



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



IT IS ALWAYS WORTH REPORTING.....

This piece doesn't relate to a local incident, but serves to reinforce the need to report all suspicious or unexplained incidents; only then will the Police have the information to decide where their resources should be directed.

An off duty Police officer, though it could have been anyone, was walking his dog. As he left the main road to enter an open space, he noticed a house at this entrance that was surrounded by litter; all sorts, tins, paper, bottles etc.

The resident came out to do something and so he asked about the litter. "I used to clear it up, but I've just got fed up, so I just leave it, as it just comes back".

Have you reported it, the officer asked? "Yes", he said, "but no one came and they have more important things to do"

I'll clear it for you the officer said; have you got a rake? While he was doing it, they talked more and it transpired it wasn't just litter being dropped. The resident had had stuff thrown at the house and his, (wheelchair bound) wife, had been verbally abused. This met with the same response "the Police haven't the time for this type of stuff"; so he hadn't reported it more than a couple of times.

The officer did what we could all do and that is report it, on behalf of the victim.

The Police may well not to respond to one or two calls, but keep reporting and they will. The good news is that this problem did get fixed.

Worth noting is that you can now report non-emergency incidents on line, without the need to hang on for 101 to answer. Go to <https://www.hampshire.police.uk> and follow the tab "**Report**".

VACANT WATCHES

It was sad to hear of the death of Graham Curtis, who amongst his many activities, was a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for many years.

We are in the process of trying to find Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators for several Town Watches that have become vacant. Do please get in touch – see details below, if you feel you could fulfil this role. The most important part is to be a point of contact for your area. The Watches are Jesty/Mitford Roads, West Street, Hawthorn Close/Lime Road, Bridge Road/Nicholson Close and New Farm Road. Also, in the Rural area, both Bishops Sutton and Swarraton are in need of Co-ordinators.