



Neighbourhood Watch Network

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Dear Neighbourhood Watch Association Leads,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely weather and long days. Apologies for the delay in this letter but as you can imagine we have all been rather busy with the amazing Jubilee and Neighbourhood Watch Week!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK

We have had an incredible Neighbourhood Watch Week with events and Big Lunches combining the Jubilee and our week. Before the week began, we had John Bishop on a video highlighting the [Month of Community](#) and talking about Neighbourhood Watch's role in the month. As you know, your work in your Associations has been amazing, with so many local groups celebrating and holding events. We have been collecting film clips and news about the events and will be collating and sharing these.

The week's finale was being invited to the Big Jubilee Lunch at the Oval with volunteers on Sunday 5th June and having lunch with hundreds of individuals and organisations all dedicated to working in and improving communities. The event was attended by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, who spoke to many of the guests, including Cheryl Spruce and Deborah Waller from our team.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME AND COMMUNITY CONFERENCE, 31ST MAY 2022

As you know, the Neighbourhood Watch Crime and Community Conference 2022 took place in central London on Tuesday 31st May. The event was a great success, with over eighty participants and 50 people watching the live stream. I have to say the live streaming had a few hiccups, but the feedback was positive from those online. The feedback from the in-person participants was fantastic, with lots of people feeling energised and making links with other Neighbourhood Watch Associations Leads or volunteers and planning on sharing projects or ideas. There was also great interaction between participants and presenters with lots of plans being made to work together and use each other's skills and resources. The event was so successful that we are looking to hold another event next year. I must mention Mike Douglas from Visav, who kindly sponsored the conference and made it possible – thanks Mike.

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

We received an anonymous donation of £4,000 via the Charity Aid Foundation. According to a message with the donation, it was from someone reading the newsletter where we described that there were more applications than funds for the Community Grants in the last round. The £4,000 will be used to top up any grants that were funded less due to the amount available and any residual amount added to the next round so all the £4,000 will go to local groups.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEDIA DAY

We ran our first England and Wales wide media day on Wednesday 1st June and had great success in local and national radio coverage. The highlight was a week later when Cheryl Spruce and Colleen Atkins (Chair of Bedfordshire) appeared on BBC 1 Morning Live. Snippets of their interviews can be seen on our Twitter and Facebook social channels.

CAMPAIGNS

We launched our 'Protect your Password' campaign on Monday and are working on our Street Harassment campaign for later in the year. Please support the campaigns on your social media platforms and amongst your members.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

The certificates for the 3,000+ have been sent out or emailed and we really hope the local events have gone well. We know there are many more still to take place but we have been receiving great feedback from volunteers who have been recognised for all their work. We are also delighted that the Safeguarding Minister Rachel MacLean MP was so impressed by some people having volunteered that she is keen to meet some of the 40 year volunteers at Westminster in July!

TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT

As you are aware we have been advertising for some new Trustees. The closing date has passed and the Board will be longlisting and shortlisting candidates and arranging discussions and interviews. We will keep you informed of progress and hope there will be some new potential Trustees for the AGM.

WORLD CAFÉ DISCUSSION TOPICS

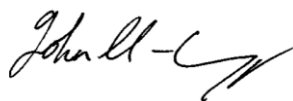
Thanks to everyone who completed the 'world café' discussion topic survey. We collected the results and met with the Board and will instigate some groups with Leads and Coordinators to take the various topics forward in the next few weeks.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LOTTERY

The Neighbourhood Watch Lottery was launched last week and to date we have sold over 2,000 tickets making it one of the most successful charity lottery launches with One Lottery and we are already the biggest 'good cause' on One Lottery. Funds raised by the lottery will be used for local schemes and area projects.

As always, please let us know what you have been doing locally over Neighbourhood Watch Week and ideally send pictures or videos. And of course, share this letter with your Coordinators, members, and partners.

Yours faithfully,



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CEO Neighbourhood Watch Network