

# Tibberton & Cherrington Neighbourhood Watch Group



## Update - Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council Meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**We Don't Buy Crime / SmartWater** – Our application has been approved by West Mercia's Police and Crime Commissioner's office. Councillors Berry and Eyles met with Tim Williams, WMP's We Don't Buy Crime Coordinator, on 29 August. The topics discussed were as follows and an action plan is being followed to make sure the right things happen at the right time.

### 1. **Launch > "We Don't Buy Crime" / SmartWater Parish Meeting - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

A Parish Meeting will be held to explain and demonstrate SmartWater to the parishioners and bring the community together. The Village Hall has been booked. This will be publicised via:

- Parish Magazine (October)
- Tibberton Talk (Facebook)
- Posters - On poles and noticeboards
- Door-drop Fliers - Using the A5s provided by SmartWater; also to be available at the School, in the Shop and the Sutherland Arms

Tim will arrange for members of Newport's Police Safer Neighbourhood Team to be present. He and they can speak with our farming community about rural crime, including theft of farm equipment and livestock crime. To keep momentum going the distribution of kits will start asap after the Parish Meeting. Nick G and Nick C to lead on this. (Councillors to help with door drops if possible?!)

### 2. **Signage**

A1 and A2 signs can have the parish name on them, the smaller (A3) signs will not be named. It's our choice of what we have and where.

Tim will order the signs when 105 households have registered. If people already have SmartWater we can include those in our numbers too. All signage costs are covered by WMPCC. Tim will put these up with help from a NW/PC volunteer; their location is logged by WDBC/SmartWater.

Tim and Nick have examined suitable locations across the Parish, including the boundaries and along the B5062, noting that suitable metal posts are not present in all the best locations. Mapping of this has yet to be completed but is suggested that the Parish Council should speak with the landowners to seek permission to have suitable metal posts erected; about 8-10 are needed.

**Q: A Parish Council decision is needed on this (in principle) on 26-Sep-19; thank you.**

### 3. **Distribution of SmartWater Kits > Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Further dates TBC)**

The best method is to have events in the Village Hall where people can call in to collect their kits; this brings the community together. Tim is happy to be present for 1-3 Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00-4:00pm. The advantage of using the Village Hall is Wi-Fi access for the registration process using the WDBC App. Follow-ups can be done via other events (ideally) or door-to-door using the mobile WDBC App, which Tim will show us how to do. The Village Hall is booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Tim will bring a We Don't Buy Crime display and arrange for members of the Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to be present too. Cllr Eyles noted that these events could be opportunities to show progress and do more consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan too.

Further weekend or evening dates will be arranged with an assessment being made after the first events on how to proceed.

### 4. **Publicity and Communications**

Nick G to co-ordinate this around the key dates, helped by Nick C for Tibberton Talk Facebook updates. The primary publicity channels we'll use are the Newport Advertiser and Tibberton Talk, with the Shropshire Star and Radio Shropshire being used if benefits can be gained. Tim was happy to have photos taken of the Parish Meeting, kit distribution and signs being put up. Sgt Ram Aston would be happy to add pictures to the WMP/WDBC twitter account with our agreement.

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## 5. Roles and Responsibilities

Tim sees this as a team effort and is contactable on his mobile or email. He will liaise with the SNT for us. TCNW and the Parish Council to provide volunteers to help with the distribution, equipped with a smartphone or tablet. Nick G is happy to lead for NW, with Cllrs Berry and Eyles leading for the Parish Council.

## 6. Delivery and Financials

Rachael Oakley at SmartWater will order the kits (at which point VAT will be added to the numbers) and make them available for Nick G to collect from SmartWater at Central Park, Telford. The batch of kits ordered for the Parish will be specifically for **our** use and recorded as so. Rachael will send the invoice made out to Tibberton and Cherrington Parish Council to Nick G, who will pass it to Cllr Eyles to arrange payments from the Council's funds.

If anyone has any questions about the SmartWater implementation plans which cannot be answered at this Parish Council meeting, please can they be collated and emailed to Nick Greenall; thank you.

**Neighbourhood Watch Signs** – I hope to have the signs delivered on 24<sup>th</sup> September or 7<sup>th</sup> October. Their locations will be fitted into the WDBC/SmartWater signage plans.

**Very slow vehicles, drivers doing a recce?** – Several white Transit-type vans and cars, including BMW 5-Series and VW Tiguan, have been seen driving very slowly through the village over the Bank Holiday weekend and subsequently. The vans have had one or two men in them wearing hi-vis jackets; which was odd on a Bank Holiday when builders weren't working. **Parishioners are advised be vigilant and to report anything suspicious to the Police by calling 101.**

**Local Crime Reports** – The tail of a 24year old Shetland pony in a paddock in Tibberton was stolen between 11am-2pm on Friday 9 August. The pony was roughed up and the tail cut right back, almost to the bone. The pony's owner believed that the theft might be related to some sort of treasure hunt.

If anyone has any knowledge about this incident, please can they contact the Newport or Market Drayton Safer Neighbourhood Teams or call 101 quoting 'Incident Ref: **0261s 100819**'. Thank you.

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