

Seasons Greetings from the Committee



It seems to have come round very quickly but we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. Please do come along to our Christmas Social on Wednesday 7th December, it promises to be a great evening.

Sue Lomax– **Chair**
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Around the schemes

Currently maintaining 160 funding schemes, including two new schemes at Cleeve Place and Christchurch Close, Sapphire Lodge - with another split scheme now being covered by the one co-ordinator . Five schemes are without a Co-ordinator (Contact Person): Clark Close, Cricklade Court, Heathfield Road/Heathfield Way (I understand that someone has volunteered for these two roads), North Street 3 and Wyatts Close (Hazelbury Road North now has a Co-ordinator and negotiations are in hand to take on Wyatts Close). Unfortunately, we have now 10 de-registered schemes, an increase of one as no volunteer came forward for St Agnes Close.

Christmas Social

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, STOCKWAY NORTH
Wednesday 7th December at 7:30 pm

This is the event that all members should not miss. There will be free refreshments, including home made mince pies. Everyone attending will enjoy free entry into our prize raffle with many seasonal prizes, bingo and lots more. ■



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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency
101 All non-emergency calls,
Nailsea Station
0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers

Web: nailseanhw.org.uk
Email: nailseanhw@gmail.com

October public meeting – our best turnout ever!

We had an outstanding turnout at our meeting this month, thank you so much to all who attended. Many thanks to our Chairwoman Sue Lomax who took her first meeting. We all had a brilliant time. We were treated to a talk from Garry Gowans on the “Stately Homes of Roman Britain” Thank you to Garry for coming to speak to us.

Garry talked about the development of villas in Roman Britain, mainly in the late third and fourth centuries AD. Not only were they buildings of great luxury - mosaic floors, fresco wall decoration and central heating as well as a bath complex - but they were also the economic engine room of Roman Britain, producing the full range of farm goods but also metal goods of iron and pewter, in the villa's workshops. Their produce went to the nearest town, usually about half a day's distance by cart.



Two of the villas described in detail were Fishbourne and Bignor in Sussex, the third being at Gatcombe between Wraxall and Long Ashton. Fishbourne is one of the largest villa complexes found outside Italy, covering 10 acres. During the excavation 60 mosaics were found, the most so far from Roman Britain. The archaeologists also excavated the formal garden at the centre of the complex and it has now been replanted based on the seeds found during excavation.

Bignor is just 10 miles from Fishbourne and is roughly half the size of that complex but still had some 60 rooms, and some beautiful mosaics. The site was excavated between 1811 and 1819 and the entrepreneurial owner published the site's first guide book in 1815 and it attracted many visitors especially from nearby seaside resorts.

Gatcombe, potentially one of Britain's finest villas, was destroyed by the building of the Bristol to Exeter railway in 1836. All that remained was excavated in the 1970's and a huge industrial complex was discovered, showing how important the villa was. The villa also had about 15,000 acres of farm land associated with it. The working population of the villa estate would have been about 500-600. The site was abandoned about AD 280.

Garry concluded his talk showing how the interior of Gatcombe Villa might have looked with mosaics, frescoes, gold and silver eating implements, cut glasses for imported wine, and even a Roman dinner menu.

In conclusion, Garry thought that the nearest historical equivalent to these luxurious villas were the stately homes built in the eighteenth century - some 1300 -1400 years later.

Contact Persons – subscription payments

While you are as always very welcome to pay your subscriptions in person at the Christmas social, you can also pay using online banking with details you should have received with your last newsletters. May we also take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to help your individual schemes run as well as they do. We couldn't do it without you.

Scams and Advice

Protect your contactless cards with a sleeve from Samuel Bird TV in Nailsea

The BBC 1's Rip Off Britain aired on 19 September and looked at the way a Contactless Payment Card could be scanned to steal a card number and expiry date by using a smartphone with a mobile app installed. It did not capture the cardholder name nor the three digit security number on the back but the information gained was used to make an internet purchase. Contactless Payment cards can be used for purchases up to £30 but if used fraudulently this figure could be much higher.

Contactless cards use Near Field Communication (NFC) to pass information based upon a technology called Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). A number of products can be used to protect these cards using an RFID shield and they can be in the form of a single sleeve for each card or one that is like an ordinary wallet that will hold bank notes or purse.

The programme went on to say that these single RFID sleeves could be purchased through Neighbourhood Watch schemes for £1 but didn't clearly point out that those NHW schemes are associated with the private company featured in the programme, not the National NHW we and the Avon and Somerset Police are associated with.

These RFID sleeves and wallets can be purchased from a number of outlets online but I recently bought sleeves at Samuel Bird TV in Nailsea High St for much less than £1. For more information you can contact Colin Oliver via email: colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk

Rise in Fraudulent TV Licensing emails

Fraudsters have been issuing fake TV Licence refund emails in a bid to steal victim bank account details with a number of potential victims reporting the scam email to Action Fraud this morning.

The scam email claims to offer a refund for over-payments of TV Licence fees, but states the victim's bank details need to be updated before the refund can be issued.

The email then links to a website designed to look like TV Licensing's own website with a form for victims to enter their details. In reality the website has been set up to look authentic but the form steal victim's bank details, giving the fraudsters the chance to steal the victim's savings.

TV Licensing will not contact you by email concerning refunds. If you've received an email claiming to be from TV Licensing, don't open any attachments or click links in the email's text.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

Mass Phishing Campaign Contains Malicious Attachments

Fraudsters are sending out a mass of constantly evolving phishing emails to personal and business email addresses that contain ransomware and banking Trojans.

