

SEAFORD AND BISHOPSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

"Promoting Good Citizenship, Neighbourliness and Crime Reduction"

Reg Charity No 295228



NEWSLETTER Autumn 2011

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DEVELOPMENT

The relaunch in the Central Area in the Spring has successfully brought in additional Members, and we now boast over 1000 addresses on our Membership List. We are now relaunching in the West and North Areas with this edition of the Newsletter, which means the whole of Seaford and Bishopstone has coverage again at last. Providing we have a good response from these new Areas, the next thing we will do is concentrate on building up the network of Road Co-ordinators and increase the membership numbers even more.

Whilst we aim to deliver the Autumn 2011 Newsletter to as many households as we can, we will also publish it in Seaford Scene for the benefit of those not yet receiving an individual copy.

AIMS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As described in our Constitution, the Aim of this Neighbourhood Watch Association is to make our Neighbourhood more secure and to make our community feel safer by working with Sussex Police and other partnership bodies.

As a consequence, our Objectives are:-

- To prevent crime.
- To assist the Police in detecting crime.
- To reduce the fear of crime.

- To improve police/community liaison.
- To increase community safety.

BENEFITS OF NHW MEMBERSHIP.

The benefits of Membership are as follows:-

- Your local area can be monitored by a Road Co-ordinator, leading to low crime rates.
- You will receive regular emails from NHW including Police Press releases and updates of local information.
- Improved local relations and a sense of Community Spirit.
- Peace of mind that neighbours, even if you don't know them, have the same values and also wish to see a crime-free area.
- A channel to report suspicious issues to the local Police and to receive information back from them.
- Reduction in Premiums on Home and Contents Insurance from most insurance companies.

POLICE PANEL MEETINGS

Our local Police arrange a Panel Meeting in each of the 5 Wards approximately 4 times a year and you are encouraged to attend your local ones if possible. They are able to discuss local issues with you and draw up an Action List of issues to be dealt with. We try and ensure there is a

Neighbourhood Watch Committee
Member in attendance.

The next few Meetings are as follows:-

South Ward	19 th October
East Ward	20 th October
North Ward	16 th November
Central Ward	7 th December
West Ward	22 nd September

Times and venues are included in the Police Press Releases, are displayed at the Police Station, No 37 Church Street, and on the Police website www.sussex.police.uk. Please check for up to date confirmation if you plan to attend, as sometimes the dates are changed due to operational commitments.

“NO COLD CALLING” ZONES

Currently there are a small number of “No Cold Calling” Zones within Seaford and Seaford Town Council is about to consult with the public to make the whole of the town a single Zone by erecting signage on each of the three roads leading into the town. NHW support the proposal and have pledged to make a donation towards the cost of the signage. We will keep you informed of the progress in this matter.

We should add that Bishopstone is already a “No Cold Calling” zone in its own right, due to it having just one access road which has the necessary signage erected.

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we take this opportunity to remind you that the annual renewal of NHW Subscriptions was due from March 2011 and a large number of Subscribers who joined the Association later in 2010, are now overdue in their 2011 Subscriptions. The Membership year runs from the AGM held in March, to the next AGM in 2012, and we have printed a Membership Form

at the end of this Newsletter for your use. Please do not hesitate to contact the Membership Secretary or send us an email to check your status if you are unsure if you have renewed or not.

ROAD CO-ORDINATORS/VOLUNTEERS

Road Co-ordinators are an essential part of the Neighbourhood Watch Association, in that they deliver these Newsletters door to door twice a year, but some also keep a wary eye and ear open for any suspicious activity in their vicinity. We have a number of vacancies in all areas, plus there are some roads that have never been covered by a Road Co-ordinator. If you would like to volunteer to fill a vacancy for this worthwhile cause, or are willing to just deliver the Newsletters, we would be very pleased to hear from you, and invite you to contact the Chairman. Our contact details are set out further on.

The following shows how NHW is organised:-

Committee (3 off + Area Co-ordinators)

- > Area Co-ordinators (5 off. North, West, South, East & Central)
- > Sector Co-ordinators (24 off – approx. 5 per Area)
- > Road Co-ordinators (Ideally one per Road/Location)

We would also be pleased to hear from anybody who would be willing to offer Admin support to the Committee Members and Area Co-ordinators.

EMAIL ADDRESSES.

We are building up a database of Members' email addresses, and we forward the Weekly Police Press Releases to members, together with other items of information concerning Casual Traders,

Cold Calling, Scams and other local issues as they arise.

We also receive feedback and information from members and pass this to the police for their action and follow up.

If you would like to be added to the Email Database and receive communications and the Police Press Releases from us, please enter your details on the Membership Form printed at the end of this Newsletter. Please note, we are covered by the Data Protection Act, and your details will only be used for passing Neighbourhood Watch information to you.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 999
Police Non Emergency 0845 60 70 999
Trading Standards (at Consumer Direct) 08454 04 05 06
Victim Support 0845 30 30 900
Crimestoppers (to report a crime anonymously) 0800 555111

Seaford Town Council 01323 894870

Lewes District Council 01273 471600

East Sussex County Council
0345 60 80 190

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

1. The Help Desk at the Police Station, No 37 Church Street. (10:00 to 14:00 hrs)

2. The Chairman, Mark Brown on 01323 893861 or mfmb946@o2.co.uk or S&BNHWA, 93 Princes Drive, Seaford. BN25 2QT

3. The Treasurer, Richard Bosworth on 01323 492506 or our email address sandbnhw@aol.com

4. The Membership Secretary, Martin French on 01323 873946

Many thanks. We trust you have found this Newsletter helpful and informative. Richard Bosworth, Treasurer.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2011/2012 (Covers period from the 2011 AGM in March to the 2012 AGM)

Title & Name :
Address :

Post Code : BN25

SUBSCRIPTIONS Cash Resident Family
(Please tick as appropriate) £3.00 or Senior Citizens Family
 Cheque £2.00

You may donate a larger amount if you wish to £.....

If you would like to be placed on the email register to receive Neighbourhood Watch information and Police Press Releases, etc, please provide your email address and telephone numbers below:- (Under the terms of the Data Protection Act your details will only be used for the purposes stated)

Email
Phone
Signed Date

Please return this form and your Subscription/Donation in a sealed envelope to the Treasurer, S&BNHWA, c/o Police Station, 37, Church Street, Seaford, or 14 Manor Road North, Seaford. BN25 3RB; or to your local Road Coordinator, or to the Chairman at 93 Princess Drive, Seaford. BN25 2QT. To save costs, we do not normally issue receipts, please enclose an SAE if you require one.



Many thanks. Mark Brown CHAIRMAN

