

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association

Newsletter Autumn 2013 Edition



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Our stand in Bexleyheath Broadway on The Police Open Day of 22nd September 2013- our volunteer Pat Loughton talking to a member of the public on this busy day.

GOOD NEWS 1

Erith Watch members have spotted and reported 3 separate incidents of FLY-Tipping and those culprits are to be prosecuted. WELL DONE to all those concerned.

GOOD NEWS 2

One of our Abbey Wood Coordinators spotted a lady stealing cloths from a charity bag and telephoned the police, they arrived 15 minutes later and made the person surrender all the cloths she had taken. - WELL DONE

OFFICE MOVE

We have moved to a separate office in Bexleyheath Police Station, being in an open plan office had hindered our work and it is hoped that having our own office will increase our efficiency.

HOUND WATCH-COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU



We together with Bexley Police are setting up "Hound Watch" this is to recruit dog walkers and ask them to report anything they see while walking their dogs that might be suspicious.



OUR SCAM NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE

We have copies to hand out, if you would like some for your residents please let us know and we will deliver them. Copies have also been left at Bexleyheath, Bexley Sidcup & Blackfen Libraries



We are working with Bexley Police to target those streets that have seen an increase in domestic burglaries and

we have designed a leaflet to distribute in these areas in order to warn residents and to try and recruit new coordinators. So far several streets in Sidcup have been leafleted in phase one of this operation.



Friends of Dementia

Talk held at Asda Bexleyheath

Titled "Let's talk about Dementia" idesigned to support both the patient and the carer, which is often a family member. In the later years of the disease both sufferer and carer can become housebound, resulting in a feeling of isolation.

The organization Dementia Friends is run by **Meeta Hans** and she can be contacted by email on:

hans_betterworld@yahoo.com

or by visiting their website at dementiafriends.org.uk

Committee resignations and

addition-Both Brian Parker & Peter Murrell have resigned from our committee, we thank them both for their support and we are pleased Brian has stayed on as a coordinator. Meanwhile Peter Dent's wife June has joined the committee, we welcome her on board.



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PLOT WATCH-is working

Over the summer holidays several of the allotments in Bexley were hit by a series of break-ins and thefts. Working through Plot Watch we were able to help police pinpoint and patrol relevant allotments this resulted in an arrest and a message sent to those responsible that they are being watched.

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NEW LAW FOR SCRAP METAL DEALERS

All scrap metal dealers, now have to register with the local authority. Once registered they are required to display a notice in their vehicle's window to this effect anyone who spots these vehicles in their road without such a notice, should take the registration number, note the make of the vehicle and name of company if displayed and then report them to Bexley Council-email:

licensing.office@bexley.gov.uk
Or telephone 0208 303 7777

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BIG BEXLEY CRIME SURVEY

-You might be thinking oh no not another survey! But this one can help shape the way policing is provided in Bexley, so it could effect you, so if you have a few

minutes please give it a go. www.bexley.gov.uk/crimesurvey

OLD PEOPLES FORUM



We had our stand at the annual "Old Peoples Forum" held at The Civic Offices on Friday 4th October. Our committee members Stewart Bartle & Peter Dent had a busy morning and answered many questions including several enquiries about scams. They also handed out purse safety bells and "message in a bottle" containers.

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NATIONAL PERSONAL SAFETY DAY 2013

We were happy to take part in this nationwide campaign and to support The Suzy Lamplugh Trust. We had a stand in Bexleyheath Shopping Mall on Monday 14th October 2013 and together with police Bexley Safety

Partnership handed out specially printed leaflets.



Claire Tack shows our stand is "ready to go" on National Personal Safety Day

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PLEASE BE AWARE-Annual Household Registration form for 2014 (formerly Electoral Registration form)

You will by now probably have received a Electoral registration form. Please check the form carefully as there has been a slight change. You would be advised to look at the column regarding appearing on the Edited Register and confirm that you DO NOT wish your details to appear. By ticking this box your details will NOT be sold to companies who then use it for marketing purposes.

You may in previous years have ticked this box and up until this year it has stayed ticked, but this is not now the case, you will have to tick it again.

Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation-Donation

We would like to thank the YBS for their donation of £100, which will go towards funding our many projects and initiatives in the Borough.

