

2016 AGM report

I would like to thank each and every one of our Contact Persons for representing their schemes, and also retired members for their support of Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch. There is much to be said for people to watch out for others acting suspiciously in their streets. We can no longer rely solely on the Police, not least because there are fewer of them, and with more housing planned for our town over the next few years it is even more important that we look out for each other and not leave vigilance to someone else. I have to say I have been disappointed with the support from the Police at these meetings this year, however with reductions in staff numbers it has not been a total surprise. It would have been nice to have regular crime updates and the opportunity for members to ask questions.

Nailsea continues to have a relatively low level of crime, however we all need to be extra careful in making sure all our assets and possessions are secure at all times. You will all know from the national news and our website that online crime is on the increase. Online scams are an increasing threat to our personal security, so be extra careful.

I do hope you have found our website useful as a single point of reference for Police news, Police messages, the latest scams, advice and meeting information.

Our last visit to the Houses of Parliament on 20th July last year was the second in recent years and was a great success enjoyed by everyone.

As always, my thanks go to the Committee for their valuable contributions during the year. Thanks also to Jill & Geoff Collard for collating the newsletters, and Margaret and Janet for providing the refreshments.

I hope all our members value these open meetings and they will continue to provide the opportunity for members to meet socially and enjoy interesting guest speakers. I would like to thank all of you here tonight, and our other members, for supporting them and the Christmas Social.

I have enjoyed serving on the Committee for the past 15 years and as Chairman for the past 9. I am now taking on new challenges, so I feel the time is right to stand down to make way for someone else to lead this Watch.

Thank you all once again for your support. I am confident that Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch will continue to thrive and play its part in keeping our town safe.

Always remember, Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch is run by the members for the members, and that is something you should all be proud of.

Thank you.

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DIARY WATCH

All meetings 7:30pm at UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, STOCKWAY NORTH

WEDNESDAY, 5th October

Guest speaker Gary Gowans will be joining us to talk about the Stately Homes of Roman Britain. Why not join many other members and have an enjoyable evening.

You will be very welcome.

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2016

Nailsea



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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency calls
101 Non-emergency calls, Nailsea Station

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Website: nailseanhw.org.uk
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Guest Speaker: Clifford White

Mr White was the Floor Manager with Antiques Roadshow for nearly 25 years, and began his talk with a brief rundown of the history of the programme. It was a successor to "Going for a Song", and the first show was recorded at Hereford Town Hall in May 1977. Arthur Negus was the main expert and the presenter was Angela Rippon. Three years later she was followed by Hugh Scully, then along came Michael Aspel, and now the programme is presented by Fiona Bruce.

In March 1983 Arthur Negus reached the age of 80 and retired. He was such an important and integral part of the programme that everyone thought it would not survive his departure but, of course, the show had become so popular that it has actually gone from strength to strength. Originally there were only eight programmes per series, whereas now there are 26!

In its nearly 40 year history, it has travelled all over the U.K. and has also been to many other parts of the World. One of Mr.

White's favourite trips was to Jamaica. Antiques Roadshow is an extremely popular programme on that island, so there was a very high attendance at the recording, although this may have been in part due to their assumption that the BBC would buy all the antiques they brought along!

Because of the popularity of the programme, the number of customers can range from an average of 2,000 - 3,000 to a high of over 5,000. Of course, this inevitably leads to queuing, which in some rare cases could be as long as five hours! But everyone is always eventually seen by an expert, and will then be given all possible information about their antiques, plus accurate valuations, whilst sitting alongside the charming, friendly and famous experts they regularly see on their TV screens.

The planning of each new series begins in November, when a small team of production staff start visiting about two dozen possible locations to look for a suitable venue. Then in early April the recordings begin and are done on an almost weekly basis. Five weeks before each programme the advertising in that location begins, when people are invited to send in full details of any large items of antique furniture. These are then assessed by a furniture expert and arrangements made for transportation of the items to the venue.

Recording week begins on the Monday when a scaffolding crew prepares the location for TV purposes. On Tuesday, the electricians set up and adjust hundreds of lamps, while the scene crew construct the Roadshow set. On Wednesday the main TV control vehicles arrive and the technical crews rig, test and get ready all the cameras and all the

sound equipment. Then a full facilities check is carried out, to make sure that everything has been set up perfectly. At 9.30am on Thursday the recordings of items will begin, and usually continue until approximately 7pm. Finally, on Friday, the venue is cleared in about 3 hours, the furniture is returned to the owners, and all the video tapes taken back to Bristol, where they will be edited down to the final hour-long version of the programme for transmission.

