

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



Newsletter

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As the stands close the guests await their meal.

Older Peoples Forum- Friday 5th October 2012

We attended this annual forum and had a lot of interest at our stand signing up 2 new coordinators and also letting our older residents know how safe Bexley Borough is.

There is always a thin line between crime information overload which can give the false impression it is not safe in Bexley. We try and inform members so they are aware of local crime trends but we also try and ensure our newsletter is not totally full of crime reports.

COMING YOUR WAY SOON

Our aim is to get out and about in Bexley Borough before Christmas and remind people to be extra careful and vigilant over this Christmas period and to also try and tap into the festive spirit to see if we can recruit new coordinators at the same time.



Our NW stand at The Old Peoples Forum

Plans to merge NW Coordinators Meetings with Ward Panel Meetings have been postponed.-

There has been a delay in our planned trail of merging meetings from October. Planned changes at Bexley Community Policing Engagement Group have caused the delay. Whilst we now working to reach an agreement whereby we can resume a trial period. We also received full backing in principal for the merged meetings to go ahead in the future from our Borough Commander Victor Olisa. A recent survey of our coordinators revealed that they felt that there were too many meetings, therefore the merging of Co-ordinators and Panel meetings seemed the obvious solution especially as many coordinators are also panel members.

New recruitment leaflets are being designed for Horse Watch, Faith Watch, Plot Watch and Residential NW & are to be printed soon.

Message in a Bottle



We have just purchased a new supply of these, for those of you who do not know what they are, they are small containers that are ideal for older people whom live alone and who are on medication.

The information form is completed and kept in the fridge in the plastic bottle/container. If a person becomes unwell and the emergency services have to enter their property they are able to go straight to the fridge and find out what medication the unwell person is on and treat them accordingly, as well as details of next of kin.

These containers have become very popular hence the new supply needed. They are free to all NW members.



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The Committee meets Bexley Police Borough Commander Victor Olisa

Victor kindly attended our recent committee meeting and pledged his full support for BBNWA, and is to ensure that SNT NW liaisons follow up and keep in touch with our coordinators as well as the SNT's assisting in helping with our expansion in the Borough. He also promised to find us an alternative office when we move from Belvedere.

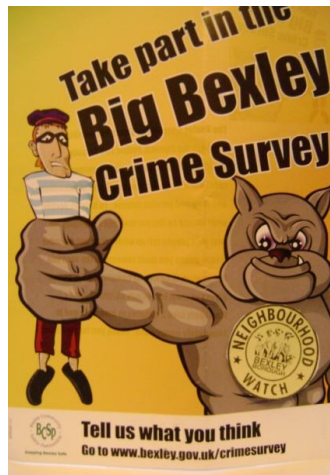


Borough Commander Victor Olisa far right at our recent meeting

Chief Inspector Ian Broadbridge has launched a new Borough wide **SNT-Newsletter** items covered include a crackdown on uninsured drivers as well as a report on the successful drugs raids in the Borough under the name of "Operation Hawk"



6 of our committee attended BCPEG's meeting at Crayford Mosque on Monday 15th October. There was an official launch for the Big Bexley Crime Survey (see below) as well as a detailed talk on CCTV in the Borough.



Big Bexley Crime Survey

All of our coordinators on email will have had the above link sent to them please take the time to complete this as it will form the basis for policing priorities in Bexley in 2013 and the more people whom complete it the more accurate these priorities will be.

If you have your own residents linked by email please pass this information onto them.

Spam Texts to our mobile phones If you have a mobile you probably receive unwanted adverts and will

almost certainly have received a promise of a certain amount that can be reclaimed for you from PPI Claims, **DO NOT RESPOND**, do not even send STOP back, as per the information we sent out recently please report them to your provider or to the Information Commissioner, our office has further details.

How can I identify drug use in my neighbourhood- If you would like a copy of our sheet, please email us and we will send you one.

How to avoid Cowboy Builders- We are also working on a sheet for this too!



There is a reported increase in the abuse of Nitrous Oxide (better known as laughing gas). This product is causing concern as risks to health are now being realised as well as the impact on Crime & ASB. If any of our coordinators see evidence of use (see above photo) please contact your local SNT with details.

