



WATCH IT

The newsletter for Nailsea's Neighbourhood Watch
June 2018 edition



Welcome to this month's edition of Watch It. Thank you to everyone who contacted us about the last issue, it was great to receive so much positive feedback. We have listened to your requests and added a Crime Report section in this issue. Please keep letting us know what you think so we can continue to improve.

The last Open Meeting in May was a huge success! We had a bumper turnout and we were all treated to an excellent talk from Philip Unwin on The SS Great Britain. We were also pleased to have a police update from PC Ross Kirby (see page 4 for more details).



GDPR: General Data Protection Regulations

These regulations came into force on 25th May 2018 and apply to the information that is held by the Nailsea NHW Association and our Co-ordinators (e.g. email addresses, telephone numbers) and also how this information is stored.

This information will be updated each September when subscriptions for the following year are due and any details which are no longer valid will be removed. **Please note that you may ask your Co-ordinator to remove your information at any time.** More details including our Privacy Policy Statement can be viewed on our website or contact your co-ordinator if you would prefer a paper version.

Open Meeting/AGM - July 4th 2018

United Reform Church, Stockway North at 7.30pm

Our next open meeting will also be our Annual General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Graham Sparkes and his talk is titled: The Brabazon Story: an audio-visual presentation. This is the story of the success and failure of the mighty Bristol Brabazon, an aircraft which shaped the future of aviation in this country.



The present committee offering themselves for re-election are:

Chair:	Sue Lomax
Secretary:	Anne Slade
Website and Signs administrator:	Colin Oliver
N.NHW Schemes administrator:	Tim Holman
Committee Members:	Nick Hastings Brenda Dashfield Pam Wakeling

As well as the vacancies for **Vice Chair** and **Treasurer**, we would also like to increase the total number of Committee members so please speak to any of the Committee members if interested.

Any member of Nailsea NHW can nominate another member for a position on the Committee using the nomination slip below. The slips can be brought along on the night or placed in the nomination box which will be in Nailsea Library from the beginning of June until Tuesday July 3rd. Please note that in order to vote for a candidate you will need to attend the AGM - we are unable to process postal votes.



Nomination for Committee 2018/19

I nominate:

To serve as:

This nomination is with the approval of the nominee

Signed:

Place in a sealed envelope marked 'Nominations' and either hand it in at the AGM on July 4th or place in the nomination box at Nailsea Library. In order to register a vote, you will need to attend the AGM

Crime Report

We are now being directed by our local Police station to the website www.Police.uk to obtain our crime report. The information on this website is updated on or before the last working day of each month and will map reported incidents in the preceding month.

Another useful website is UKCrimeStats.com, which gives lists of crime figures, maps and statistics. All relevant information from these websites is regularly collated and added to the Nailsea NHW website www.nailseanhw.org.uk

At the time of going to press the most up to date figures were for March 2018 and are as follows:

Violence & Sexual Offences:	13
Antisocial behaviour:	6
Vehicle crime:	3
Other theft:	1
Criminal damage & arson:	7
Burglary:	2
Shoplifting:	2
Public Order:	1
Bicycle theft:	1
Theft from person:	1

Co-ordinator Duties

The duties of the Co-ordinator are really not very onerous and consist of:

- Delivering the newsletter to scheme members (five issues per year)
- Passing on Police messages
- Collecting annual subscriptions
- Storing current members details in a secure form and ensuring they are kept up to date

For further details please contact Tim Holman, Schemes Administrator on: tim.holman@nailseanhw.org.uk

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4th July

AGM and Open meeting at United Reform Church, Stockway North at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10th July:

Community Road Show at Crown Glass Shopping Centre from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Saturday 21st July:

Community Event at Crown Glass Shopping Centre from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Schemes Update:

A big thank you to Marion Rowson and Dave Clarke for volunteering to take on the roles of Newsletter Collator and Distributor. Thank you also to our new Co-ordinators for Bude Close and Sunnymede and to one of existing Co-ordinators for agreeing to cover both Mizzymead Rise 1 and 2.

We still need replacement Co-ordinators for:

- Bucklands Batch
- Station Road 1
- Hillcrest Road
- Corfe Close
- Riverway
- The Willows & Withy Close

These schemes will have to be de-registered (and signs removed) if we cannot find volunteers.

Rogue Tradespeople

We were pleased to welcome PC Ross Kirby from Clevedon at the last Open Meeting in May. He gave us an update on local policing matters - especially the matter of rogue doorstep tradesmen. Scams in various forms continue to trick many innocent people and show no signs of abating.



At this time of year, be more cautious of the 'tradesperson' knocking on your front door, offering to do a job (often in the garden or outside house maintenance) for a bargain price.

Rogue traders will have little if any ID and so are usually untraceable. Just remember:

- Do not agree to anything on the spot however persuasive they are - and they can be very persuasive
- Be wary of any warnings or claims they make e.g. telling you that your house looks unsafe
- Do not pay any money up front and do not go to the bank or cash point if they offer to take you
- **If what they are offering sounds too good to be true it probably is!**

If you have been a victim of a doorstep rogue trader or are suspicious of any tradesmen please ring 111. If the suspect person(s) are still in the street, or you are concerned for the safety of any of your neighbours ring 999.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999: Emergency services

101: Non-emergency calls

0800 555 111: Crime Stoppers

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Resolution of the month

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