Organising the recording

schedule is the responsibility of the Recording Manager, who will liaise with the owner over any and every item that an expert wants to record for the programme. The customers will then be taken to a waiting room, while their antique is safely kept under lock and key, until it is time to go to the Make-Up department and then the microphone technician, before appearing in front of the cameras. With such a hectic schedule, mistakes can sometimes occur, as happened when one customer was wrongly brought together with an item he had never seen before!

After each interview, it is the responsibility of the Floor Manager to carefully organise recording a large number of close-ups of all the tiny details that an expert will have mentioned, with the continuity of movement and position of the object of the utmost importance, so that these can be correctly edited into the interview to perfectly illustrate the expert's fulsome description of the antique.

Mr White finished his talk by recalling one of the Roadshow's many major discoveries, describing how one young family from the Crawley area of Sussex were overjoyed to be informed that their fabulous collection of small silver trinkets from the 17th and 18th Centuries was worth about a quarter of a million pounds!



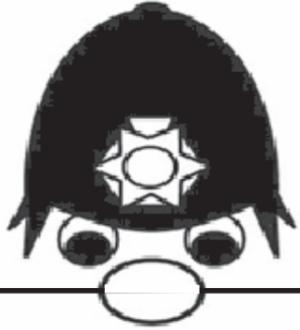
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On the Beat

We are experiencing a number of complaints recently reference anti- social behaviour in the area of the Grove Sports Centre playing fields. This involves groups of youths gathering on the summer evenings and causing noise and littering issues. To deal with this on the occasions that this happens we shall be looking to use Dispersal Powers provided to us by the Section 35 Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

This means we can attend the location with written authority for a specific area and that any person(s) we find there behaving in an anti-social manner shall be told to leave for a specific period.

This power can be used at any location where there is evidence of persistent anti-social behaviour.

As we are now in the busy summer months and when duties permit we are patrolling all the areas in Nailsea where we tend to traditionally have these problems and will be looking to use this Dispersal Power when appropriate.

PCSO Andy Gatenby



Crime Prevention Tip

With the autumn fast approaching please consider the following::

- Do not leave valuables or car keys by open windows and doors. Mark your valuables with your postcode
- Double lock your doors using the key and make sure your windows are closed even if you are just popping out.
- Do not leave garden tools, ladders etc easily accessible in your garden, make sure your shed is secure ■

THANK YOU

We send our sincere thanks to Peter Smith and Mike West, who both step down after many years of dedication to the Neighbourhood Watch.

Scam Corner

Fake British Gas Bills

Fraudsters are spamming out fake British Gas utility bill emails that link to a virus that takes over victims computers.

Action Fraud has received hundreds of reports of these emails cleverly designed to look like a seamlessly harmless utility bill. The emails entitled "Your summer gas & electricity bill" contain links that take people to a website where they are told to download a file in order to view their bill.

After downloading the file, the virus locks you out of your computer and then directs you to an online payment page. If you receive one of these emails do not click on any links. Instead, go to the British Gas website directly and log in from there.

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 any such attachment or link.

Additionally you should always update your Anti-Virus software and operating systems regularly.

iTunes Gift Cards Favoured by Fraudsters

Victims have handed over approximately £520k to fraudsters who have asked for payment using iTunes Gift Cards, since May 2016.

iTunes is an online media player developed by Apple and used to organise and access music, films and TV programmes. Apple offer iTunes Gift Cards for sale which can be redeemed on the iTunes Store and various other Apple services.

Over the past few months fraudsters have been tricking victims into buying iTunes Gift Cards and asking them to read out/send the serial code for payment in various types of fraud.

The fraudsters don't need the physical card to redeem the value and once the code is sent, the money is lost. There has been a total reported loss of approximately £520k since May 2016, highlighting a lack of awareness.

Here is what Apple say: "iTunes Gift Cards are solely for the purchase of goods and services on the iTunes Store and App Store. Should you receive a request for payment using iTunes Gift Cards outside of iTunes and the App Store please report it to Action Fraud".

Fake Text Messages Targeting Parents

Fraudsters are sending out distressing messages to parents in the hope that they will reply and send mobile phone top-up voucher codes.

Victims initially receive a text message from a loved-one which says they are in hospital and that the only way that they can make contact is via text message.

