

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



Newsletter February 2012

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NEW NW-SIGNS



We now have new street signs that clearly show our telephone number, this is in response to feedback we have received from coordinators suggestions. NW-Street signs confirm to criminals that they are entering a NW area; this acts as a deterrent and can also mean that you may be eligible for home contents insurance discount. If your Watch is not clearly signed please let us know. Any residents unsure if they live in a Neighbourhood Watch area can check our website at www.bexleywatch.org.uk by clicking on "check my street". Simply enter your post code and the first five letters of your road name to see if you are already in a watch area.

If you are not part of a Neighbourhood Watch and you would like to set one up, click on [volunteer](#) link and complete the appropriate form online. We would appreciate any coordinators promoting this method to any neighbouring streets who they know do not have a Watch.

NEW DOOR STICKERS

We also have new door stickers if you would like some for your Watch please contact us.

MORE METAL THEFTS

Bexley Neighbourhood Watch Association has received several reports of metal theft from members in the last week. Stolen items include garden gates, children's scooters and motorbike stands. Bexley Police have set up an initiative to combat metal theft called Operation Vulcan and have had many successes recovering stolen items. However, many of these are untraceable. They advise residents to scratch their house number and postcode onto the underside of items or mark them with SmartWater.

If you are unfortunate enough to be a victim of this type of crime, the Police would like you

to report it by ringing the new non-emergency telephone number **101** or log on to the Metropolitan Police home page and click on the crime reporting link. We ask that you also report it to us.

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS

The Partner Engagement events on Police and Crime Commissioners have been taking place across the country from 24 January. The events, which aim to stimulate local discussions on key issues and challenges, and explain the policy and key parts of the legislation on PCCs have taken place in Lancaster, Crewe, Birmingham, Leeds, Leicester, Derby, Portsmouth, Reading, and London. The February edition of the [PCC-bulletin](#) is now published and is available <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police/crime-police-news-2012> this includes details of key themes that emerged from these events.



BCPEG's next public meeting is on 26th March 2012 @ 7pm at Bexley Civic Centre Bexleyheath DA6 7LB-



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CONGRATULATIONS RAY



Ray Hudson receives his "First Team London Award" (improving community safety category) as recognition for his many years as a volunteer in many other roles as well as NW.. Ray and his wife Val went to County Hall to receive the award from Boris Johnson.

BBNWA-NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK Thank you for your response to our request for new committee members if we have not already been in touch with you we will soon.

Our Treasurer Dave Dawson is stepping down from 31st March 2012 so we are also looking for someone to join our committee as Treasurer, if you are interested please contact our office. As we progress with our expansion during 2012 we want and will welcome anyone

joining who thinks they can add their input to our direction & expansion for 2012 and onwards. You can either contact us by telephone on 0208 284 5537 or email-bexwatch-office@btconnect.com

WATCH & SNT OF THE MONTH-Our Nominated Watch is:- ARDEN CLOSE

Working Created in 2008 and covering 19 households our coordinator **Violaine Therond** has a difficult job as about 30% of residents are not tenants for long and move elsewhere. Nevertheless against the odds she has worked to create community spirit and to reduce crime in the area.

Our Nominated SNT is:- THAMESMEAD Team NW-Liaison is **PCSO Gina Buckley** The rest of The Team are;- **PCSO-Dennis Hobbs, PCSO-Steve Patey, & PC's-Tim Massey, Peter Rose, Darren Jenner & Michael Hodges** and the team leader **Sergeant Darren Cox.** WELL DONE & A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

NOTICE TO ALL NW-COORDINATORS-Please notify the office if you have resigned or are moving away from the area.....also if you were not on a computer

when you became a coordinator but now have an email address, please let us have it asap.



Neighbourhood Link is a free service that enables local residents, businesses and those who work in any London Borough to regularly receive information from the police. Those signing up to Neighbourhood Link will receive e-mails about crime and safety in the areas they sign up to. The service will also be used by the Metropolitan Police for the distribution of information in the event of a major incident impacting on London. To register, visit: www.neighbourhoodlink.met.police.uk

Diamond Jubilee Street Parties-BBNWA is keen to promote street parties in your Watch. Bexley Council had promised a fast-track service for BBNWA member's applying. This can mean you get to know your neighbours and it will promote community spirit.

See our special newsletter for full information about organising a street party for your watch area or contact our Office or Bexley Council for further information.

Consider our environment - please do not print this email unless absolutely necessary.



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