



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



A New Year begins and with the efforts of our Police, the support of our community, and a little good fortune, we hope that it will be a peaceful and crime free one. The threat of wholesale cuts to policing that headlined the final quarter of last year did not materialise, but it would be naive to think that the drive for ever greater efficiency and the need to evolve to tackle the ever changing face of crime will not bring changes to the way we are served by our police force. We have moved from community police sergeants and constables to community support officers, and the geographic scale of their beats is ever increasing. Intelligence led crime fighting will tackle much, and maybe it will be all that we need (or can afford). The only certainty is that more change will come, and we should embrace that evolution, but also help to direct it. Do you have an opinion on how we should best be served in future? Make your voice heard. The Police and Crime Commissioner exists to be your elected link with the police and to influence the direction of that development. It is the commissioner's role to hold the Chief Constable to account. So whether you are a fan of the concept or not, make it work for you: let Mr. Simon Hayes know what you think. Contact him at www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk, or as follows:

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Closer to home, your own Neighbourhood Watch committee has new members. We welcome George Clelland and Colin Harris to the committee. And after several years' meritorious service as our coordinator for Kilmeston village, Ben Grantham has stood down owing to his full-time work and family commitments. The Committee wishes to thank Ben for his work on behalf of all residents in his village. The village has now been sub-divided into two parts to reflect their geographical separation. Kilmeston North, that part closer to the A272, is now under Mrs. Mary-Ann Carnegie who may be contacted on 01962 771756 or by email at carnegyfamily@gmail.com. A volunteer is required for the other part of the village, please contact Mary-Ann if you can help.

Remember, the presence of an active Neighbourhood Watch acts as a deterrent to crime. It is the largest voluntary crime prevention group in the country, has been active in Alresford and District for 25 years, and it deserves your support.

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NON URGENT – RING 101***