

**Bromley Heath  
Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter  
Summer 2015 Edition  
'Working Together, Keeping You Safe.'**

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Your Contact Person is .....

At Number.....

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**HELP!** Volunteers urgently required as Contact Points. **Please don't say you are too busy. Do say: "I didn't realise it was so easy to make a contribution to our vibrant community. Of course I can spare a little time".**

It is quite noticeable how these most important volunteers have decreased recently, leaving our community with fewer contact points. Last newsletter our Chair - Bill covered a number of areas himself but this cannot continue as he is needed to Edit , oversee the printing and distribute 2500 to the coordinators, who have their own issues, as well as attend various meetings on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch and of course carryout his own full time job.

A contact point is asked to deliver the newsletter to say 25 neighbours maximum, 4 times a year. There is no need to attend any meetings although you would be very welcome. Bill's own experience was to take 20 minutes to add a name and telephone number to each copy and deliver to 25 houses. He chose a lovely sunny day and took the chance to admire gardens, listen to bird song and pass the time of day with the locals.

We are looking for young people, (maybe doing awards) young parents and senior citizens from all parts of our diverse area to be truly representative of our community to join us in our successful NW, which we know the majority wish to keep.

**'We Need To Refresh and Replenish'**

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By the way there's other vacancies too, eg, a social media editor - is that for you?

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**We are at the Sandringham Pub** on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30 pm until late for our annual drop in and a bit of formal business for 15 to 20 mins, (agm). Why not come and check us out and see what we are up to, raise any issues of concern, celebrate the good stuff, pick up some information, or even volunteer to help?

**We need your nominations and votes! Even if you can't make it you can participate.**

Elsewhere you'll find details of the committee. Just use our contact details at the back of this edition, be in virtual attendance and vote for them or put forward new volunteers for any vacancies, with their permission of course, for any of the roles?

**The next and still subject to potential cuts, Safer, Stronger Meeting, will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, 7.00pm, at Downend Baptist Church.**

Do please let your contact person and your co-ordinator know if something has happened that has been reported direct to the Police.

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**PC and Beat Manager Paul Fortune writes:** “Hello and thank you all for giving me the opportunity to write this small article in your newsletter. First a brief introduction to my career, I have served as a PCSO in Chipping Sodbury for 5 years, before becoming a Police Constable. I was posted at Filton for the first of the 3 years as a response officer then moved to Chipping Sodbury before coming to Downend to work alongside the beat team. In the role of response officer you deal with many things and in many ways I view it as being a GP in that you have to have a vast knowledge of all things, whilst specialising in no one particular area.

So here I am now as one of your beat managers, what can you expect from me? Well I am a family man, 48 years old and have a strong sense of values with regards to how people should behave and how society on the whole should behave. I feel passionately about educating younger members of society in the role of the police and just how valuable their role in society is as they grow. The police service is going through some significant changes with various cuts to budgets, but rest assured that the officers I work with are still dedicated and are determined to give the best service they can. My plans for the coming years are to improve the working relationship with local schools, businesses and residents. To this end we have completed 5 school visits in the Downend beat area where the younger children get to meet us, asking questions, learning the values of the police and we hope to encourage the correct behaviour and trust between us.

The time of year has arrived where the sun will shine and people will enjoy their gardens and homes. I urge people to be mindful that if you have windows open when home make sure you secure them when you go out, also many sheds are left open and this is an ideal opportunity for the passing thief to have a good look to see what you have.

If you should be an unfortunate victim of a burglary please follow these simple steps.

- 1: Inform us ASAP calling 101
- 2: Try your best not to touch or move anything
- 3: If there are footprints on any hard surface ie Tiled or lino floors then please do not walk over them, instead place newspaper in the areas around the prints and walk on those.
- 4: If items have been moved on other surfaces please don't move them.



Finally please be aware that crime figures show a decrease over the last couple of years and the biggest issue for many is the fear of crime. You have an excellent team who I am delighted to be joining, with the support of the response officers we will deliver the best service we can to make the people of BH area be safe and feel safe.”

Kindest Regards

PC 4707 Paul Fortune

## Heathfest

Didn't we have a lovely time – it was great to see so many of you and discuss the good and not so! Thanks to the Beat team too for being there in support. Some new volunteers came forward to join us – many thanks to them!



Proud Graeme with his award

Honey thief caught with paws in the hive!

Congrats to Graeme and Bill on receiving their John Laurie awards from the Heathfest Committee in recognition of the good works undertaken for the benefit of the community..... Many thanks to all who kindly nominated them and thank you to the committee for all their hard work.



Here's Graeme and Chris, (on Bill's behalf) receiving the awards.



