Since the September Whaddon News there have been as number of activities worth recording in this Neighbourhood Watch (NW) update. First and of least importance is that I (Mike Monks) have taken over the reigns as Cluster Coordinator. Put simply, this means that I oversee the NW activities in the village and am the central point of contact for the coordinators in Whaddon. The NW team comprises:

Mike Monks  Cluster Coordinator  58 Bridge Street  01223 208236  
Malan Peyton  Dep Cluster Coordinator  Ermine Farm, Dyers Green  “  207358  
Parish Council NW Rep  

**Coordinators:**  
Anne Brandon  Lower Meldreth Road  132 Meldreth Road  “  207347  
Karen Coningsby  Upper Meldreth Road/Church Corner  17 Church Street  “  207514  
Carole Aldred  Church Street  104 Church Street  “  208147  
Wendy Paton  Church Street  108 Church Street  “  207703  
Clare Byatt  Town Farm Close  Turpins Farm House  “  207429  
Tony Gardner  Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close  29 Bridge Street  “  208064  
Andrew Townsend  Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close  36 Bridge Street  “  208038  
Geoff Lane  Upper Bridge Street (38-72)  52 Bridge Street  “  208540  
Mike Monks  Upper Bridge Street (   )  58 Bridge Street  “  208236  
Malan Peyton  Dyers Green  Ermine Farm, Dyers Green  “  207358  

**Local law enforcement:**  
Sergeant Chris Burns  Sawston Sector Sergeant  
PC Andy Bates  Community Beat Officer – has recently replaced PC Dave Martin  
Emma Garwood  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)  
Lee Nutbeam.  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)  

**Contact with the police – dial 999 when:**  
• lives are at risk / violence / serious injury  
• serious crime is happening  
• criminal still at the scene or nearby  

Remember that Cambridgeshire’s non-emergency telephone number is: 0845 456 456 4  
This number puts you through to a centralised 24 hour service center where you can report non-emergency matters. Also, try to remember to keep your NW coordinator in the picture so that we can keep an eye on issues and happenings in the village that might affect everyone.  

Since the last Whaddon News the main crime to report is the theft on two separate occasions of lead from St Mary’s Church roof. Sadly, this is a national trend affecting not only the traditional target metals such as lead and brass but now a whole range of other metals. The demands of the expanding markets of India and China are, apparently, behind the rush to steal – even from churches.
We were recently advised by the police of a postal scam that is worth everybody noting: A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 09066611911 (a premium rate number). DO NOT call this number as it is part of a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 02072396655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at www.icstis.org.uk

On 23 October Malan Peyton, on behalf of the Parish Council, and I (for NW) attended the second Baasingbourn & Melbourne Neighbourhood Panel at Bassingbourn Village College. The Panel meeting covers 16 local villages and is intended to provide a forum for members of the local community, the police and associated agencies to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss, promote and improve community safety. Some 60 people attended and while the anti-social behaviour problems of our larger neighbours in Bassingbourn, Melbourne and Meldreth tend to be at the top of the agenda we are all given a chance to express local village concerns.

For Whaddon we raised the theft of lead from the church and fly tipping, notably at Whaddon Gap, but the main issue we raised was speeding in Whaddon and on the A1198. It was clear that ASB in the adjacent villages had been the focus of police time and only limited speeding checks had been carried out and then only Melbourne and Meldreth. We stressed, yet again, the need to monitor the problem in Whaddon where we saw much greater opportunities for motorists to speed. We were invited to let Sgt Burns know locations where we wanted speed to be monitored and have since proposed along the Meldreth Road, particularly at rush hour. We had also expressed concern at traffic speeds traveling north on the A1198 at Whaddon Gap but as an A road this is not monitored by neighbourhood police. We hope to see our PCSOs along Meldreth Road before too long.

A happy and safe Christmas from your Neighbourhood Watch team.