



# Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



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### New Policing Structure Comes into effect

The Chief Constable recently praised the fantastic network of NW Schemes in Hampshire and the IOW during an interview with the PCC Simon Hayes. As part of a regular Compass Meeting with the PCC the Chief Constable, Andy Marsh, recognised that NW are self sufficient and that by a community working together it can make it a better and safer place to live.

Mr. Marsh also explained that there are a further £25million of savings to be made during the coming year, in addition to the £55 million already made, and this would involve cuts to front line service delivery positions and that it would be incredibly difficult to make these savings without diminishing essential services to protect people and tackle crime. The full interview, 'Maintaining Neighbourhood Policing in times of Austerity', can be seen on line by going to Hampshire PCC –You Tube.

The number of Police Sergeants in the Winchester District is to be cut from 5 to 3 and in Alresford we say good bye to PS Mark Lamper and welcome PS Andy Fisher. Andy will be assisted by 2 PC's and 5 PCSO's in what will be known as Winchester Rural covering Alresford and the surrounding villages based at the Fire Station in Pound Hill.

Andy also explained one of the other significant changes that will take place is in connection with the roles of PC's and PCSO's. The role of the PC's will be for more direct work where their powers are required. Whilst each station will have PC's, they will be part of a District resource and hence can be called to work in different areas. PCSO's are well regarded and are very capable of dealing with some of the roles that traditionally may have been carried out by PC's. Andy has been assured that resources will not be constantly moved across to Winchester City and that the rural areas will still enjoy PC coverage.

Andy brings with him 25 years experience in the Hampshire Constabulary joining the force in 1990. Initially stationed at Shirley Police Station he subsequently worked in the New Forest and Winchester as a PC. In 2000 Andy was promoted to PS at Southampton Central Police Station and carried out a variety of roles there, which included Patrol and Custody work. In 2005 he went to work with the Southampton Youth Offending Team for a couple of years before moving to Winchester as a Patrol Sgt. 5yrs ago and has also been the Neighbourhood Sgt. for Winchester City. We wish Andy well in his new post and look forward to making him welcome in Alresford.