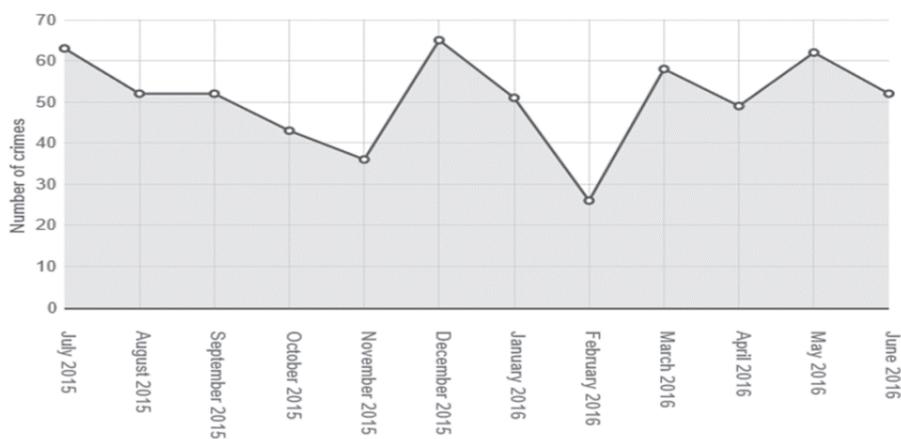
One example message reads: "Mum i did try and phone from some else phone signal is really bad, there has been a terrible car accident. I'm in the ICU ward in hospital my phone ain't switching on and needs charging. I'm on this mobile number please make sure you reply to this number, my friend didn't make it he died before we got to hospital and his sister's fighting for her life. Mum i had my seatbelt on, i've got a head injury but i'm ok. Going into Xray to be seen, please make sure you message me back and don't phone cause mobile phones aren't allowed here so please text in case I'm in there. I will go outside and phone you mum its really bad i need you to do me favour before it's too late, as soon as you get my text please reply by text i need you to do me a favour mum, time is running out and i need you to do something mum".

After responding to the message, the fraudsters ask victims to purchase a mobile phone top-up code and text it back to them. Once the fraudsters have the code, they can get the cash credited to their own mobile phone account.

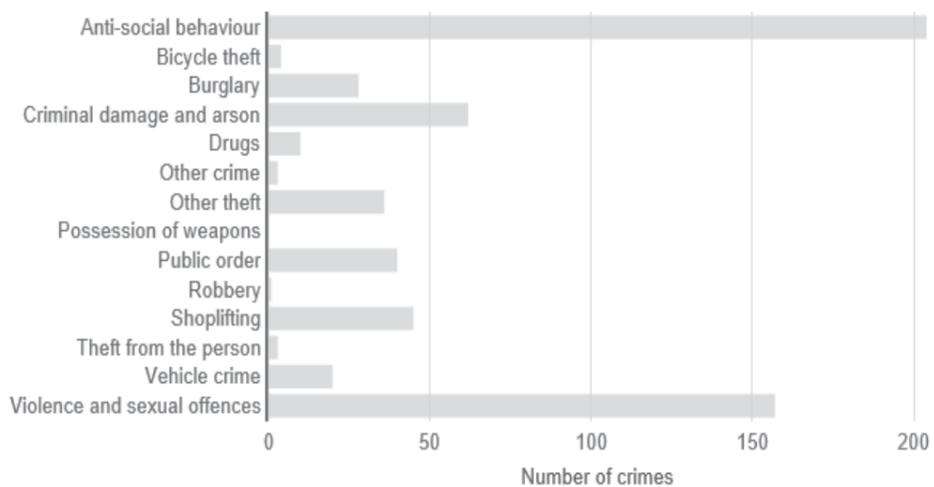
Source: Action Fraud

CRIME FIGURES

Total crimes for the Nailsea NHW area* (June 2015 to May 2016)



Crime types



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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.*

Around the schemes

Currently we have 160 funding schemes, including 4 schemes that are still without a Contact Person: namely, Hazelbury Road North (Nos 1-27 & Hazelbury Close); North Street 3; St Agnes Close; and Wyatts Close. We understand up to now Hazelbury Road & Wyatts Close have not come forward with a contact and will probably be de-registered, to join the list of 9 schemes previously deregistered.

Dear diary

WEDNESDAY 5th Oct 2016

Gary Gowans

The Stately Homes of Roman Britain

WEDNESDAY 7th Dec 2016

Christmas Social 7.30-9.30pm

WEDNESDAY 1st March 2017

Peter Tinney

"Childhood Reflections- Growing up on a Farm"

WEDNESDAY 3rd May 2017

Shirley Hobson

"Every boy should join the Navy"

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

KEEP HIM OUT !!



"Don't share your tools with me. Lock the ladder and spade in the garage rather than that old shed."

See our web site for details of all the latest scams and much more.
www.nailseanhw.org.uk