



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



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Welcome to the first of what will be a regular monthly article in The Forum. The move away from the biannual Newsletter, which you received through your door or via e-mail, is aimed at keeping everyone updated with Neighbourhood Watch matters on a more regular basis and in a more efficient way. Thank you to The Forum for offering us the opportunity to use their excellent publication.

Hampshire and IOW Police are facing a further £25m of cuts in their budgets over the next two years. We have been advised that the number of Police and Police Community Support Officers in Alresford will not be affected, but there will inevitably be a change in the way the Town and surrounding villages are policed, so perhaps this is an appropriate time for Neighbourhood Watch to become more flexible in its communications to everyone and a move to a monthly article is the first step.

The Committee meets twice a year and if you would like to know more about what we do or would like to join us please contact us via our e-mail address: contact.adnwa@gmail.com . In addition we will also be looking at ways in which we can improve our website, the address for which is also shown below along, with telephone numbers for emergency and non-emergency use.

Crime Prevention

In recent months a significant number of thefts have occurred from sheds, garages, outbuildings and also unlocked cars. It is therefore worthwhile ensuring valuable tools, machinery, bikes and garden equipment is security marked and properly secure. Firstly a good padlock will help to deter opportunistic thieves whilst alarms, either mains or battery operated, are worth considering, along with CCTV.

More information about how best to protect expensive possessions stored in outbuildings can be obtained from the Hampshire Constabulary website:

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/safer-homes>