

REPORT TO SWAN C.C. COMMITTEE on PROGRESS WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

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Since we last met, good and steady progress continues, and I have added another Operational Scheme into the SWAN C.C. Area. There is constant liaison and communications between myself and PCSO WELCH about the SWAN C.C. area crime trends and crime prevention.

The New scheme is

- **SURTEES CLOSE**

The residents have a mixture of vulnerabilities and disabilities which makes the work of Neighbourhood Watch essential.

I also noted a property that provided “Assisted/supported living” in the community, housing some very, very vulnerable people in Surtees Close.

I will hope to set up a new scheme in the “New Builds” properties adjacent to the Outlets in Newtown Road as occupation commences.

This brings the schemes of NHW I manage for the SWAN C.C. area to 19.

SWAN C.C. Neighbourhood Watch (19 Operational Schemes in total)

- Samuel Peto Way
- Kirtley Way
- Harold Way
- Ellson Close
- Newtown Road
- Gresley House
- Turner Close
- Fairview Drive
- White Willow Close
- Jacobs Oak
- Clover Court
- Kings Prospect
- East Stour Way
- Riverbank Way
- Richard Hillary Close
- River Close
- Surtees Close
- Wainwright Place
- And Willesborough General

CRIME TRENDS

Crime trends do not vary too much, however with the warmer weather there is a need to keep communities alert and vigilant for

1. Security of properties especially with windows doors and patio doors wide open. It is essential security last thing at night includes doors and windows locked at ground floor level
2. Sheds, garages and external storage is required to be as secure as possible. Risk-assess what is left in sheds with no more than flimsy locks for expensive fishing tackle/golf equipment and very expensive tools and equipment.
3. As always, the need to be vigilant with parked vehicles. Leave nothing on show when parking especially last park up for the night.

General guidance remains the same and below are headings under constant monitoring.

1. **MAIN PREMISES SECURE AT ALL TIMES,**
2. **THEFTS FROM VEHICLES**
3. **THEFTS FROM COMMERCIAL VEHICLES & VANS**
4. **SHEDS, ALLOTMENT SHEDS, GARAGES, BARNES, STABLES, OUTBUILDINGS and ANY EXTERNAL STORAGE.**
5. **WARNINGS OF SCAMS**
6. **THEFT OF DELIVERIES FROM DOORSTEPS**
7. **DRUGS**
8. **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**
9. **DOG THEFTS**
10. **BOGUS CALLERS**
11. **CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS**
12. **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CATAPULTS**

DRUGS

There is drug use and activity in the Swan C.C. area.

Fairview Drive, White Willow Close are being monitored

Turner Close also closely monitored

Reports of drug activity in Mead Road/Gladstone Road area ,plus other roads of off Newtown Road.

The reason drug activity is of concern is that this is the matter that drives so much of the petty crime in areas. Thefts of Tools from Vans, thefts from garages and sheds. The work of chancers and opportunists is often to fund the next drug fix.

Also, drug crime develops, more dangerous drugs, more dangerous criminals which then feeds County Line Drug Activity, often nearby to vulnerable persons homes.

It is vital that we collect as much intelligence and information on these activities and feed that in to the police who can target resources into that work and areas of concern.

REPORTING

The need to report all crimes and Anti-Social behaviour is essential, and our message on this must be constant and consistent.

This work is ongoing and essential to drive home the message of the need to **REPORT ALL CRIME** no matter how small. It is also important to report attempted crimes.

Please remember these calls will shape the action of our PCSOs and Police Officers in responses, and importantly preventative patrols. It will also shape our crime prevention work and target campaigns.

This work will also be reflected in articles in your newsletters throughout the year.

The police are not clairvoyant..... they must be called and informed !

Writing on Facebook is not reporting a crime!

Thank you for your support councillors as always.

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