

# Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



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Ray Hudson, Dave Dawson and Dana Wiffen tour the CORY plant.

**A Message from your Chairman-After several weeks of discussion we are pleased to announce that BBNWA have secured a sponsorship deal with CORY RIVERSIDE for the next 2 years.** Myself, Dave Dawson and Dana Wiffen visited Cory's riverside plant at Erith and the photo above shows us being shown around Cory's control centre at the plant.

Any doubts about making a deal with Cory's were quickly dispersed as we toured the facility and were informed of the safety procedures and how the plant worked. We hope to arrange a visit of those committee members and coordinators that may wish to see the intricate and sophisticated way in which this modern incinerator plant works in the near future. (below is aerial photo of plant)



### **NW-RECRUITMENT DRIVE-CAN YOU HELP?**

BBNWA is having a recruitment drive, this is to be held at the Civic Offices (Public Gallery Section) in Bexleyheath on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 8pm, all Co-ordinators and deputies are invited to come along for tea

biscuits/cakes and speak to their committee members also we may need your help in recruiting new watches.

This is to be advertised by a borough wide leaflet drop and by newspaper advertising; our aim is to increase our watch percentage from 22% to 70%.

Your experience and attendance for a part of the mentioned time slot would be greatly appreciated in addition we would also like to take the time to thank you for your hard work during 2011.



**London Riots-**Everyone will have seen the recent awful riots, Bexley have been relatively unscathed with a few minor incidents in Welling and Bexleyheath, and elsewhere areas have not been so lucky.



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The photo shows the damage done in Woolwich which was absolutely trashed. The Wetherspoon's pub in General Gordon Square is so badly damaged that it is almost certainly going to have to be demolished. It is a 1930's structure that survived the Blitz, but the heat of the fire has damaged the reinforced concrete to the point where the structure has lost its integrity.

This sort of mindless destruction and looting that took place across London and in other parts of the country just goes to show that a section of society have little respect for anything in this country, hard working people have lost or had damaged their workplace and many more have lost their homes. For too long now this country has been a soft touch and many young offenders are not bothered about being caught as they believe that they will get off or only get a minor sentence.

Hopefully as the government is talking tough, with calls for

ZERO Tolerance, if they back it up with action it should deter such future behaviour.

We all know though that a long term solution is needed and there is a strong case for some sort of "National Service" to be brought in for anyone behaving like a thug. Whether it is as in the recent attacks on society, or the usual Friday/Saturday night drink related thuggish behaviour that our police have to deal with week in week out in virtually every town centre in this Country. The fear of crime is already high in this Borough and these riots will not have helped alleviate these fears.

If there is a positive side to come out of this it is the fact that community's have come together as in Clapham and other areas, where they all got together to clean up their streets and in Eltham Well Hall where residents and shop keepers together patrolled their area to prevent such attacks. This is the sort of community spirit that we at Neighbourhood Watch have with our many watches in the Borough. If you would like to set up a Watch for

your road please give us a ring and we will meet with you to discuss how to set up and operate a Watch in your area.

### WATCH & SNT of the month Our Nominated Watch is:- NORTHUMBERLAND WAY & PEARTREE CLOSE NW

They cover 128 houses and were established in 2001. With 10 committee members including a deputy chairman, secretary and treasurer, they are chaired by our very own Claire Tack. They charge £1.50 annual-membership fee and provide quarterly newsletters and crime prevention leaflets. Their website is on:-  
[www.nwptc.co.uk](http://www.nwptc.co.uk)

### Our Nominated SNT is:-

COLYERS Team Liaison PCSO **Nektar Pazinas** has been a PCSO for 7 years. The rest of the SNT are PCSO-**Delores Reid**, PCSO-**Charlie Sanwell**, PC-**Mohammed Bangura** & PC-**Amelia Hawkins**, not forgetting Sgt **Glenn Turner**. WELL DONE & A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



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### THE MAYOR COMES TO TOWN

Billed as "Talk London" The Mayor of London Boris Johnson was again in Bexleyheath, this time at Bexleyheath School on the 21<sup>st</sup> July, with a "ticket in advance" audience and a panel made up of Bromley & Bexley MPA James Cleverly (Chairman) and with additional panel members including Ray Lewis- "The Mayor's Mentoring Ambassador"\*\*\*\* Teresa O'Neil- "Leader of Bexley Council" & Garcharan Singh Dhesi-MBE- "Special Constable-LB Bexley" \*\*\*. (\*\*\*) see below for more information)

**Gurcharan Singh Dhesi**-The longest serving Asian Special Constable in the Metropolitan Police Service is receiving a MBE in June's Birthday Honours after 38 years of service. Gurcharan Singh Dhesi, who is 61, joined the Met in 1973. The proud father-of-three, who works with young people and the community in Bexley, said: "I am so happy to get this award. I have spent more than half my life at the Met and I love it.

**Ray Lewis - Mayor of London's Mentoring Ambassador**- runs the East Side Academy which successfully helps boys at risk of exclusion and it is championed by football legend Ian Wright, who has helped turn around the lives of many young offenders through mentoring.

**James Cleverly** who chaired the event and managed to keep Boris's enthusiasm in check to a point whilst having to deal with a couple of angry members of the audience that wanted to turn the debate into anarchy, showed how his political confidence and stance

has grown since being elected to office. All too soon the allotted 1.5 hours had elapsed and the successful meeting was rapped up to warm applause.



By December 2011 the London Borough of Bexley will have installed new CCTV systems in both Bexley Village and Crayford Town Centre.

The London Borough of Bexley wishes to establish support for these schemes and members of the public and business communities were invited to participate by completing on line questionnaires.

It is clear that after recent events this is the best way forward in either preventing crime or bringing criminals to justice.

**The Metropolitan Police Service is here for London - on the streets and in your community, working with you to make our city safer.**



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### Baroness Newlove: 'Our vision for safe and active communities' progress

**Update**-On 27 July Baroness Helen Newlove, the government champion for active, Safer communities, published the report 'our vision for safe and active communities: progress update to:-

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/safeactivecommunitiesupdate>

Baroness Newlove has identified three key priorities on which she now wishes to concentrate:

1. A central information hub for community activists, complemented by local hubs that give activists the information they need to get things moving where they live.
2. Helping public servants who want to volunteer to put their skills and time at the disposal of grassroots activists.
3. Improving the prevention and tackling of anti-social behaviour

caused by binge drinking and under-age drinking.

The report sets out these priorities in more detail, including how she and the government will pursue them.

It also contains updates on government action on other challenges raised in Baroness Newlove's first report

'Our vision for safe and active communities':

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/baronessnewlove-report> which was published in March 2011.

**Make a Difference Day – 29 October 2011**-This autumn get involved in Make a Difference Day, the UK's biggest day of volunteering!

Last year more than 70,000 volunteers were involved in over 2,000 events, and this year's campaign will focus on activities that combat isolation by reaching out to people who might feel lonely or marginalised.

Organising an event is a great way to recruit new volunteers, make friends and have fun! Activities can range from creating bus stop gardens to renovating community centres, teaching IT skills or helping housebound neighbours.

**Request the free Handbook and How-to guides today for some inspirational volunteering ideas! Call 0800 284 533, email [difference@csv.org.uk](mailto:difference@csv.org.uk) or visit [www.csv.org.uk/difference](http://www.csv.org.uk/difference) for more information.**

**Next BCPEG meeting is on;-21st November 2011 @ Civic Centre, Broadway, Bexleyheath**



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