

# Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



## Newsletter Summer

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Patron James Brokenshire shaking hands with our re-elected Chairman Ray Hudson.

### James Brokenshire becomes BBNWA Patron

At our AGM on Friday the 10th June 2011, the MP for Old Bexley & Sidcup James Brokenshire agreed to be Patron of BBNWA- (Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association)

James who up to recently was The Minister for "Crime Prevention" but has now been moved to become The Minister for "Counter Terrorism & Security".

We are so pleased to have James as our Patron; he is a firm supporter of NW and wants to be part of our growth as we continue to expand in the borough and work hard to keep Bexley as one of the safest boroughs in London.

### A Message from your re-elected Chairman-

I can report that we had a successful AGM and with a reasonable turnout of over 70, I would like to thank all those coordinators, PC's, PCSO's and other members who turned out on a Friday night.

With the governments push for "The Big Society" and their recognition that the many volunteers like yourselves are important to the country. Suddenly organisations such as ours are receiving much more support and recognition, whilst this is great in that it means that we have a lot more work to do in the future as we attempt to attract many more watches and be involved in working more closely with other organisations including Bexley Council, BCPEG and of course The Police.

I mentioned in our last newsletter that we had taken steps to increase the profile of NW and that we had met with the Boroughs 3 elected MP's

Please see article further in newsletter that gives you information about the last of our meetings this time with our elected MPA James Cleverly

and The Borough Commander Chief Superintendent David Stringer.

### AGM-Election Results



**Election Results are listed below;-**

#### Officers

Ray Hudson-Chairman  
Dave Dawson-Treasurer  
Dana Wiffen-Vice Chairman  
(Communications Officer & Newsletter Editor)  
Claire Tack-Secretary

#### Members

Ray Darsey  
Grant Murrell  
Stewart Bartle  
Pam Bartle  
Violaine Therond  
Kevin Wilkinson  
Tony Alcorn  
Ginny Hyland

**We have Shed alarms to give away. Email [bexwatch-office@btconnect.com](mailto:bexwatch-office@btconnect.com) with SHED in the subject/title line.**

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### The Crescent Fun Day

The Crescent Resident's Fun Day took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm till 5pm at The Crescent, Sidcup (Longlands Ward). Organised by local residents and the Estate management team-Mount Green Housing Association. It was attended by over 250 residents as well as friends and family. Bexley's Mayor and Mayoress Ray and Diane Sams officially opened the event. BBNWA were invited to attend by the organisers with the view to set-up several new Watches on the estate. Our Neighbourhood Watch Stand was manned by 5 Committee members offering advice on crime prevention and the benefits of joining NW. The highlights of the day were a hog roast, the Fire Brigade and the Mayor agreeing to have his face 'cammed up' by the army cadets for charity. The Met police were in attendance as were the Library Service, there was also a demonstration by a martial art group, and the event was free to all residents.

Following a later meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June with residents & the MGHA-management representatives and NW plans are progressing to set up a watch for the estate.

### Strategic Plan 2011/12

Copies of our strategic plan are available upon request

### Has your Road got a Residents Association?

If your road has a Residents Association and no Neighbourhood Watch, this is a good time to contact us to help you set one up.

### Meeting with James Cleverly & Borough Police Commander



Left to right-James Cleverly, Commander Stringer discuss the future with Claire Tack, Ray Hudson, Dave Dawson and Dana Wiffen (are both out of picture)

Just before our AGM we had a very positive meeting with our GLA elected representative James Cleverly (see photo)

together with our new Borough Commander-Chief Superintendent David Stringer.

It was decided to test a closer relationship by running a pilot scheme in Barnehurst for 3 months. PCSO's will liaise with Watch Coordinators to find out ward priorities and results will be monitored and if successful the scheme will be expanded. NW could also be involved in training SNT's in the future.

### WATCH & SNT of the month

#### Our nominate d Watch is:- **HARCOURT AVENUE**

Established for 25 years and now successfully run by Coordinator Alan Dunmall and Deputy Kevin Patnell covering 185 homes.

#### Our Nominated SNT is:- **CHRISTCHURCH**

A very busy team is working in the Broadway and surrounding area with PCSO Jade Caulfield working pro-active for NW.

### WELL DONE & THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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### BBNWA & BCPEG working together

At a recent meeting between BBNWA and BCPEG it was decided that we would look at ways of working more closely together, there are plans to hold a joint meeting in the late autumn and ask both Boris Johnson and James Cleverly to attend.

We are putting together a joint strategy and will share some meetings and look at ways to increase both organisations profiles.

### BCPEG-Meetings

**19th September 2011 Upper hall, Bexleyheath School, Woolwich Road, Bexleyheath DA6 7DA.** Territorial Support Group Workshop "The Situation has Changed" Come and experience the policing of a public demonstration – make your own group decisions.

**21st November 2011 Civic Centre, Broadway, Bexleyheath DA6 7LB.** Hear from those who have responsibility for your safety in Bexley.



### London-NW- New Website goes live.

The new, LNWA website was officially launched on 27 April at Battersea Park Children's Zoo in the presence of Baroness Newlove, officials of London Neighbourhood Watch Association and a number of guests from the London Boroughs,(see above photo) the Metropolitan Police and the City of London Police. A short item appeared in that day's later editions of the Evening Standard. The new website, with additional features, including a link to the Neighbourhood & Home Watch website's "Find a Local Watch" which enables all our members to plot their Watch on a National Watch database without identifying themselves, can be found at: [www.lnwa.net](http://www.lnwa.net)

### The Watch On-Line-A

couple of guys have got together to create a social networking tool as Erith Watch. This works with the local neighbourhood watch and local police to monitor, report and act

against crime. Check it out on;-<http://erithwatch.ning.com>

Visit our website-  
[www.bexleywatch.org.uk](http://www.bexleywatch.org.uk)

### ARE YOU HEARING FROM US?

-If you have not heard from us for a while please telephone or email us and we will check we have your correct details on file.

We are trying to keep in touch with all our coordinators and deputies a more regular newsletter is one way, but emails and a telephone call from us is now our way of ensuring all our hard working supporters are supported fully by central office.

### Neighbourhood Watch Strategy Session-Weds

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2011-**A joint meeting including members of NW, CPEG, BCSP and The Police discussed ways of us going forward and how we can attract and keep new watches in the borough as well as working more closely together..

The workgroups came up with many ideas some old, some new, but the main message was communicate, and communicate, we are happy for you to give us your views on this please?