



Chair's Report to AGM

As you will be aware I was only appointed chair in October and I would like to thank Judith Russell for all her work not only earlier in the year but previously. I would also like to thank Jim Campe who resigned as vice-chair in November for his contribution over a number of years. I would like on your behalf to record our appreciation of all they have done.

Since I have been chair I have received enormous help from both Police Inspector Stephen Manger and John Mack from the Barking and Dagenham Council both as our links to the Metropolitan Police and the Council and as very active members of our committee. I would also like to record our appreciation for the work of Suzanne Honeyman who not only acts as our minute secretary but field's telephone enquires for us.

On your behalf I would like to thank both the Metropolitan Police and the Council for their financial assistance without which it would be difficult for us to move forward.

As you will be aware we have extended our committee to include newly designated area coordinators and I believe this new set up is starting to bear fruit. I would therefore like to record my appreciation of all the contributions from members the committee and would recommend that they continue their sterling work. I would especially like to thank Paul Bond for all the work he has put into our new Cold Calling initiative and promotion of Neighbourhood Watch in the borough. In recognition of this he was asked at a recent committee meeting to replace Jim Campe as Vice-chair. I value his support and would recommend that he continue in this role. I have to sadly report that Stephen and Rita Coombs and John Gurden will not be standing for re-election at this AGM as they are moving away from the area. I would particularly like to record our gratitude to Stephen for his work as treasurer over the past years and to Rita who has been a leading light in the B&D NW helping to start and support new watches and in setting up the Marks Gate Office. We are fortunate that Rita Summerfield has agreed to take over this role for us. We would like to add to the committee a further member Colin Constable who would look after the production of our newsletter. If there are any other people interested in becoming an area coordinator and join the committee would they please put themselves forward when we elect the new committee?



How are we moving forward?

The web-site is now running well and can be interrogated by putting Barking & Dagenham Neighbourhood Watch into a search engine. I would strongly recommend it as it has a wealth of useful information.

More window stickers have been produced and will be available after the meeting

Street signs have been produced and have now been to be put up.

John Mack has now updated our pack with useful crime prevention information and samples of these will be available after the meeting. He has also ordered a digital camera and has produced updated marking kits from those available in the Marks Gate Office which are available for inspection afterwards.

John Mack is continuing to develop Junior Neighbourhood Watch in collaboration with Robert Clack School as a pilot. He will now present his report.

After presenting the concept of a "No Cold Calling Zone" to the January meeting of the Coordinators, the idea was discussed at the subsequent meeting of the NNWA committee at greater depth.

It was agreed that a working party of DI Steve Manger, John Mack and Paul Bond would be formed to drive the idea forward. With the inclusion at a later meeting of Sue Wiseman from the Trading Standards Office it was then decided to designate an area as a testing zone. This area best suited was to include Sunningdale Avenue, Erkenwald Road, Cranbourne Road, St Awdry's Road and Westbury Court. These five roads are all enclosed in a 90 degree arc close to the Barking Town Centre, are used regularly by uninvited salespeople, legal or illegal, and have a total of over 400 residents. This area is also well served by its local councillors who have given their support, and have Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams in place, who also have given much support.

What has been achieved?

1. The area was canvassed to see how the residents felt about a no cold calling zone, and how it would be implemented. Those who did actually answer the door, which was over one third, agreed totally with the zone, and the future benefits.
2. A new sticker has been produced, and along with a letter outlining how the zone would operate has been drafted, approved by Police, Council and NNWA.



3. The sticker has a telephone number on it for 'callers' to phone which goes to a call centre which has a Question and Answer brief to further explain the reasoning for a no cold calling zone
4. The letter has a telephone number direct to the area's Safer Neighbourhood Team for reporting 'callers' for response and intelligence gathering.
5. With the help of the Barking Police Cadets, and PCSOs fulfilling and delivering the packs, all residents in the area received their packs between the 6th and 8th of May, in a NNWA envelope that has a general address on the front to the resident to explain the contents are important and is not a circular.

The way forward

With the hopeful success of this zone, it is intended to follow with:

1. Guidelines and criteria to be set as to how future zones will be operated.
2. New zones to be identified that match the criteria i.e. support from residents, local councillors and Safer Neighbourhood Teams in place, and implemented.
3. Further meetings of the working party to see how to enhance the concept.
4. Meetings with companies such Gas, Electric and Water to gain their support.
5. A PR campaign to be initiated.

Paul Bond has led this initiative producing designs for stickers for Cold Calling Zones overseeing the launch in the area around Sunningdale Road in Barking and I would like to record our appreciation of his efforts.

It has been decided to hold back on the Good Neighbour Scheme until the Cold Calling Scheme is properly off the ground.

Paul Bond and John Mack are looking into the feasibility of us selling crime prevention products.

The Neighbourhood Watch Office has now been set up at Marks Gate Police Office and an asset register will be formed. This will also act as an Area Coordinators Office for Marks Gate and Chadwell Heath while an office is being set up for the Leftley Estate Area at Upney Baptist Church. It is planned to set up further offices as Safer Neighbour Teams become established.



Finally we have been liaising with Redbridge Neighbourhood Watch and I am pleased to welcome Lisa Cherry who organises the scheme in that borough tour meeting.

We have had two meetings one exchanging ideas where Inspector Steven Manger, John Mack and I met with Lisa and Inspector Mark Robinson who is the Met Police Liaison Officer to Redbridge Neighbourhood Watch and another on training. John Mack and I met with Lisa and Sally Dalton of Crime Prevention to plan training for coordinators. John Mack will now present a report.

Proposed Committee for 2006

Chair – David Parker

Vice-Chair – Paul Bond (+Area Representative Barking Town Centre)

Treasurer – Rita Summerfield (+ Area Rep Rush Green)

Metropolitan Police Liaison Officer – Inspector Stephen Manger

Metropolitan Police Rep Barking – Inspector Ivan Hayes

LB B&D Liaison Officer – John Mack

Cathy Laine (Area Rep Marks Gate)

Rita Venturini (Area Rep Village Ward)

Linda Young (Area Rep Leftley Estate)

Colin Constable - Newsletter