

WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—NOVEMBER 2007

Since the September Whaddon News there have been a 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 reins 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.