



WATCH IT

The newsletter for Nailsea's Neighbourhood Watch
June 2019 edition



You're never too young to join the NHW!

Everyone wants a safe and secure environment to live in and to be a part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme encourages a community spirit which is sadly lacking these days. We are keen to get away from the image of the NHW being just for the older generation and would love to hear your ideas on how we can be more inclusive.

At present we do not have an active social media presence, which in turn means we are not making contact with a large percentage of Nailsea's younger inhabitants

Could you be the person to manage our social media presence? Please contact Colin Oliver, our website administrator, for more information or to apply at colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk

UPDATE: Change of speaker for next Meeting - 3rd July

We will be welcoming our new guest speaker Ms. Sarah Hearne to our next Open meeting. She will be giving us a talk titled 'Travels of a Marine Biologist'. The oceans cover more than 70% of our planet and are coming under increasing threat from human activity, but how do we figure out how to best protect them? Sarah will explain how researchers study these environments using stories from her life as a fisheries observer in the Falkland Islands and her current PhD research based in Australia.



You will notice that we have chosen to use one of Sarah's photos in our heading instead of our usual Nailsea scenery. This is to help create some awareness about what is happening away from the beautiful landscapes that we are used to seeing.

Open Meeting/AGM – Wednesday July 3rd

United Reform Church, Stockway North at 7.30pm

Our next Open Meeting will start with our AGM. The present committee offering themselves for re-election are:

Chair:	Sue Lomax
Vice Chair	Vacancy
Treasurer	Sandra Hearne
Secretary:	Anne Slade
Website and Signs administrator:	Colin Oliver
N.NHW Schemes administrator:	Tim Holman
Committee Members:	Nick Hastings Brenda Dashfield Pam Wakeling Richard West

As well as the vacancy for **Vice Chair**, we are also looking for someone to take on the management of our social media presence.

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 2nd. 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 2019/20

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 3rd or place in the nomination box at Nailsea Library. In order to register a vote, you will need to attend the AGM

NHW Stall: Farmers Market, Saturday 15th June

Your Committee is keen to increase the number of homes in Nailsea covered by the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and to raise our profile in the town. With this in mind we are manning a Stall at the monthly Farmer's market in Somerset Square/Collier's Walk on Saturday 15th June for people to gain more information about what we're all about. Do come along and support us, the more members the better!

Crime Report

You may have noticed a reduction in the number of local Police Alerts lately. This is due to the sudden unexpected retirement of the North Somerset NHW Police administrator at the end of March. This means a reduced service to NHW Schemes until a replacement has been recruited.

At the time of going to press the most up to date figures were for April 2019 and are as follows:

Assault occasioning actual bodily harm:	2
Breach of conditions of injunction against harassment:	6
Burglary – Residential:	3
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress:	1
Common assault and battery:	3
Depositing, causing the deposition or permitting the deposition treating, keeping or disposing of controlled (but not special) waste in or on land without a licence:	1
Fear or provocation of violence:	1
Having possession of a controlled drug:	1
Malicious Wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm:	1
Other Criminal Damage valued under £5000:	1
Other Criminal Damage to a vehicle valued under £5000:	4
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm:	1
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety:	2
Theft from a motor vehicle:	2
Theft from shops and stalls:	4
Theft from the person of another:	1
Theft if not classified elsewhere:	6
Theft of a pedal cycle:	2
Theft of mail bag or postal packet:	1
Use of threatening/abusive words/behaviour or disorderly behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress:	1

**If you have any queries, please email the Police at:
alerts@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 4th June:

Meet the Nailsea Policing Team at
Crown Glass Shopping Centre
10am – 12pm

Saturday 8th June:

Meet the Nailsea Policing Team at
Nailsea Skateboard Festival
12pm – 6pm

Wednesday 3rd July

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

Saturday 20th July:

Meet the Nailsea Policing Team at
Farmer's Market, Crown Glass
Shopping Centre
12pm – 6pm

Tuesday 20th August:

Meet the Nailsea Policing Team at
Crown Glass Shopping Centre
10am – 12pm

Delivery Scam

There have been reports of people receiving delivery notes appearing to be from Royal Mail or other couriers, saying they have tried to deliver a parcel and to call a phone number to arrange an alternative delivery date.

In the scam the number is a premium charge one and people have lost considerable amounts of money.

If you are expecting a delivery always check the phone number either from the company's website or use the phone book.

May Meeting Update

Ashley Jones on behalf of Senior Citizen Liaison Team gave a very interesting talk on 'Senior Safety' at our May Open meeting. Scams and fraud now make up a staggering 42% of the total crime (including robbery, drugs related crime and murder) reported in this country.

He recommended that we stick to the old adage of:

'If it looks too good to be true then it is more likely to be a scam'



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Telephone scams to be aware of

- Calls asking for money to renew your 'Telephone Preference Service Registration': This is actually a free service with no renewal charge and no need to update
- Calls from companies selling 'anti scam technology'
- Calls from 'charities' asking for donations to support scam victims
- Cold calls about pensions are now illegal but fraudsters are still making calls. If you receive one, report it to either the Information Commissioner's Office on 0303 123 1113 or online at ico.org.uk
- With mobile phones, never reply to spam messages, this includes messages asking you to text 'STOP' to cancel them. This will only let them know that your number is active. Only legitimate marketing and advertising sites text messages can be cancelled in this manner
- Forward any spam text messages (including the sender's number) to your Network provider so they can block it for you

Mobile phone spam report numbers:

- For EE, Vodafone, O2, T-Mobile, Orange use 7726
- For Three use 37726

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999: Emergency services

101: Non-emergency calls

0800 555 111: Crime Stoppers

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Resolution of the month

Set up a password with your utility companies that can be used when they send someone to your home. This way you know they are genuine

Please visit our website which is updated regularly and is useful to see which scams are currently circulating in our area: www.nailseanhw.org.uk