

WATCH OVER WOKING



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Message from your Chairman

I am delighted to tell you that the new Police and Crime Commissioner David Munro (seen above with Chief Constable Nick Ephgrave) has accepted my invitation to come and speak to us about the path he wants Surrey Police to take, and to hear directly from Coordinators. I believe Woking may well be his first public port of call in his 4 year term of office.

He will of course discuss with us how our movement can help improve community safety and well-being. I am also inviting Helen Hartley from Surrey Police to come and speak: Helen has the role of building up the network of volunteers (one of whom Stephen Dew is now a WAN Committee member). Helen is busy recruiting 11 Community Engagement Volunteers who would provide the main local contact point in each borough between the police and ourselves (as well as Country Watch, Pub Watch etc). You may have seen this message on ACS recently. Please consider this opportunity yourself.

Our September meeting will be along the lines of the successful February meeting and so will be on a Saturday afternoon, namely 24th September from 2pm till 4pm, at the Goldwater Lodge on Goldsworth Park. We will invite other Borough NHW officers to join us, as last time.

Looking ahead, we will arrange another high profile event next February and plan our AGM in May, and I promise to give you these dates at the September meeting so that you can diarise them.

I hope to see you there.

Tony Kremer, Chair

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF TECHNOLOGY AND AVOIDING THE PITFALLS

We had very good feedback from Coordinators on Martin Stilwell's session on how to avoid being a victim of hacking. He has added some notes to his slides and published on our website as a pdf: www.windowonwoking.org.uk/sites/wan/Newsletter/Internetadvice.pdf.

I hope to arrange a session at the Coordinators' meeting in February which will deepen and broaden our advice to you on being safe on-line. I have approached an excellent speaker but he has yet to confirm.

At the same meeting I want to share advice specifically on how you can get the most out of the resources available on-line. This includes the national NHW website OurWatch.org, the police.uk website, Trading Standards and Cybersafe Surrey.

By that time we plan to have our WAN website completely redesigned and we will want to show you it and ask for feedback. We need to understand what you need to see there.

I hope to have a number of computers standing by so that we can actually give you hands-on experience if you would like to be shown what to do. You might like to bring your own laptop too.

IN THE KNOW

As you are hearing the Police have struggled getting the new system Intheknow.info up and running and they are effectively already 2 months late. Even then training has fallen behind schedule so the dreadful dearth of Police messages won't be over for some time after the technology is working. They cannot even to get crime information out of their Niche crime management system onto the messaging system!

Indeed, I have written to the PCC asking him to take urgent action to put the project back on track.

But the transition from the old system is going to happen, so please do register yourself and your watch as soon as possible. Remember we advise Coordinators to NOT sign up to [Intheknow](http://Intheknow.info) directly but to sign up on ourwatch.org which allows you to map your watch - use a PC or laptop to do this, not a tablet or phone. Your details will be passed through automatically. For advice ask Martin on wansec@wanw.org.uk.

PIYN UP AND RUNNING

The new Police organisation structure known as Policing In Your Neighbourhood (PIYN) has been operational since April. Any experiences, good or not so good, we would like to hear about. We will pass these on to our new contact at the Police, Sgt Emmie Harris, who I hope you can meet on September 24th.

HATE CRIME NOW A WOKING PRIORITY

Even before the Referendum vote stirred up some people to shout abuse at their neighbours of a different colour, Woking had decided to make Hate Crime a special focus of attention this year. Congratulations to Inspector Nolan Heather and Camilla Edmiston at the Council for their foresight.

Please do not let any instance you witness pass by unreported on 101, and try to get as much detail of who said what to whom, where, and when in your report. This will help the Police understand the patterns emerging and to identify the small number of individuals who need speaking to. Amongst these could be future violent trouble-makers who can be "helped" before they tip over from bad to worse. Please don't intervene - unless it is a family member who has come under the wrong kind of influence.

JUNIOR CITIZENS COURSE

Can you spend several days next March helping Woking run its day course for Year 6 school students called Junior Citizens? We have said we will support this and try to recruit some of the 20 or so volunteers needed. More details from me on chair@WANW.org.uk.

AGM - EXCELLENT AGENDA BUT POOR TURN-OUT

The Minutes and Chair's Report are now available on our website <[here](#)>.

The excellent talk by Trading Standards on their work to counter door-to-door con artists cannot be conveyed easily in this way as she was such a good communicator face to face, but her slides are there too >> <http://www.windowonwoking.org.uk/sites/wan/Newsletter/DoorstepCrime.pdf>.

Martin's slides on avoiding being hacked can also be found there >>

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Unfortunately we again had a poor turn-out. We get about a third of the number of Coordinators that Surrey Heath do for their AGM and, believe me, our sessions are as good or even better. We will keep trying though.

Please do come and share the information you gain with your watch. If you cannot come to a Meeting - there are only 3 a year - please ask if anyone in your watch can come in your place, and that way we get make sure everyone gets to hear the messages we share with Coordinators. We'll keep trying!

Area Coordinator contact details

We hope to recruit an experienced coordinator in all 8 areas in Woking, but as you can see we still have a few vacancies:

Byfleet, West Byfleet, Pyrford	Angela Williams	ByfleetAC@wanw.org.uk
Horsell & Goldsworth Park	Alan Taylor	horsell_area_coordinator@wanw.org.uk
Town Centre	Martin Stilwell	Wansec@wanw.org.uk
Old Woking, Barnsbury, Kingfield & Westfield	Derek Bartholomew	old_woking_area_coordinator@wanw.org.uk
Mount Hermon, St Johns, Hook Heath, Mayford & Sutton Green	Vacancy	
Sheerwater	Vacancy	
Maybury	Vacancy	
St Johns, Knaphill, Brookwood	Vacancy	

News from the neighbourhood Police teams

Please go to the Woking Police web page for news regarding your local area.

Byfleet, West Byfleet, Pyrford:	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/byfleet-west-byfleet-pyrford/
Horsell & Goldsworth Park	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/goldsworth-park-horsell/
Town Centre	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/woking-town/
Old Woking, Barnsbury, Kingfield, Westfield, Mayford, & Sutton Green	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/old-woking/
Sheerwater	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/sheerwater/
Maybury	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/maybury/
Mount Hermon, St Johns, Hook Heath, Mayford & Sutton Green	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/mount-hermon-st-johns-hook-heath-mayford-sutton-green/
Knaphill, Brookwood	http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/knaphill-brookwood/

Call 101 for all non-emergency policing matters or **report online** at www.surrey.police.uk.

Call 999 if you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police (e.g. a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger)

Call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 if you have information about a crime and don't want to leave your name.