

Report for Clifton NHW 2014/2015

The year has seen the departure of the long standing chair, as David resigned due to personal reasons outside his control. David will be missed, and it was typical of his endeavours on behalf of the NHW how hard he worked to find someone to take the group forwards.

The new chair is Graham Hill who has lived in the village for well over 25 years and was an early member of the NHW until his work commitments took him out of the country for significant periods of time.

The group has worked closely with our PCSO and the Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhoods Team, and through their excellent work we have seen the number of incidents decline to a handful of reported incidents over the last 3 month period. The reduction of reported incidents has had a knock on effect to the meetings. No longer is the meeting concerned largely with the reported crimes and follow up actions, to the extent that we are now trying to arrange for a speaker for every meeting.

Our last 3 meetings had the following speakers:

Chris – from the NHW group has analysed the reported incidents and looked for potential patterns, etc. We will keep up this analysis to see if there any “root causes” of incidents in the village, such as “Time of Year; location; Time of Day, etc.

Guideposts kindly provided a speaker who sparked a lively meeting and wide ranging discussion about the support that is available in Warwickshire for carers themselves and the country wide “benefits” that are available for the carers, and for those they care for.

Our last meeting was addressed by a lady from the NHS who spoke about the changes that are happening within the NHS; the “new” 111 number – which is being promoted for all “out of hours” issues, that are not thought to be “999” emergencies. It was emphasised that the call would be escalated to a “999” call if appropriate, and at least one member of the group had experienced this. Inevitably the discussion led to the nurse led walk in centre at St Cross, and the transfer of the “full” A&E to “Walsgrave”. Unfortunately, Carla (the NHS lady) does not have the required “magic wand” to resolve all these issues – although she did say she would like to 😊. Finally, Carla explained how we could all help the local GP Practices by volunteering to join the local “Patients Association” (there are many Practice specific names for these in Rugby). As volunteers you can help your Practice by bringing in new ideas and a different perspective – I am part of the Central Surgery

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Patients Association and have seen a number of significant improvements introduced as a result of these quarterly meetings.

Dates of all meetings for 2015 - all meetings start at 8pm in the Townsend Memorial Hall.

- 22nd April;
- 22nd July
- 4th November

The theme of the April evening is “marking and protecting” your property.

We have been promised a full “Police Presence” to show the various physical and on-line ways of marking your property – and so helping the police get it back to you if the worst happens.

The evening will also explain the re-launch of the NHW across Warwickshire.

It should be a good evening, AND, as a SPECIAL OFFER you will have the opportunity to buy your own vial of “Smart Water” which has its own DNA unique to you. This will be at a one off charge of £15, instead of the normal cost of approx. £50 PLUS an on-going annual charge.

Please tell your friends and neighbours, this is a genuine SPECIAL OFFER.

Introduction to the Group

The group works closely with the Neighbourhood Police to reduce the number of crimes perpetrated in the village. The success of this can be seen every meeting as the “crime report” becomes ever shorter. This is a result of both the innovative policing techniques used in Rugby, and the community spirit in the village which encourages issues to be reported, and solutions found.

New members are always welcomed - or just pop in to see what is going on.

How to Contact the Group

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