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Local references available

**For our annual business; (see meeting details - front page) why not come along or, if you can't, use our contact details on the back page to be with us virtually? We need your confirmatory votes and/or nominations/volunteers please for the Committee? The current position is:**

Lesley Ashley	Fouracre
Richard Old	Church
<b>Vacant</b>	Bury Hill View
Lyn Bromley and Mick	Badminton
Lynda & Chris Stone	Oakdale
Darren Rogers	Heath Upper and Lampost signage
<b>Vacant</b>	Heath Lower
<b>Vacant</b> (covered by Will and George)	Heathfields
Julie Gould	Quakers
Graeme Dundas	Queensholm
<b>Vacant</b>	Bromleaze
Mark Venables	Sandringham
Mark Garland	Web/Fa'book/Twitter/Google + editor
Rose Cane	Secretary
Tony Joy	PRO and Newsletter editor
Martyn Thomas	Logistics and Lampost signage
Ron Coleman	Treasurer
Tim Davis	Deputy Treasurer
<b>Vacant</b>	Speedwatch and GONE
Bill Crocker	Chair

**Interested in joining the team? Ask for a no commitment chat to find out more.**



Depressing, mindless vandalism and theft of donations for good works late at night has led a local resident to decide to stop that form of fund raising. If you hear or see suspicious or criminal behaviour taking place, do act on our advice on the back page.

**Poor Dog Ownership Concerns.** Following recent concern about incidents on social media see the below form a PC.

Dogs are loyal, caring, intelligent and great company and these are just a few of many endearing qualities that they have. Dogs aren't born aggressive; it is caused by a combination of factors, eg. the way it has been treated as a puppy or it has been trained to be aggressive or protective of its owner and property. When it is a danger to other animals, or people, the police can take action. Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 creates offences relating to a dog being dangerously out of control. The law says; 3(1) If a dog is dangerously out of control ... (a) the owner; and (b) if different, the person at the time in charge, is guilty of an offence, or, while so out of control injures any person or assistance dog, is guilty of an aggravated offence.

Importantly this law does not apply if a person is trespassing within your own home. However, it could apply if your dog is free within your own garden and a person, who is not trespassing, is bitten or fears being bitten or hurt. This was introduced in May 2014 to protect people delivering post or children for example who have walked into your garden.

The dog warden has powers to house a dog that is wandering in public without any obvious owner. Police also have further powers to take action against persons that are in possession of a specified "banned breed".

Dogs must wear an identifying collar under the Control of Dogs Order 1992, and sections 72 and 75 of the Animal Health Act 1981. Name and address of the owner must be inscribed on the collar. This legislation is not enforced by the police but the local authority. It is also a good idea to protect your dog by getting it micro chipped.



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Anti-Social Behaviour	<b>March:</b> Bury Hill, Sandringham Ave. <b>April:</b> Bury Hill, Quakers Rd, <b>May:</b> BH Playing Field, Q'sholm Cresc. <b>June:</b> BH Playing Field, Quakers's Rd x 2
Burglary	<b>March:</b> Q'sholm Ave, Quaker's Rd, F Acre Ave
Criminal Damage	<b>March:</b> Greenleaze. <b>April:</b> Sand'ham Park, Oakdale Close. <b>June:</b> Cleeve Court
Other Theft	
Vehicle	<b>April:</b> Oakdale Ave, Oakdale Court x 2. <b>June:</b> F Acre Ave. <b>June:</b> Sandholme Cose, Sand'ham Ave, Sand'ham Park, Oakdale Close x 2, Oakdale Court
Violent Crime	<b>May:</b> Church Lane, Bromley Heath Rd, Sand'ham Park. <b>June:</b> B H Rd
Drugs	<b>March:</b> Sandringham Park.

**NB: data for Windsor Court flawed and excluded. Glendale includes the nearby open space. Definitions: Anti-social** includes personal and environmental. **Burglary** entering a building with the intention of stealing. **Criminal damage** to buildings and/or vehicles. **Theft** of bicycles or from the person. **Vehicle** theft from/of/or interference with. **Violent** crime against the person.

**Youth Survey Success!**

There was a prize for the first male and female young people to fill in the Youth Survey. So the Chair nipped round to the winners and got a picture of Chelsea Ireland happily receiving her Staples Voucher for £20. The other winner was Charlie Watts – well done to them both and thanks for your feedback!



**Emergency Calls – When to call 999** - only to be used in an emergency. The police should only be called on 999 when:

- There is a danger to life or a risk of injury being caused imminently. Examples include serious road accidents, assaults or serious disorders.
- A crime is in progress. Examples include assault, burglary, and theft or if an offender is still on scene, or has just left the scene.
- Police attendance is required immediately such as to prevent a breach of peace, someone acting suspiciously or someone who is about to commit an offence.

**Non-emergency calls – When to call the 101 number.** An operator is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to deal with your enquiry. This number should be used for all other enquires, advice on police matters and to report crimes which have already happened, where there is no sign of an offender.

**Do ask them to put it's a NW call (tagging) on the computer system for both please and have your postcode ready?**

We are working on cold calling with the Parish so look out for an article in our next edition. There have recently been thefts of tools from vans. Thieves are out there 24/7 and this opportunity is easy pickings – beware!

**Useful Numbers Your Post Code: BS \_\_\_\_\_**

Neighbourhood beat manager's office	0117 945 4137
Police Main Switchboard	101
In Emergencies Only	999
Emergency text for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and speech impaired people	80999
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Victim Support	0845 456 6099
www.victimsupport.org.uk	
Street Care: (Litter, Lighting, Pavements, Graffiti, etc.)	01454 868 000
Stray Dogs (South Glos Council)	01454 868009
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Telephone Preference Service	0845 070 0707
www.tpsonline.org.uk	
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