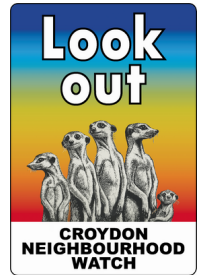


CROYDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

July/August 2022

Vital roles - Can you help?!



Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch (CBNWA) relies on a group of individuals who form the committee to ensure the smooth running of the organisation. Each committee member has a specific area of responsibility and as the age old saying goes "many hands make light work".

There are currently a number of volunteer vacancies on the committee including Treasurer, Website Manager and a Fundraising Manager. Do you feel you have the skill set to carry out one of these roles?

Perhaps you know someone who may have the required skills and would be willing to volunteer for us? If so, do pass our details onto them.

Remember volunteering looks great on your CV and is a way of providing valuable work experience.

Those who take up these roles will be fully supported by the CBNWA team. If you are interested in any of these roles please email nhw@cbnwa.com



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SAVE THE DATE – CRIME PREVENTION DAY & AGM

This years CBNWA Crime Prevention Day & Annual General Meeting will be held on the 8th October 2022 at Royal Russell School, Croydon. The day is set to be an enjoyable and very informative event. We are pleased to announce that the event will be opened by Croydon's newly appointed Mayor - Jason Perry . There will be an array of speakers including Chief Superintendent David Stringer (South Area BCU Commander) and John Hayward-Cripps - National Neighbourhood Watch's CEO. As well as speakers there will be two Q&A sessions. One will be with Croydon

Councillor Ola Kolade (cabinet member for Community Safety) and the other session will be with Inspector Cathy Thomas (South Croydon SNTs), Inspector James Weston (Croydon North SNTs) and Julian Roche (CBNWA representative).

Complimentary teas & coffee will be provided . Lunch will also be provided for a £10 donation towards the running of CBNWA.



The AGM that follows the Crime Prevention Day is integral to the smooth running of the CBNWA and as such it is only open to serving coordinators. Please make it a priority to attend. Details have been sent out to all coordinators & please reply ASAP.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The CBNWA is fortunate to have many committed volunteers. Many of these have been active members for 5 - 25+ years. On July 18th at the Royal Tandoori, Selsdon some of these members were recognised by National Neighbourhood Watch for their service. They were presented with certificates by Cheryl Spruce - Head of Membership for National Neighbourhood Watch. If you have been with the CBNWA for over 5 years and were unable to make the event in July your certificate will be delivered to you by one of the CBNWA committee members.



Croydon Borough Police Updates

As one would expect, Croydon Safer Neighbourhood's Teams have been busy over the last few months targeting criminals and those individuals involved in anti-social behaviour.

Purley and Woodcote SNT have been dealing with a variety of issues over the last month or so. A male was arrested and two Akita dogs were seized for being dangerously out of control. Another male was sectioned under section 136 of the Mental Health Act as he was becoming a danger to himself and others near Purley Tesco.



Officers from Old Coulsdon SNT dealt with an individual who was flaunting a knife inside their house in a threatening manner to family, the individual was

detained by the team and subsequently arrested for Domestic affray and being wanted for failing to appear on a Crown court warrant.

Officers in the north of the borough have been equally active over the last month of so. Based on information from members of the public weapon sweeps uncovered and confiscated knives, an axe, a sword and even a crossbow. Weapon sweeps are conducted in public areas to look for weapons



that have been hidden by individuals for criminal intentions. Thornton Heath SNT executed a Dangerous Dogs warrant at an address in the Bensham Manor ward to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the dogs and local residents. Four dogs were removed from the address and are now being looked after and assessed at Police kennels.

Scam Alerts

CROYDON TRADING STANDARDS - COMMUNITY ALERT

Scams & Fraud

Action Fraud received over 750 reports in four days relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem. The emails state that the recipient is eligible for a rebate as a result of a newly announced government scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information.



- Remember, your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, contact the company using details from their official website or app.

Scam Alerts

Delivery Scam

There are lots of different types of scams, and people can be targeted in many ways - whether that's by phone, email, mail or even in person. One type of scam is a delivery text/email scam. These can be text messages or phishing emails pretending to be from a delivery courier like DPD or Royal Mail. These messages claim that you have missed a delivery and ask you to reschedule for a fee, thereby obtaining your bank details. Whilst it can start with a small fee, it can end with criminals emptying a person's entire bank account.

You can take precautions by following the advice below:

- Don't click on links in text messages or emails.
- Ignore the message and contact the business directly.
- You should report the text and can alert the network operator by sending the text to the number 7726 .
- If you have clicked on any links and lost money, contact your bank immediately.



Scams Reported by our co-ordinators

Several of our co-ordinators have been in touch to report a potential scam involving replacing copper wire with fibre cable. A man knocked at the door and explained that the fibre cable would be much faster. His details could not be verified and he had no paperwork but he did show the residents an ID badge.

Please be vigilant when answering the door to cold callers and please verify any ID presented by calling the organisation independently (DO NOT use a number presented by the cold caller).

Please share any scams with nhw@cbnwa.com

Usefull Contact Details



CRIME STOPPERS: IF YOU WISH TO CONTACT POLICE ANONYMOUSLY YOU CAN CONTACT CRIME STOPPERS ON 0800 555 111 OR GO TO THEIR WEBSITE [HTTPS://CRIMESTOPPERS-UK.ORG/](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/)

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON: SWITCHBOARD 020 8726 6000 OR VIA THE FREE MY CROYDON APP

CROYDON TRADING STANDARDS: 020 8407 1311, EMAIL: TRADING.STANDARDS@CROYDON.GOV.UK

CITIZENS ADVICE CONSUMER SERVICE: 03454 04 05 06

CROYDON COUNCIL ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TEAM: EMAIL: ASBTEAM@CROYDON.GOV.UK

CROYDON COUNCIL FLY-TIPPING HOTLINE: 020 8604 7000 EMAIL: FLYTIP@CROYDON.GOV.UK

GRAFFITI REPORTING: 020 8726 6200

ABANDONED VEHICLES: IF YOU WANT TO CHECK WHETHER A CAR IS TAXED YOU CAN CHECK HERE: WWW.GOV.UK/CHECK-VEHICLE-TAX

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