

Tibberton & Cherrington Neighbourhood Watch Group



Update for Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council Meeting - 19th July 2018

Developments since 24th May 2018...

Parish Survey - No further comments were received back with changes or further additions to the draft report, other than those noted at the last meeting about the dichotomy of the increasing development of Newport and rising crime there at a time of decreasing police numbers. At the meeting with Lee Thomas he viewed our comments as understandable and reasonable. The report has been submitted, its receipt and inclusion in the overall survey has been acknowledged.

Group Database - Nick C has received all the documentation from Roger which needs to be updated as some people's emails have changed. PC Lee Thomas is checking that the new data form we will use meets GDPR requirements before we start this task. Work and domestic commitments have prevented this proceeding to the initial deadline, now aiming to complete this by the end of September.

Meeting with PC Lee Thomas - This is fully covered in our report for the July 2018 Parish Magazine, which I hope you will have read and from which I quote, with [one addition](#):

"Be vigilant, REPORT any suspicious activity" was the key message for everyone from **PC Lee Thomas** of Newport's Safer Neighbourhood Team. At any time of the day or night, do **call 101** - if you see anything out of place, **or 999 - if you see a crime being committed**. It's known people may be wary of doing this, either believing it's not their business if something is happening at a neighbour's property, because they are afraid of reprisals or because they don't want to waste police time. Making a call will NOT be wasting police time!

"Police first, social-media second". If the police don't know, they cannot do anything; plus, if things are happening which are not reported then, without report data, senior officers and politicians perceive there is no problem and no need for more police to safeguard our area.

The same applies with Council matters, e.g. fly-tipping; no reporting, nothing happens. Lee mentioned the 'Everyday Telford App' http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20221/everyday_telford/215/everyday_telford which makes reporting of issues from pot-holes to fly-tipping very simple for everyone.

Some things Lee mentioned which it is worth remembering about, are:

- If getting an alarm fitted look for the "Secure by Design" logo on any supplier's publicity.
- 'Barclays Digital Eagles' and 'Get Safe Online' have good YouTube films on preventing cyber-crime.
- View the monthly crime map for postcode TF10 at <https://www.police.uk/west-mercia/PAG05/crime/> It covers adjacent areas, including: Howle, Market Drayton, Waters Upton and Wellington Rural.
- Farmers, check out Jane Banks's "Shropshire Farmyards" Facebook site for crime alerts and Dusty Dovaston's (Shifnal-based) email group to see what's coming: shifnalcrime@gmail.com

Lee also mentioned 3 things to be aware of:

1. **Wildlife crime** - Is rising, as increasing focus by some police forces pushes these crimes into areas where there is less police focus. Badger-baiting and hare coursing are particular issues for us. It's possible many badgers seen dead at the roadside are not roadkill. Some farmers may turn a blind eye to badger-baiting due to the TB debate, yet recent research shows that slurry/manure spreading is as likely to spread TB as the bacteria live in the cattle's faeces.
2. **Thefts of dogs and cats** - There were two separate incidents of dog theft (spaniels) in Sambrook a while back, but nothing since.
3. **Premium rate numbers starting 07***** - Most people know mobiles start 07*** but not premium rate numbers. If you call these back expect a large bill! Think: "Do I know that number?"

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Lee said the police expect NHW to **be a liaison point with the Police**. What are our community's expectations of the police? How visible do people want the police to be? If the police are more visible, will that raise concerns that bad things could be happening in the village? These are all other good questions for us to ask you all during the open week and at the meeting later in the summer.

Also mentioned in the parish Magazine were:

NHW Webpage – We now have a dedicated page on the Parish Council's website, which will be populated in with Shropshire NHW newsletters, police guides and summaries of local crime reports http://www.tibbertonandcherringtonpc.org.uk/Neighbourhood_Watch_21712.aspx. Thanks go to John Major and the Parish Council for arranging this. Nick C is working on how to develop this page.

NHW Signage – The audit showed 5 of the current 14 signs need replacing; 3 need pruning of overhanging tress/shrubs. We'll be meeting with Cllr Clive Hames about more signs in Cherrington; while putting 5-7 signs in the Plantation Road / Hay Street areas and near the Tibberton sign on Mill Lane - where there are none - would not go amiss. We hope to have all the sign issues resolved by 31 July.

Breaking News for 19th – Cllr Clive Hames and Nick G have identified 8 new sign locations on telegraph posts plus 3 on gates. Clive will speak with Cherrington residents to get more involved in NHW. Nick G to chase Lee on the large signs he said he could get us (new design - see top of page), plus to ask about new stickers and gate signs. Target completion date is end of August.

Neighbourhood Watch Open Week & Meeting – June has flown by and the holiday season starts soon, so we'll either stick with plan A and do something at short notice in the second half of July or use plan B and target September when more people are around. Look out for notices in all the usual places!

Recent incidents – We know of sheds being broken into along Cherrington Road and fly-tipping at Shep Bridge in the middle of June. Thanks to those who reported these incidents to the authorities and made us aware of them. Please make sure your sheds/outbuildings are protected by strong locks.

Lee Thomas kindly agreed to provide a personal update for these monthly bulletins, here's his first:

"There have been no crimes reported in the Tibberton and Cherrington area since February this year when, unfortunately, there were a small number of thefts from rural and farm premises which consisted of hand tools and several tractor tyres being stolen.

We received a report on 22 June from a Tibberton resident stating they believed that someone had been in the old coal shed to the rear of their property but that nothing had been found to be missing.

Over the next few months the Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team hopes to be working with Tibberton and Cherrington Neighbourhood Watch to expand both the membership and awareness of the project to keep the area as safe as possible."

(End of Parish Magazine Quote)

Tibberton Talk Facebook Group - Nick C is continuing to address items which come up here.

CMS Messages – Incidents in Edmond and Newport have been reported covering theft and break-ins of machinery and tools from outbuildings, plus a distraction burglary at a Newport shop. Do Councillors wish to be sent these messages as we get them? If yes, for how wide an area – Market Drayton to Wellington, or...?

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