



# WATCH IT

The newsletter for Nailsea's Neighbourhood Watch  
September 2019 edition



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## Crime Breakdown

The latest Crime Breakdown for Nailsea (covering June 2019) has not been included in this edition due to the size of the document. It can be accessed either from the Avon & Somerset Police website or from our website at [www.nailseanhw.org.uk](http://www.nailseanhw.org.uk). Please email us if you have any difficulties accessing the document and we will forward it on to you: [newsletter@nailseanhw.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@nailseanhw.org.uk)

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To comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), if you wish to receive Police Alerts and Newsletters, you **MUST** complete and return this slip before the end of December, otherwise your details will be deleted from our records.

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## Report from the Chair – July 2019

I would like to say a big thank you to the committee for their help and enthusiasm, without them the Watch would fail.

Thanks to Janet and Margaret for providing the refreshments. Our thanks to Marian Rowson and Dave Clarke for collating and distributing the Newsletters and the co-ordinators for delivering them. I think our Newsletter looks good and it's thanks to Gill and Tharshini for putting it together. As usual our website is a useful point of reference for police news, scams and meeting information.

We had a stall at the Farmers Market on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, to say the weather was unkind is an understatement, it was appalling! I have to say the stall looked excellent - sad that not many people saw it.



My biggest pleasure has been to see the numbers increasing at our meetings, it is great to get the support and it's lovely for our speakers to see a good gathering. The Police have attended our meetings when possible, also the crime rate in Nailsea stays relatively low.

I hope our meetings continue to be well attended, keep spreading the word. Thank you for your support and I hope Nailsea continues to thrive.

*Sue Lomax*

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## 2019 AGM – July 2019

Our last Open Meeting/AGM on July 3rd was well attended. Sue Lomax was re-elected as Chair along with all the other serving Committee members. However, the position of Vice Chair still remains vacant as it has been for the last year. This is causing increased pressure on the rest of the Committee and we really need someone new to take on this role. If you are interested, please contact Sue for more information at [nailseanhw@gmail.com](mailto:nailseanhw@gmail.com)

After the AGM there was an excellent talk by Ms Sarah Hearne on her role as a fisheries observer in the Falkland Islands.



## Dates for the Diary

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August:

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

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September:

'Emergency Service Day' at Nailsea Fire & Police Station.  
10am -16.00

A family day out and chance to meet your Emergency Service Team. Includes demonstrations

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Scams – Some points to remember

1. Bank staff and Police Officers will **never** ask you to move money to a safe account
2. Do not click on links or attachments in emails and texts you were not expecting
3. Do not assume a phone call or email is genuine even if they know your name and address. This type of information can be easily obtained by fraudsters
4. An offer of a free pension review from a company you don't normally deal with is quite likely to be a scam
5. Always check everything yourself, even if a friend or relative thinks it's all genuine. They may have been unwittingly scammed themselves

On social media, be careful about how much sensitive information you are sharing. Holiday photos tell a burglar that there is an empty property and photos of driving licences, passports, credit cards etc. may contain enough information for someone to steal your ID

## Schemes update

Bucklands Batch will now be de-registered as no one has come forward to take on the role of Co-ordinator.

We have also just heard that the Co-ordinator for 'The Duchy' which covers Truro Road, Fowey Close and St Austell Close is standing down. We are therefore looking for volunteers to take over this Scheme. It can be split into three separate schemes if necessary. If interested please contact Tim Holman:

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## Open Meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**United Reform Church, Stockway North at 7.30pm**

We look forward to seeing you all again at our next Open Meeting when Sarah Harris will be giving a talk on Pilot Gigs, tracing the evolution and use of the Cornish Pilot Gig, a beautiful 32 foot Clinker built working boat which was once lifeboat, smugglers accomplice and source of income for the men of the villages around the West Country Coast. Today these boats race in an exciting and fast-growing sport which is spreading far beyond the West Country.

## Resolution of the month: Smoke alarms

Three out of five home fire deaths result in properties without working smoke alarms. Make sure you are properly protected and set yourself reminders for the following:

- Once a month - Press the 'test' button on your alarm to make sure the battery is still charged and that the alarm is working
- Once a year – Change the battery (unless you have a 10-year alarm)
- Every 10 years – Replace the whole unit
- Every 3 months – Clean your smoke alarm using the soft brush of your vacuum cleaner to remove any excess dust or insects

## Vacancy: Newsletter Collator and Distributor

Firstly, we would like to thank Marion Rowson for all her work as a Newsletter Collator and Distributor this past year, it has been very much appreciated. David Clarke is continuing in the role but we need someone else who can help him on either a regular basis, or just when David is unavailable.

If you would like to apply for one or both of the roles please contact Sue Lomax for more details at [nailseanhw@gmail.com](mailto:nailseanhw@gmail.com)

## NHW Signs

If your scheme does not have any street signs or if you notice any damaged or old signs that need replacing, then please ask your Co-ordinators to contact Colin Oliver who can organise replacements [Colin.Oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk](mailto:Colin.Oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk)

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

**999: Emergency services**

**101: Non-emergency calls**

**0800 555 111: Crime Stoppers**

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