



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



WARM WEATHER WARNING

Do please be on the alert. We have knowledge of people locally who have actually been burgled in broad daylight.

Please keep your windows shut.....and locked, when you leave your home. You may also invalidate your insurance by leaving your property unsecured.

An open window is an invitation to an opportunist thief. If you are away for a few days, let your neighbour know and have a key to access and check your property. This is Neighbourhood Watch.

REPORTING

One of the most important messages that Neighbourhood Watch put out is to report all suspicious incidents, whether or not a crime has actually been committed.

It seems that current practice is often to post the incident onto Facebook, or other social media sites, but not to report it to the Police.

This is likely to delay any response from the Police and also negatively affect statistics of incidents.

We know we won't always get attendance from an officer, but future allocation of limited Police resources is related to occurrences reported to them.

Efforts are being made to improve the 101 service, so please use it, as well as posting on social media.

If a crime is actually in progress use 999.

GEOFF HARRIS

Many of you may already be aware that back in March, one of the founders of Alresford & District Neighbourhood Watch Association, Geoff Harris, passed away, aged 90.

Working with the Metropolitan Police, Geoff had been active in setting up Neighbourhood Watch in Potters Bar, after he was burgled. When he moved to Alresford, on retirement, he was amazed that we didn't lock our doors and windows and were still really trusting.

So, as crime was rising rapidly across the country, in 1989 with three others, he set about getting Neighbourhood Watch going here. By 1992 we had achieved the distinction of Alresford being the first town in Hampshire to be covered 100% by Neighbourhood Watch.

Geoff was Secretary from the very start until 2003. In the days when we had a manned Police Station open to the public, he would visit it every week. He would chat to whichever officers were there, creating a really good relationship between public and Police.

He remained on the Committee until 2013. We can be very grateful for all the work he did to make Alresford as pleasant a place to live as it is.

BOOMTOWN

You are reminded that Boomtown Fair will be taking place from Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th August 2018.

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***CRIME IN PROGRESS – 999
NON URGENT – 101
CRIMESTOPPERS – 0800 555 111***