



**Doddinghurst  
Neighbourhood  
Watch**



**Notes of Neighbourhood Watch Meeting on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009,  
Doddinghurst**

**Attendance**

The meeting took place in the Parish room. It was attended by 15 people, including the chair, Bill Reid, Jody Greenfield, Colin Freeman and PCSOs Moira Kennedy and Susan Payne. Apologies received from Jim, Brett and Jan.

**Finance**

Robin reported that the bank balance is currently £422, but we have expenses of £492, mainly for the NHW signs.

**Emergency Calls**

Jody explained the process of emergency calling. When you dial 999, the operator will ask which service you want. For police, you will be put through to the police in Chelmsford. They will firstly ask you for your number. This is so that they can get back to you if necessary. It is also important to give full details of where the emergency is, so that the police can attend to the correct location.

If a crime is actually in progress, then the call should be made to 999. To report a crime that has already occurred or to contact the police for any other reason, then use the new number, 0300 333 4444. This is also answered in Chelmsford but on another switchboard.

**Crime Update**

Crime is generally low in Brentwood at present. As the weather gets better, thefts from motor vehicles will tend to increase. Theft from sheds are higher in Shenfield and Hutton than elsewhere.

**Speed Watch**

Following an improvement in the weather, Speedwatch took place the previous week. There were 25 speeders, with a highest speed of 45 mph.

The following dates and times have been agreed for April.

14 <sup>th</sup> April	4-5 pm	
21 <sup>st</sup> April	4-5 pm	
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	11-12am	Note. This event was cancelled
30 <sup>th</sup> April	3-4 pm	

We need 3 or 4 people for each session.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Signs**

We now have 30 signs together with fixings. It is proposed to ask the Junior section to help with assembling the fixings onto the signs.

Note. This took place at the junior school on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **Junior NHW**

- UV markers have been demonstrated to the junior members. They are all very keen to take these home and mark up their valuables. Mrs Cooper is writing to the parents to ask if they can bring the marker pens and UV torches home.
- Junior members will be in attendance at the May Day event. They will also have their own stall at the fun day in July.
- We now have a suggestion box that will be installed at the school.

## **Web Page**

The Doddinghurst web site can be found at <http://www.pdfisk.co.uk>.

## **AOB**

- A second suggestion box has been obtained and this will be installed in the Post Office. It was suggested that it should be clearly labelled Neighbourhood Watch.
- Bill has received some leaflets about special constables. There will be a recruitment evening on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Holiday Inn.
- Jody will provide additional time switches as part of the campaign to reduce burglaries.
- Colin clarified that bicycles are now allowed to use flashing lights, front and rear, as an alternative or in addition to constant lights. This change to the regulations came into effect in October 2005.

## **Future events**

- The next NHW meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 2pm.
- The Doddinghurst Fun Day will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

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