

Tibberton & Cherrington Neighbourhood Watch Group



Update - Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council Meeting, 27th September 2018

After the Open Week and the great contributions to that from PCSO Kristin Wills and our local Design Out Crime Officer, Carys Baskeyfield, it seems we have made a big step forward since July.

NHW Open Week – Thank You to the Shop and Village Hall Committees for allowing us to clutter up the place between 17th and 22nd September, and to Jennie Vickers for her support with this event when work got in the way for one of us.

The presence of our local Police Community Support Officer, Kristin Wills and Design Out Crime Officer, Carys Baskeyfield, on Wednesday afternoon triggered a lot of visible interest in NHW and posts on Tibberton Talk. While answering lots of questions, both arrived with plenty of leaflets for us to distribute to those interested in their contents and window stickers to those who will be helping Neighbourhood Watch in the Parish. We're pleased to say that both will be returning to the Village Hall for our Open Meeting on Wednesday 3rd October; with more collateral to pass on. I know that Carys has contacted Cllr Nick Eyles to discuss the "We don't buy Crime" / Smartwater areas WMP set up.

NHW Survey – The full results will be published and reviewed at the meeting on 3rd, but here are the [headline replies](#) to our five questions:

1. What do you expect the Neighbourhood Watch Group to do for the Parish? > [Police / Council liaison; share information in easily accessible ways about prevention, crime locally, cyber/online safety advice; co-ordinate volunteers; promote crime prevention awareness; check on neighbours after an incident; look-out for everyone](#)
2. How would you be willing to help the Neighbourhood Watch Group in our Parish meet your expectations? > [To report incidents; unable to commit; attend meetings; do a paired community walk-through at regular intervals; keep an eye out](#)
3. What are your expectations of the police in keeping our Parish safe? > [Respond quickly and appropriately to reports; provide crime prevention advice leaflets; advise Harper Adams students about speed limits and disorder in neighbouring areas; take our concerns seriously; attend NHW meetings](#)
4. How visible do you want the police to be in our Parish? > [When resources are being, cut wouldn't expect police to patrol an area with no crime but it would be reassuring to have named contact officers to discuss concerns with; respond to 101/999 calls appropriately/quickly; do more drive throughs instead of passing by on the B5062; attend NHW meetings to advise/reassure people; as much as possible; medium; once a week; as resources allow; do friendly walk-throughs to build relationships with villagers](#)
5. If the police are more visible, how do you suggest the Neighbourhood Watch Group responds to any concerns that crime is increasing locally? > [Support residents with crime prevention advice by any means necessary; provide updates for the Parish Magazine; encourage a Good Neighbour scheme for people to help each other; keep an eye open – take bins in if you know a neighbour is on holiday; regular meetings; deny it and say we have requested the police to be watchful to keep crime low.](#)

NHW Open Meeting – Wednesday 3rd October at 7pm in the Village Hall; please come along to voice your views and hear what others in the Parish think about NHW and the Police. The non-routine elements of the draft agenda are:

- 2018 Update – What has happened in the past 8 months
- Open Week 2018 Report – Headlines of the Survey; new ideas – open discussion on what should be taken forwards
- Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team & Design Out Crime Officer – Policing Headlines and Update, Signage, Questions and Answers, liaison with neighbouring policing areas - Market Drayton
- The future of our Neighbourhood Watch
 - o How to deliver on the Survey answers | How to attract new members | How often do we meet | How we can all do that little bit more
- New GDPR Membership Forms (which we're asking all members to complete)
- Open Forum – Questions and Answers

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We hope to see many Parish Councillors at the NHW meeting. It would make a positive statement about your commitment to NHW if all our councillors are seen to take an active part in the NHW scheme.

NHW Webpage – Apologies to John Major that neither Nick has been able to meet up with him to develop this further before his Canada expedition due to other commitments. We hope to complete this during October.

NHW Signage – We now need some time to investigate what is possible via the two organisations mentioned above we are now registered with. More information will be provided via the Parish Magazine and our next update to the Parish Council.

NHW Finances – We have closed the account with Barclays and intend to work on a cash basis if that is agreeable with the Parish Council. We need further discussions with the Clerk to make this as easy as possible all-round while being auditable and transparent.

Recent incidents – We know of none in the Parish.

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...?

National Neighbourhood Watch – On the advice of Gary Shephard, West Mercia Police's Watch Scheme Review Officer, we have registered Tibberton & Cherrington NHW with this organisation at <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk>. This gives us access to lots of useful information and advice, including: how to re-invigorate a Watch Scheme; templates for telling residents about joining NHW, etc. Street signs and window stickers can also be requested through National Neighbourhood Watch plus information and guidance about how you obtain permission to put new street signs up in our parish. National Neighbourhood Watch also provides registered members with free 3rd Party Liability Insurance.

West Mercia NHW Association (WMNHW) – Again, on Gary's advice, we have registered on this organisation's database at www.westmercianw.org.uk. They have lots of useful information from national and regional perspectives including: how to obtain NHW Watch Street signs and overlay stickers that can be placed onto the old brown NHW Roundel signs together with NHW window stickers. Their numbers of signs are limited so we may have to invest in having signs made. (See the Signage update below.) Gary kindly supplied us with the window stickers we now have for NHW members use.

We need to research more on both websites ahead of 3rd October, so we can tell the Parish more then,

Garden Security – Carys has sent this link which will be in the Parish Magazine and on the website soon to show an example of a garden designed to help home security: the Secured by Design, Crime Prevention Garden which won a silver medal at the Hampton Court Flower Show.

<https://www.capel.ac.uk/news/capel-manors-secured-by-design-garden-wins-silver-at-the-rhs-hampton-court-palace-flower-show.html>

Smart Security Cameras – While there are plenty of other brands on the market, most seem to charge for server hosting of imagery. A friend recommended this supplier for ease of installation and use: <https://www.netatmo.com/en-GB/product/security/>

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