avoid leaving items in the garden that could be useful to burglars.

During the summer months garden sheds are often targeted by criminals, mainly due to poor security measures. The main items targeted are power tools, hand tools, sports equipment, bicycles, and toys.

Residents are advised to make sure their shed or garage is always fully secured and to lock away all tools after working in the garden. Other advice includes installing motion sensor lighting to the garden and ensuring that items within the shed are covered on the house insurance.

Rachel O’Brien, Crime Reduction Advisor for the Stockport Division of Greater Manchester Police said, “The simple advice is to keep expensive items in the house. If this is not possible valuables stored in the shed should be property marked, photographed and where possible chained together to make them more difficult to steal. In addition an alarm system should be fitted to alert you and your neighbours to someone breaking into your shed. Burglars are opportunistic and if they spot a chance to steal other people’s possessions easily and get away with it they will.”

A few important contact numbers

As always if there is an emergency just call 999 where there is a threat to life or a crime in progress.

If you have a neighbourhood policing issue then please call 0161 856 5902 or email stockport.centralnpt@gmp.police.uk

For non-emergency calls or to report a crime call 0161 872 5050 or you can report it online at www.gmp.police.uk

For Anti Social Behaviour or Community issues call 0845 833 444
The area that Carl and Dave cover as the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
Action in our Neighbourhood!

On the evening of Friday 10th July 2009

Our local PCSO and colleagues targeted St Thomas's park with a view to seizing alcohol and combating any anti social behaviour, the results were, 23 cans seized, 1 female juvenile detained and parents made to come and pick her up due to being well and truly intoxicated and unable to walk!

Also the team had a positive result on their action day, with a female being arrested for drug offences.

As we get more information about successes and activity in our area we will publish it here. Updates can also be found on our temporary website www.edwardclough.freeuk.com

If you have any information you would like published please contact a coordinator (details on page 5).

Why not join in, join the neighbourhood!

If you have not yet signed up to your local Neighbourhood Watch, please contact a coordinator, details can be found on page 5. It does not cost you anything except for a little bit of time.

Issue one of our newsletter had a very small distribution, this second edition is being sent to all houses in our area. The next issue will only be sent to those who have signed up to the scheme so as to avoid sending information to anyone who does not want it. Our apologies if you do not want this copy of our newsletter, please give us a call and we will collect it and pass it on to someone else.

If you live on a street not covered by this publication and would like to set up a scheme, just contact any of our coordinators, they will be happy to help.

Have a go at our simple word search quiz.

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U J G H Q C R U O O C P N E
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T G M U G T T B E T L I I S
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A L A R M G H R T N E O O N
R I T N E D I C N I R F C L
D G N I K R A P K S G U R D

ALARM RANGER
ALERT ROBBER
COMMUNITY SECURITY
CRIME STREETSCENE
DRUGS VICTIM
EMERGENCY CHILDLINE
HOME PROBATION
INCIDENT ROZER
INSPECTOR TEAM
MEDIATION OFFICER
MUGGER PARKING
POLICE GUARD