



Ilkeston & District NHW Support Group Newsletter

Autumn 2016

Well, I have finally managed to write this newsletter after an enforced gap of eighteen months. In this time a lot of things have altered, so it seems appropriate to give you an explanation for you to keep about how Neighbourhood Watch is now structured, and how we fit into the Police organisation.

The **Ilkeston Support Group** committee organises and helps the coordinators in Ilkeston, and consists of:

- Gill Riley, Chair & Treasurer, 0115 9305414
- Ken Bostock, Vice Chair, 0115 9320818
- Mary Hopkinson, Secretary,
- And Tom Cullen who kindly chaired the group while I was ill.

All of them have been extremely supportive during 2015, and without them the group would have closed, so thank you to them.

We in Neighbourhood Watch do not work for the Police, but we do work very closely with them. Therefore any changes in the structure of Derbyshire Police are reflected in our format. **Derbyshire Police Force** is split into two Divisions, North and South. B and C Divisions have merged to become North Division, and the old D Division is now **South Division**, so NW follows this pattern. This will mean renumbering all Watches eventually, so I'll inform you of your new numbers when I have done this. We remain in South Division as this boundary has not changed.

The two Divisions are split into sections, but these are now called **Local Policing Units** (LPUs). Within the South Division, there are five LPUs: Derby North, Derby East, Derbyshire South, Derby West, and **Erewash**, which has replaced the separate Ilkeston and Long Eaton, i.e. we have merged. Police personnel now work throughout Erewash, but Neighbourhood Watch has opted to keep the LPU divided for practical reasons. I am the Chair of Ilkeston NW, and Keith Mellors chairs Long Eaton; we both remain on the South Division NW committee.



Old logo

Neighbourhood Watch has a new logo which is similar to the old one but is now owned by National Neighbourhood Watch, rather than the Home Office. As members, you are welcome to use this for NW purposes on such things as letterheads, but Printers need to obtain a licence.



New logo

Police Website:

Details of recent crimes, problems and meetings can be viewed online at <http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/My-Local-Police/>

Local crime figures and outcomes are available on this site. As Ilkeston Police Station is closed and the SNT meetings have ceased, Police virtual surgeries are available, allowing an online discussion to take place between residents and Safer Neighbourhood officers, so that members of the public can ask questions regarding local policing, talk to officers about community concerns or find out more about home and personal security.

We have also had a change-round in Ilkeston Police personnel, so I'll list them so that you know who your local officer is:

As of Monday, August 1, four officers changed the areas they patrol. PC Louise Hopwell has moved from the Sandiacre team to the Cotmanhay and Shipley View team; PC David Bull moved from the Cotmanhay and Shipley View team to the Larklands and Gallows team; PC Simon Doar transferred from the Larklands and Gallows team to the Long Eaton South team; and PC Vicky Edwards went from the Long Eaton South team to the Sandiacre team. PC Chris Hamilton remains on Ilkeston Town beat, and PCSO Matt Lewis replaces PCSO Rob Stanesby on Ilkeston Rural.

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers are:



Larklands & Gallows
PC 14328 David Bull



Larklands & Gallows
PCSO 12711 Joanne Price



Kirk Hallam & Hallam Fields,
West Hallam
PC 3239 John Aldred



Kirk Hallam & Hallam Fields,
West Hallam
PCSO 4430 Steve Bowlzer



Cotmanhay & Shipley View
PC 2646 Louise Hopwell



Cotmanhay & Shipley View
PC 3273 Ann-Marie Gregory



Cotmanhay & Shipley View
PCSO 4555 Julie Allen



Ilkeston Town
PC 3359 Chris Hamilton



Ilkeston Town
PCSO Matt Lewis



For Twitter users, you can tweet these officers:

- @IlkestonTownSNT - PCSO 3889 Matt Lewis
- @KirkHallamSNT - PC 3239 John Aldred
- @ShipleyViewSNT - PC 3273 Annie Gregory
- @LarklandsSNT - PC 14328 David Bull and PCSO 12711 Jo Price
- @Ilkeston Town - PCSO 3889 Matthew Lewis

To contact these officers, it is best to phone 101, or use the general email ilkeston.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk rather than that of a named officer, so that someone will answer your email even if your beat officer is on holiday.

Gill Riley

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We have a new Inspector, Jim Thompson:



Here are a few lines to introduce myself to the Neighbourhood Watch Family at Erewash who I am confident as a local Policing Unit we can continue to work with and improve our working relation to provide an excellent service to the

local community and those who visit the area.

I have been a police officer for 18 years and have worked within reactive and community policing on both South and North Divisions.

Here at Erewash we have a committed policing team and aim to provide the best possible service for our community. It is important we listen to our community and work with our partner agencies to tackle and problem solve the issues that affect them the most. As I have said on the webpages, I will endeavour to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and robustly target those who make the lives of others a misery.

As Inspector it's important I have the right resources in the right places to deal with the risk and threat that is presented to us to continue to make Erewash a safe place. It's important we build trust and confidence with our communities as with that comes the confidence to talk to the police whether that be reporting community issues and intelligence or coming forward as a victim or witness to crime.

