



## **BBNWA AGM - CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

### OUR REPRESENTATION IN THE BOROUGH

To update you all on our Borough wise activity, following on from our last AGM on 10 June 2014: -

We continued to have our crime safety promotion stands around the Borough and were present at Morrisons - Welling, Morrisons - Sidcup, Bexleyheath Shopping Mall, Cray Festival, Hall Place, Holy Redeemer Church-Sidcup, Children's Fun Day at Thamesmead, Erith Riverside Fun Day, Bexley Village Community Event, Slade Green Event, B&Q Belvedere, National Personal Safety Day with our stand in Bexleyheath, Mount Mascal Stables annual show-Bexley Village, & Bexley Older Peoples Forum an Annual Event this year held at Hall Place.

Additionally individual committee members offered their time by giving talks at various group meetings including The Diabetic Society, Women's Institutes, & Mencap. We are now an Executive member of Bexley Care & Safety Partnership(BCSP), we are represented by a member who sits on The Safer Neighbourhood Board, while many of our members sit on Neighbourhood Ward Panels. We continue to work closely with both Bexley Council and Bexley Police while exploring alternative ways of improving communities and we often attend various forum group meetings including Thamesmead and Belvedere and are working with Trust Thamesmead, Peabody Housing Trust, Bexley Voluntary Service Council (BVSC) and looking to work closer with both AGE (UK) Bexley and Victim Support in the future.

We have attended 1 of 3 NW meetings at City Hall so far, and we were also invited as guests to Bromley NW's AGM which both Chairman & Vice Chairman attended.

### RESIDENTIAL NW

Our rapidly growing membership now sees us with **921 Co-Ordinators** covering **624 streets** and almost **35,000 homes**, this is a major achievement.

With regards to last years massive burglary increase leading up to Christmas 2013, 2014 saw no such trends, showing that the targeting of areas and the increase in membership of NW has helped reduce burglary during the festive period across the borough.

The announcement on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 of 100% NW-cover in St.Michael's Ward-Welling that received Borough wide publicity, has resulted in zero domestic burglary figures in that ward since, this shows how having an active NW in your area can deter criminals. This also shows what can be achieved by a hard working ward police team and should be a benchmark for other wards in the Borough to work towards in the future. A big thank you to them and all the other police teams that assist and help promote us in Bexley.

### PLOTWATCH (60 Members)

2014 summer holidays saw a big improvement with reductions in vandalism and theft from allotments in the Borough, showing that our PLOTWATCH scheme has enabled police teams to quickly target & stop the repeat of allotment crime we had in the Summer of 2013.

### SHOPWATCH (236 Members)

After the success of our pilot scheme in Bexley Village, SHOPWATCH was additionally rolled out across Welling, Crayford, Blendon, Blackfen, Mayplace Road, The Oval Sidcup and Barnehurst, we are now able to pass on information to shops across the Borough, warning them of any criminal activity and this is reducing and deterring shop crime.

### HOUNDWATCH (275 Members)

This scheme has worked very well with dog walkers in the Borough reporting anything they see that is suspicious, we are looking to double the membership and have registration cards today if anyone would like to take them for neighbours or friends that have dogs and may be interested in signing up.

We have a new specially printed 2 page SCAM newsletter which you are welcome to get a copy of before you leave; there are also copies of our latest member's newsletter available.

### FUNDING & PROMOTION

Our funds are very tight as we have spent to keep up with our membership increase. Copies of our Annual Accounts for 2014/15 are available for anyone who is interested on the front desk.

We are into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Bexley Councils 3 Year Plan with MOPAC covering 2014-2017, and it is hoped that quarterly payments will be made a bit quicker in the 2014/15 financial year (running at about 6 weeks late at this time).

I would like to thank all of our committee for their hard work and support during 2014/15, our sign putter-upper TONY who works the whole Borough solo, our newsletter editor PAM, who has worked hard to make it more reader friendly, CLAIRE who is our kingpin in the office and who supervises the hard working office volunteers, RAY & GRANT who have offered their support and all our committee members that have attend meetings and worked our stands on our behalf. (WE NEED MORE TO JOIN US PLEASE)

I am happy to continue in my role as Chairman for another year but would want to encourage more members to come on board as Committee Members as I am doing too much covering our accounts, which includes our quarterly returns to MOPAC, I'm writing our promotion and publicity material and looking for additional funding and I do not want to continue working at this level past 2015/16.

**LASTLY MY THANKS IS TO YOU ALL WITHOUT YOU THERE WOULD BE NO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - Thank you.**

Dana Wiffen/Chairman-04/06/15