

Ipswich Area Network Forum (IANF) 29.01.2018

Attending: Martin Shaw (MS), North East
Paul Barritt (PB), St. Margaret's/Westgate/Alexandra
Gavin Pond (GP), Rushmere & Kesgrave
Marion Ransby (MR), North West
Tony Spall (TS), Chair, Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association (SNWA)
Anthea Boast (AB), Safer Communities Officer, Suffolk Police

Apologies: Jane Cody (JC), Kesgrave

Matters/actions from last meeting

- www.ipswichnw.co.uk – TS has added the IANF meeting notes. MR asked TS where the minutes are located on the web site – currently located under the section “About Us”
- AB asked for confirmation around new Schemes being signed up to Police Connect. TS advised this is strongly recommended in the welcome letter.

AGM

The AGM and election of officials was deferred to the next meeting to allow time for each **Network Co-ordinator to raise this at their respective Network groups and to ask...**

1. Is everyone happy for you to continue representing them at IANF meetings?
2. Does anyone wish to stand for IANF Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary?
3. Would anyone like to attend the AGM of the IANF group on Monday 30th April?

TS spoke about the future and potential growth of the IANF to cover the Southern Policing area which has 6 Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) areas overall, and ideally would like at least a Network Co-ordinator for each SNT area. In Ipswich, there are currently five Networks (only 3 SNT areas) which will remain as this. The SNWA aim to have a representative from each Policing area (Southern, Eastern & Western) to sit on the SNWA Executive Committee.

SNWA update

- ✚ **The SNWA AGM is Tuesday 3rd July at 7pm at the Woolpit Village Hall – Please promote at Network meetings with a view to identify additional keen volunteers to get involved.**
- ✚ SNWA have made a grant application, via the Suffolk Community Foundation, to the PCC for branded promotional material & ongoing costs – total £4,000.
- ✚ Last SNWA newsletter required a coordinator response, but only a few Schemes have replied. The open rate for such e-mails is 55-60%. **Network Co-ordinators ask to raise this as a reminder to coordinators at their next Network meeting.**
- ✚ SNWA have struck an agreement with Suffolk SAFEkey to financially benefit from each new member being signed up through neighbourhood watch. A code is likely to be set up to enable this.
- ✚ SNWA have refreshed their web site, making it more user friendly to all types of devices.
- ✚ At the last SNWA Executive meeting with Alan Osborne & Julie Dennis from Community Safety (1) Planning for the annual events for Eastern, Western & Southern area meetings, is starting with July being a potential date. The themes for these events will be guided by the National NW body. (2) SNT engagement events are going ahead with no involvement of the SNWA for promoting NW. Therefore this is being addressed by Supt. Tonya Antonis.
- ✚ NW Street signage update – Parliament is now involved! The SNWA have been waiting 18 months for SCC to make a planning consent agreement with them for the erection of signs. This is obviously a major issue for new Schemes being signed up.

- ✚ SNWA waiting on e-mail confirmation from the National organisation, to provide guidance on any measures that schemes may need to undertake to comply with new General Data Protection rules.
- ✚ The February SNWA newsletter will contain a check list for home security.

Individual Network updates

North West

- ✚ Generally car crime, vans being broken into and shed burglaries have been an issue.
- ✚ More recently burglaries have occurred within NW Scheme areas.
- ✚ NCCZ are a good tool to prevent door step callers, although criteria can be off putting. TS added that door stickers can be downloaded with the correct wording to prevent 'cold callers'.

Rushmere & Kesgrave

- ✚ It was noted at the last meeting that not much crime has occurred in the area.
- ✚ George Dix had attended the last meeting & talked about NW & promotional events with Suffolk SAFEkey.
- ✚ Rushmere Network may purchase their own NW promotional material, flags/signs
- ✚ Jane Cody is being invited to all meetings but there is still a need to identify a Network Co-ordinator for Kesgrave or incorporate the Kesgrave Schemes within the Rushmere Network. – TS asked GP to speak with George Dix around this.
- ✚ The Network Co-ordinator for the Rushmere group is Jean Potter, which currently covers Rushmere Town & Rushmere Village (2 separate SNT areas).
- ✚ Although Jane Cody was unable to attend the IANF she raised an issue that they had had the 'fish sellers' around their area. This was reported to the Police & advice was given to report this to Trading Standards as well.

North East

- ✚ The December meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.
- ✚ MS was due to speak at the NE Area Committee about NW but due to a mix up with guest speakers this did not go ahead. He hopes to undertake this at the next meeting in March.
- ✚ Discussion had taken place over the practicalities of the SE joining with the NE Network as they meet at the same venue. This idea was not well received; however a joint meeting once a year was voiced but not agreed.
- ✚ TS will ask George Dix to identify a Network Co-ordinator for the SE Network.

St. Margaret's/Westgate/Alexandra

- ✚ At their last meeting, election of officials took place and everyone remained in post.
- ✚ Attendance is usually good with around 20 people.
- ✚ They always introduce the crime figures which generates a general group discussion. Should there be a high increase they will raise this with the SNT Sergeant. TS asked GP if he get the crime stats-unfortunately not, as this is a historic favour only for Ipswich.
- ✚ As previously minuted PB attended the Central Area Committee in October where the Police were given a hard time over local issues. An additional meeting was held on 19th December with Police & Council where a four page document was introduced around what had been done to address these issues eg Op Woven & introduction of the Urban Street Gang.
- ✚ PB attended the Central Area Committee on 17th January & the Central Inspector spoke re-iterating the work being undertaken by all partners as this was a multi-agency document. No one raised any further issues.
- ✚ PB highlighted that the Area Committees are the only public meeting which the Police attend.
- ✚ Graffiti still an ongoing issue especially with BT/Virgin boxes.

- ✚ IBC have requested a fund of £3,000 to fund the cleaning of graffiti from places/areas that they would not normally attend.
- ✚ One member had shared a CCTV image of a person committing car crime within their Scheme area. It was agreed that it is ok to share these images within the Network.
- ✚ TS explained that in other areas of the Country NW Schemes used social media platforms to share such images/information within a closed group.

South West

- ✚ TS confirmed that Tony Rivett had stood down from being Network Co-ordinator. George Dix will make contact with all NW Schemes to discuss the way forward and to identify a Network Co-ordinator to be a central point of contact.

South East

- ✚ This Network has no Network Co-ordinator therefore this will be addressed by George Dix.

AOB

- ✚ TS advised that the SNWA Secretary was standing down therefore they would be looking for additional volunteers to fill this role. **Can each network Co-ordinator raise this at their Network meetings to encourage willing members to come forward.**
- ✚ GP advised that a member had complained about the 101 system stating that they had called this and there was a recorded message saying there was an hours wait to take the call. TS asked the group to get specific details/evidence of this type of issue so it can be addressed officially.

NB. Actions in red

Dates for 2018 IANF meetings – please put in your diary to avoid disappointment 😊

Mon 30th April, Mon 30th July & Mon 29th Oct.