The emails being sent are changing daily with subject headings such as: "Account report", "Equipment receipts", "Tax invoice" and "Your account has been closed". The emails include attachments that people are prompted to open for further information.

These attachments contain malicious content which downloads Locky ransomware, a strain of malware that encrypts and renames all your files on your computer and demands payment, or a Dridex banking Trojan which steals banking credentials and other sensitive information in order to obtain access to your financial records.

Having up-to-date virus protection is essential; however it will not always prevent you from becoming infected.

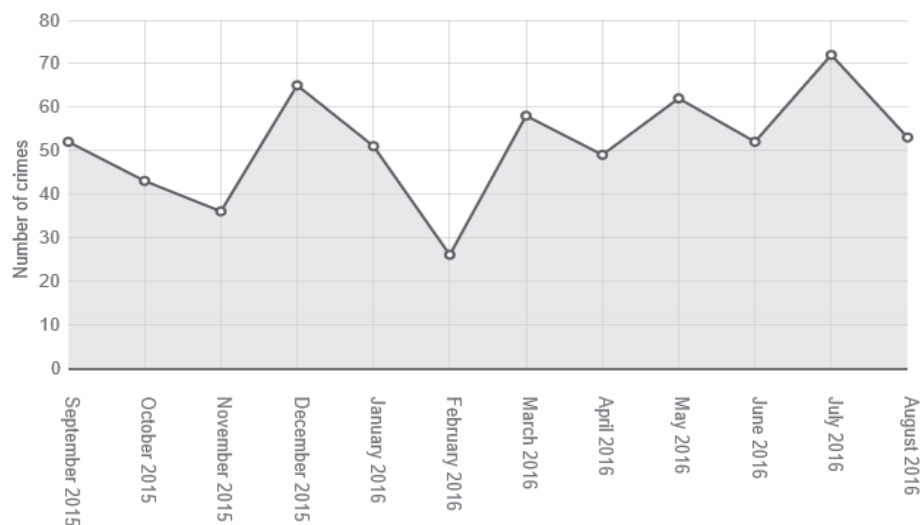
Don't click on links or open any attachments you receive in unsolicited emails or SMS messages. Remember that fraudsters can 'spoof' an email address to make it look like one used by someone you trust. If you are unsure, check the email header to identify the true source of communication.

Always install software updates as soon as they become available. Whether you are updating the operating system or an application, the update will often include fixes for critical security vulnerabilities.

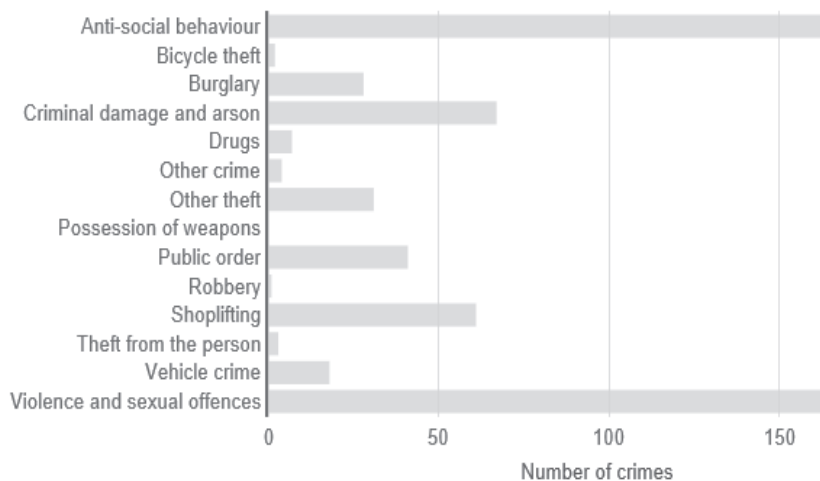
Create regular backups of your important files to an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider. It's important that the device you back up to isn't left connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that too. Always contact your bank if your banking info has been compromised.

CRIME FIGURES

Total crimes for the Nailsea area - Sept 2015 to Aug 2016



Crime types



Your local policing team



Constable Peter Rooke
(3494)



Sergeant Mark Raby
(2337)



PCSO Julie Berchall
(9779)



PCSO Kathy Holmes
(8062)



PCSO Andrew Gatenby
(7268)

Our local Police Team are unable to continue providing us with detailed crime analysis. The data we have collated and shown here is in a simplified form and provides an illustration of the crime trend over the past year.

*Data source: www.police.uk. * Includes all of Nailsea, West End and The Elms development.*

Keep in touch

While we will never abandon the traditional forms of communication we have been delighted with the response to our Facebook page. Thank you to all who have liked it.

For your diaries

WEDNESDAY 7th December 2016

Christmas Social

WEDNESDAY 4th March 2017

Peter Tinney

“Childhood Reflections—growing up on a farm.”

WEDNESDAY 3rd May 2017

Shirley Hobson

“Every boy should join the Navy”

WEDNESDAY 5th Jul 2017

AGM

Nailsea Police Station Opening Times

Mon-Fri 10:00am to 06:00pm
(closed for lunch 1:30pm to 2:15pm)

Weekends CLOSED

Bank Holidays CLOSED

Set up a scheme

We always welcome new schemes for form part of our Neighbourhood Watch. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more.

On the Beat

Will return in February's newsletter—this is due to staff holiday and an earlier than anticipated deadline for compilation of the newsletter.