



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



The Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association AGM was held on Tuesday October 8th at Alresford Golf Club.

We were pleased to welcome John Dick from CrimeStoppers, giving his very last presentation before retirement.

CrimeStoppers is an independent charity, partly funded by the Home Office and totally separate from the Police. Anyone can contact CrimeStoppers by phone, or online to report a crime or suspicious incident, completely anonymously, without having to give any personal details. All valid calls will be passed to the Police for action, often within minutes of receipt.

We receive numerous complaints that the Police 101 service is not satisfactory, mainly of long delays in answering. Some of this is due to the cutbacks. Staffing covers both 999 and 101, with 999 taking priority. The Police do have to take some personal details, to minimise the repeat-call timewasters.

CrimeStoppers offers an easy alternative to 101, as they do not ask for any of your details. It is much used to report drivers over the drink limit and suspicions of drug dealing.

Another activity is their MOST WANTED list, always available on their website <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/most-wanted> The team travelled the county during the year with a giant screen, displaying the mugshots of the MOST WANTED and it has had good results in terms of arrests, one being made actually at the event recently!

Rhys Griffiths, our PCSO gave us crime statistics and said that being a low crime area, a small increase can appear as a crime wave! What is clear though, is an increase in thefts from motor vehicles, much of which can be avoided if the public will just be sensible in removing valuables and locking their vehicles. Recent CCTV footage shows car doors being tried by thieves and the locked ones being left alone!

Alresford does have anti-social behaviour and drug incidents, all of which should be reported to the police; 101 or via CrimeStoppers. Please do tell the Police, don't just post it on social media. You will not necessarily receive a response, but the report will allow them to record where incidents are happening and direct their resources as appropriate. Incidents can now be reported to the Police on-line and from your mobile. Use REPORT or TELL US ABOUT from the home page at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk>

Association Chairman Colin Harris gave a background to Neighbourhood Watch, from its beginnings in the US and then in Cheshire, following on with ADNWA which started in 1990 and so, is coming up to its 30th anniversary next year. We need to try to fill a number of Co-ordinator vacancies to keep our 100% record. The role is not arduous now, as this Forum article has replaced the hardcopy newsletters that had to be delivered door to door. However, the Co-ordinator does need to be aware of the needs of his watch residents, especially the vulnerable ones, but it is mainly a point of contact that we can send incident reports to and who can give advice when asked for it.

Anyone who feels they could help in the following areas, should please e-mail contact.adnwa@gmail.com - Chiltern Court, Bridge Road/Nicholson Place, Nursery Road West and Grange Road East, which includes John Arlott Court, Brill Close and Carpenters. Vacant Rural Watches are Swarraton, Old Alresford, Easton, Itchen Stoke and Martyr Worthy.

Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association website-
www.neighbourhood.watch.alresford.org
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**CRIME IN PROGRESS – 999
NON URGENT – 101
CRIMESTOPPERS – 0800 555 111**