

Horspath Neighbourhood “Home” Watch Scheme

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Neighbourhood “Home” Watch Coordinators and Contacts.

Blenheim Road South
Blenheim Road North
Blenheim Way
Butts Road & Manor Drive.
Collcut Close
Church Road & Fords Close
College Way
Gidley Way East
Gidley Way West & Cuddesdon Road
Manor Farm Road
Oxford Road
Spring Lane & Blenheim Way
Wrightson Close

Scheme Organiser/Committee Chair Neville Buckett
Scheme Treasurer Linda Walker
Contact Hazel Wilkinson
Contact Martin Harris
Contact Bryan Mayling
Contact Sheila Dandridge
Coordinator Bob Gambles
Coordinator Wendy Dungey
Coordinator Paul Surman
Coordinator Angie Austen
Coordinator Mark Tasker
Coordinator Julie Gurden
Contact Pat Manttan.

With the improvements in Community Policing, the setting up of the Horspath Village Website and a member of the Parish Council on the Neighbourhood “Home” Watch Committee. It has been decided that an Annual General Meeting as a means of communication to the members has become superfluous. The turnout to meetings in recent years has been no more than 40 members at its best. We are now thanks to modern technology able to communicate with more members more immediately by email and the Village Website and Notice Boards. When a serious issue needs to be communicated extra notices can be posted around the Village.

The Committee will continue as before meeting as and when necessary only calling a general meeting in extraordinary circumstances or at the request of 25 or more members to the NHW Horspath Organiser/Coordinator who will submit the request to the NHW Committee for approval.

I would like to encourage residents/members to join my e-mail Group and receive Police messages and items of news that become available from various sources. Anyone wishing to join that group and receive police alerts and news of Village incidents can join the group by e mailing nevbjp2@googlemail.com. The Parish Council website has gone from strength to strength the webmaster Heather Palmer a member of the Parish Council has done a wonderful job and I recommend members go online and check it out on a regular basis. Neighbourhood Watch is prominently displayed on the website. All messages circulated to the N Watch Email Group are put on the Village website by Heather. The NHW Committee is grateful to the Parish Council for its continued support of Horspath Neighbourhood “Home” Watch. NB : - Anyone who does not own a PC can get free internet access at any of the County Councils Libraries including Wheatley.

In closing I would like to reiterate what I said last year, Horspath is an oasis of rural tranquility compared to some of the nearby Oxford suburbs. We should all play our part in any way we can to preserve and protect our precious and very special surrounding. The results of a recent questionnaire/survey of Villages in South Oxon showed that concerns in Horspath were mainly about speeding cars and inconsiderate parking all items that the Parish Council are aware of and trying to do something about.

The Horspath Neighbourhood (Home) Watch Scheme is supported and encouraged by the Parish Council

My thanks to Committee Colleagues and Area Contacts. **Neville Buckett** Organiser/Coordinator