

# Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



## Newsletter February 2013

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At Asda Bexleyheath

### B.B.N.W.A. was out and about in Bexley before Christmas

Both below photos taken at Morrison's Sidcup



Our main plan for 2013 is to target streets without NW in the Borough and along with police teams canvas these areas for the recruitment of new coordinators. This plan along

with continuing to set up our stands as we did before Christmas in Bexley's towns will be part of our recruitment and high visibility in the coming year.



We hope this time to target Abbey Wood, Thamesmead, Slade Green and Crayford as well as re-visiting the other towns in Bexley Borough.



Our stand at Morrisons Erith on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### OUR NEW OFFICE ADDRESS is- Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch

Bexleyheath Police Station  
2 Arnsberg Way  
Bexleyheath  
Kent DA7 4QS

Our telephone number, email and website addresses have not change.



**JUST SAY NO!** Doing the rounds in Bexley borough are representatives of a property maintenance company who are known to do bad work, overcharge and who do not offer, by law, a written cancellation notice.

If ANYONE knocks at your door and tells you that you need work doing to your property, **JUST SAY NO.** Close the door and report the caller to Trading Standards on **08454 040506.**

If you think you need ANY work done in or around your property ask family, friends and neighbours for a recommendation? Always get three quotes and make sure the tradesperson is willing to provide you with a written cancellation notice. **Please do not get duped by bogus callers.**



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### Bexley Plot Watch mentioned in allotment programme aired on BBC1

The programme shown at 10.35pm on BBC One on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January titled "Allotment Wars" included some filming at Monks Farm allotment in Welling as part of BBNWA- Plot Watch



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award 2012

National Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (England & Wales) Queen's Jubilee award logo above

National NW were awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award on 12 December 2012

It is great to receive such recognition and we are sure that Bexley's hard working coordinators have gone a long way towards this award.

As a coordinator you may wish to use the Award logo as above on your correspondence etc. (If you use the logo it must

be printed in purple)This confirms the high acclaim now being received by NW throughout the UK and is well deserved.

### Safer Neighborhoods' Team achieve Neighbourhood Watch member in every street



Officers from Wandle Valley Safer Neighbourhoods team in Croydon this week achieved what could be a first within the Metropolitan Police Service - a Neighbourhood Watch member in every street on their ward. Wandle Valley now has around 120 members for the 85 residential roads in their ward. Every street has at least one member whilst some have up to four

PCSO Sarah Lowe, who has done much of the recruitment legwork, said it's the result of being out and about, knocking on doors and chatting to residents and victims of crime about discouraging criminals and making communities safer.

"I want to try and build on this and reduce crime as much as possible by making the public aware of a scheme in which local people look out for one another and share information with us and each other.

"I hope it will make a significant difference and may make criminals think twice before they target our roads knowing that local residents will be keeping an eye out for any suspicious behaviour and reporting it immediately to police on 999.

"I believe the more people that join, the safer the streets will be," said PCSO Lowe.

Members in the ward vary from young parents to pensioners. Some are keen to play a visible role in the community whilst others want to have a lower profile - but continue to share information.

**Neighbourhood Watch Ward Co-ordinator Lesley Peterson, said:** "As a long standing member and supporter of Neighbourhood Watch, I was delighted PCSO Lowe wanted to help build our membership in Wandle Valley. I hope our new members will value the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch."

**Sutton Neighbourhood Watch Association Membership Secretary Colin Pye said** this was a fantastic result following a year that has seen membership grow across Sutton borough from 1,419 to 2,290.

Sutton Neighbourhood Watch now has 835 watches covering 55% of the borough, compared with 570 watches covering 37% of the borough at the beginning of 2012.

"This is enabling us to reach so many more people with advice and help in combating crime and anti-social behaviour," said Colin.

