### Use it or lose it!

It was wonderful to see an increase in numbers at our AGM on 5th July. It would be great to keep these numbers up, otherwise it is not worth the committee time expended and trouble taken to book speakers.

We would love to see a great turnout for our meeting on October 4th, when our visiting speaker will be a serving police officer, Ashley Jones, talking to us about senior road safety.

Please do come and join us!

Please also note that subscriptions are now due – please pass your £1 subscription to your co-ordinator as soon as possible.

Many thanks!

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#### **DIARY WATCH 1**

ALL MEETINGS 7:30pm @ UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, STOCKWAY NORTH

#### **DIARY WATCH 2**

Guest speaker Ashley Jones will be talking about senior road safety on Wednesday 4th October. Please do come along for what promises to be an enjoyable evening. Free refreshments are provided and all members are welcome.

SEPTEMBER 2017 Nailsea



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0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers 01275 542713 Sue Lomax Website: nailseanhw.org.uk





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# NHW chair reflects on busy year & urges members to be vigilant

I would like to start my report by paying tribute to our committee member Trevor Lyons who died suddenly in January. Trevor was an active member of Nailsea NHW for many years and came into his own at our Christmas social.

Also I would like to thank the committee for their support. Colin Oliver who is treasurer and looks after the schemes and has been busy with other committee members putting up and replacing street signs. Thanks also to Jill & Geoff Collard for collating the newsletter, and Margaret & Janet for providing the refreshments. A big thank you to the co-ordinators for representing their schemes and also retired co-ordinators, without you the watch could not continue.

We don't see much of the police at our meetings which is a pity, it would be nice to be able to ask questions and raise any concerns.

They have now moved to the fire station in Pound Lane. The crime rate in Nailsea continues to be low, but we still need to be vigilant which is what the watch is all about.

Our website is useful as a single point of reference for police news, scams and meeting information. We try hard to find interesting speakers and have fun time at the Christmas social, so

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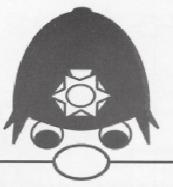
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it's very disappointing so few people turn up. I would ask that you tell neighbours/friends about the evenings, it would be lovely to see more people. We do advertise in the North Somerset Times and in our newsletter.

If anyone has anything interesting or articles they would like put in the newsletter please contact us or directly with Sarah Davies. I have quite enjoyed serving as chairman for this past year, my big hope for the coming year is low crime and huge attendance at our meetings.

Thank you for your support, I hope that Nailsea NHW will continue to thrive.

Sue



#### On the Beat

This edition, we wanted to talk about anti-social behaviour (ASB), as we understand the impact it can have on individuals and the wider community.

We've seen a slight rise in ASB in Nailsea recently
with issues in Millenium Park and
some of the other parks and open
spaces. Sergeant Pete Rooke said:
"ASB is committed by a wide-range
of people and ages. Young people often get
unwarranted and unfair bad press in relation to ASB
and we know the majority of young people in
Nailsea don't get involved.

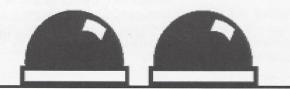
"However, recently we have seen some issues in the parks, which have involved teenagers. We are working with our partners including North Somerset Council and local schools, to both investigate recent incidents and prevent further issues. We have put a number of things in place, including increased patrols, which are proving effective."

We have also had a few occasions where multiple incidents of criminal damage have occurred as a result of one or two individuals.

Overnight between 23/24 June, 14 separate incidents of criminal damage occurred, which left two coaches, 12 cars, a telephone box and four fences damaged.

T/Sgt Rooke added: "This was just mindless vandalism and we won't tolerate it. We identified the suspects and are currently in the process of dealing with them."

Please let us know if you are a victim of ASB, you might not be the only person suffering from particular incidents, but we can only deal with the problem if you tell us what's happening.





You can report this via our website or by calling 101.
For those suffering on-going ASB, you can download a diary from our website that can help you record issues, and forms part of the evidence package we use to tackle any problems. Don't suffer in silence!

You can report crime, pass on information or find advice and help via our website

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk or via the 101 number.

You can also pop into the station. Yes – we have moved but we do have a Front Office at our new station, which is next to the Fire Station on Pound Lane. The opening hours are Monday – Friday 10am – 6pm.

To contact the Beat Team you can either call them via the 101 number or email them via the "In Your Area" section of the website.

For those of you who use social media you can find us on Facebook and you can follow on Twitter @ASPNSomerset

Another incident of note is a drugs warrant actioned in Nailsea last October.

Charles GODSELL was caught in possession of 75g of cocaine and a number of diazepam tablets

He was sentenced to 2yr suspended sentence and a 3 month curfew

In addition, under the Proceeds of Crime Act, he was also subject to a Confiscation Order for £2685 and ordered to pay Court Costs of £290.

Sgt Mark Raby from Nailsea Police Station said: "I firstly want to thank the communities and local businesses in and around Nailsea. We received an awful lot of intelligence regarding Mr Godsell suspected drug dealing. I hope this reassures residents that we do listen and we do take action.



#### **Houses of Parliament Trip**

"Just to say a big thank you to everyone who went along to London for a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

The coach left Nailsea at 7.30am and we arrived in London earlier than planned. Our driver very kindly took us on a short trip to show us some of the sights before our tour.

Afterwards we had some free time to explore the area before making our way home, arriving back in Nailsea at 7.15pm.

Thanks to everyone who came along and made the day enjoyable."

Geoff

#### **Around the Schemes**

We are delighted to have a new scheme in Meadway Avenue. We welcome Len Byford, Annette Murfin, Mark Groves, David Bradbury, Nicky Sheehan, Carol Edwards and Peter Sims as new scheme co-ordinators and would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for taking on the role. The watch couldn't exist without the time and effort put in by each and every one of you.

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Chair Sue Lomax and Ashley Jones who will be speaking at our next meeting

## Dear Diary WEDNESDAY 4th October

**2017**Ashley Jones
"Senior Road Safety"

#### WEDNESDAY 6th Dec 2017

Christmas Social

All meetings take place at United Reformed Church, Nailsea 7.30pm

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