

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

March 2022

We are cursed with living in interesting times. We have struggled through COVID and now we face developing war crisis. What matters more than ever is a strong, safe community.

Nailsea's Neighbourhood Watch has survived the COVID crisis, but only just and thanks to the commitment of a dedicated few.

Our community has changed, and it is growing. The house building could swell our population by 30 to 50%. We also face a time of rising interest rates and inflation. We need to work together. Knowing your neighbours and supporting each other is increasingly important. A smile, a hello makes all the difference. The ability to find support can make a huge difference.

We have always had some crime. Some youth issues, some drugs, some burglary for starters. Side by side we have the issues of many being alone, rebuilding friendships or just being new in the community.

Neighbourhood Watch is much more than keeping eyes on homes. It is about small communities living together, caring and protecting each other - Building a new community. A community that is safe for all.

Part of our security must be to ensure our town is a hard target for the rogues from outside. They must feel a very high probability of being caught.

We must reach out to our members, establish proper, modern communications of a style they choose to use. Our membership needs to extend to all areas and all ages.

Our members need to understand what is needed to protect our town and be willing to communicate what they see and the police to process it quickly.

We need to reinforce our community by knowing our neighbours and working together.

We look for your thoughts and ideas to build our community making it safer and stronger through Neighbourhood Watch.

Jeremy Blatchford
Acting Chairman.
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