

# Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



## Newsletter Summer-2

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BBNWA Patron James Brokenshire talking with our Treasurer Dave Dawson.

### A Message from your Chairman-

After our successful AGM which was sealed with James Brokenshire-MP becoming our patron, I can confirm that your committee has been very busy. Whilst we look to expand our total number of watches it is essential we keep in touch with all our hardworking coordinators. We are trying to ensure all our information is up to date. If you know another coordinator who is not receiving our newsletter either by email or post,

please ask them to contact us. Our aim is to expand but also to ensure all our current coordinators are made to feel that they are a valuable part of Bexley NW.

### Smartwater-Have you got yours yet?



**We still have a relatively low percentage uptake on this excellent product.**

In case you are unaware of what this product does, when applied it marks your valuables/products with an exclusive code, this can be traced back to your address once you have completed the registration card and sent back to the manufacturer. If you have

anything stolen that has been marked and the police retrieve it, they can confirm with an ultra-violet light whether the product is marked and then trace the owner, thus reuniting you with the stolen items. This product also gives you a window display label which will confirm that your property is protected, and this will deter burglars from your home, car etc. Some insurers will also give an additional small discount if you confirm you have purchased and marked your valuables. **To order yours or for further information please contact our office on 020 8284 5537.**

### Neighbourhood Watch- “at the Heart of the Big Society” Conference-on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011

With the government's push for “The Big Society” and their recognition that the many volunteers like yourselves are important to the country.

Wandsworth Community Safety Trust held a Big Society

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Conference at The Pump House in Battersea Park. Speakers included Baroness Angela Browning who is now the Minister for Crime Prevention, and the Deputy/Asst Commissioner for the London Fire Brigade-Tim Chidgey.

In attendance from BBNWA was Ginny Hyland and Dana Wiffen and it was pleasing to see that we were "on board" with nearly all of the items discussed with the exception of NHS & Fire Brigade training, which in Wandsworth was given to NW-Volunteers for possible medical & flooding emergencies. These are areas that we can look into in the future.

### Borough Commander



Our Borough Commander Chief Superintendent David Stringer (Centre) seen with our GLA representative James Cleverly and BBNWA Secretary Claire Tack.

Following discussions our Borough Commander has assured us of stronger police support and it was agreed that NW will be given a section of "The Police Page" in the Newshopper newspaper in the future.

His support and the continued close cooperation with The Police and the SNT's is an essential part of our expansion in the borough.

### WATCH & SNT of the month Our nominate d Watch is;- **MANOR ROAD (North End)**

Erith Watch (the umbrella name for the Neighbourhood Watch group) covers the area of Manor Road, Appold Street, Crescent Road, Aveley Close, Aperfield Road, Springhead Road and Britannia Crescent in Erith. They are one of the largest watches in the London Borough of Bexley, with a little over 340 households involved. They have an active website which you can see on .

<http://erithwatch.ning.com/>

Erith Watch was started in September 2009 by **Hugh Neal** & deputy **Mark Smallcorn**, in

collaboration with the North End Safer Neighbourhood Police team, and has been instrumental in deterring and solving a number of local crimes, including metal theft, car arson, anti social behaviour, door to door fraud, and one serious incident of racial abuse. Bexleyheath CID praised them for their innovative use of "intelligence led" investigation and detection.

Therefore in recognising this watch we could not fail to also include, the following SNT as our team of the month.

### Our Nominated SNT is:-

**NORTH END** Team Liaison PCSO **Mark Pigott** has been a PCSO for 7 years. The rest of the SNT are **PCSO-Muriel Edwards**, **PCSO-Glen Singer**, **PC-Marc Smith** & **PC-Dave Bradley**, not forgetting **Sgt Rob Jobson**.

**WELL DONE & THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

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### NW STREET SIGNS



**Are your signs clear and visible?** Do you need new or replacement signage? Please let us know. **Tony Alcorn** who is our long standing and hard working BBNWA committee member will come along to put up new signs for your road.



Above older signs that might need replacing, remember you and all your residents could receive up to 15% discount from your home insurers if you confirm you are in an active watch area.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR INSURER REFUSES TO GIVE ANY DISCOUNT.**

### BREAKING NEWS



The photo above shows the Police office in Erith Town Centre; Some very last minute news has come to our attention that finally on 18<sup>th</sup> July **North End SNT** moved into a new office. This office was built a couple of years ago, but just before its' original scheduled opening date, it was decided by the "powers that be" that instead of housing just the one team it would be expanded and modified to house Colyers & Northumberland Heath teams too. For various planning and budgetary reasons it has taken well over a year to get the move approved and in action. The Erith SNT will remain at it's base in West Street,

### NEW POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

**LAUNCHED Dial-101** Is to be the non-emergency 24/7 number. This has been introduced because 75% of calls to 999 are not real emergency calls, and it is hoped that this will help the police prioritise.

**Bexley CPEG** held their AGM in June and Joyce Sutherland, John Perkins and Richard Mann were all re-elected as Chair, Treasurer and Vice Chair respectively. Borough Commander Dave Stringer shared his thoughts on the excellence of the low crime figures for Bexley Borough, one of the safest in London. The work of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams will continue even though the spending review suggests that there will be less sergeants in the teams but more officers in the Safer Transport Teams. Bexley also have the most productive volunteer police establishment in the Met, the specials police Bexleyheath Town Centre. The fear of crime however seems greater in the quietest wards south of the borough. 51% of Bexley residents are happy that the police do a good job in Bexley,