Whilst Erewash is a safe place to live, we do suffer crime and my intention is to keep the NHW co-ordinators (who are often our eyes and ears) updated with current issues and trends in addition to providing you with feedback of positive work that has taken place throughout the section.

A recent example of us acting on community intelligence and information was evident only 2 weeks ago. We acted on concerns around drug dealing in Ilkeston which resulted in the arrest of 2 males and a large quantity of heroin recovered from the streets. Likewise over the past 2 weeks we have made several arrests of suspects following reports from the

community of persons breaking into vehicles where descriptions and car registration numbers have been passed on.

With regards to crime, we have seen an increase in theft from motor vehicles. This has occurred across the area, generally from 11pm to 6am where items on show have been stolen from cars. This has included sat navs, handbags, wheel trims, money and a number of vans broken into and tools stolen. We have responded to this with targeted patrols and have had some success in arresting offenders. The message to put out is firstly to ensure residents secure their vehicles and also ensure they put property out of site. (On one street alone last week we found 5 vehicles had been left insecure with valuables on show).

I would urge anyone who sees anything suspicious to report it to the police at the time using 999 and not wait until the following morning. Also, I would urge anyone with any information about local crime to contact Erewash Police on 101 or anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

For those with access to the internet, our local policing web pages will hopefully keep you up to date with news on our areas. This is at www.derbyshire.police.uk/My-Local-Police/South-Division/Erewash-LPU/Erewash-LPU.aspx

If you open the link you can click your respective Safer Neighbourhood area.

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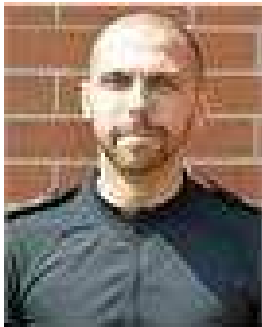
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The new Sergeant is Damien Shannon:

I joined Derbyshire police in 2008 and have worked a variety of roles within Derby City at Derby North, Peartree and Cotton Lane Police Stations including being a Safer Neighbourhood officer. I intend to put that varied experience to good use here at Erewash. I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the summer of 2014 and worked at Cotton Lane Police Station as a response sergeant where I gained skills and experience that I will bring with me to my new role. I am looking forward to working closely with our

communities and resolving issues that really matter to local residents.

My previous experience working in a safer neighbourhood team taught me the importance of partnership working and I fully



intend to form strong links with our partners to provide an excellent service to our communities. My team will provide a visible presence and provide a proactive response to any threat and risk highlighted in order to minimise criminal behaviour.

Erewash covers a large geographical area and I hope, by having your support and assistance, we can tackle criminality, anti-social behaviour and issues that really matter to you. We can't do this without your help and information and in return we will keep you in touch with what we are doing including the use of social media and the internet.

From Derbyshire Police website

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Digital Engagement Officer:



As some of you may know I have been around for many years, over 14 in all, and most of them dealing with NHW and community messaging. Following a year spent in a completely different environment I am back, now working for the Police and Crime Commissioner as the Digital Engagement Officer, which deals with social media and also Derbyshire Alert.

With all these contact mediums available to us I am confident that we can engage with most of Derbyshire's varied communities up and down the county along with all the different types of Watches and interest groups out there. I am committed to driving forward the objectives of the people who live and work in Derbyshire, and extremely happy that NHW are a part of this process.

Tim Parkin, Digital Engagement Officer

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Hate crime update, as this is increasing:

The CPS is prosecuting a record number of hate crime cases. In the past year, CPS completed 15,442 hate crime prosecutions.

The recently published hate crime report shows that there was:

- a 41 per cent increase in disability hate crime prosecutions compared to 2014/15
- the highest ever conviction rate in homophobic & transphobic prosecutions; and
- the highest ever proportion of sentence uplifts in racially and religiously aggravated crime cases, which comprise 84 per cent of all hate crime prosecutions.

Director of Public Prosecutions Alison Saunders said: "Hate crime creates fear and has a devastating impact on individuals and communities. The CPS is committed to doing everything possible to tackle it and I would like to thank our hate crime co-ordinators and prosecutors for their work to improve our response to hate crimes."

We have introduced a new assurance regime which helps us to identify good practice, to learn lessons and to make improvements, and we have developed our training and guidance to best support our prosecutors. However, we know that much hate crime still goes unreported – and we know that we can deliver justice for more victims of these crimes.

Over the coming year we will build on our work so far to further improve the way we prosecute hate crime and the service we offer to victims and witnesses.

We would like to thank all those individuals and community organisations who have supported and advised the CPS through scrutiny panels and consultation exercises, as well as all victims and witnesses who have helped us to bring prosecutions.

Janine Smith, Chief Crown Prosecutor

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Next Meeting:

The Ilkeston Support Group for coordinators and deputies will meet on Thursday 17th November at Ilkeston Police Station, from 7pm sharp to 8-30pm. Please note the earlier time.

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