



Neighbourhood Watch

the newsletter of the *Arnold Association
of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes*
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Autumn 2017

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter. Below you can find details of our **forthcoming members meeting**, our **new Facebook page** and the changes to the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee.

Our next free members evening takes place on Wednesday, 27 September 2017 and will be your opportunity to hear from Mark Towlson. Mark is the Dementia Champion for Gedling Borough Council and will be talking about how this illness can affect any family. As with other events you will be able to ask questions. The talk will be held at the Bonington Theatre in Arnold. It is free to attend. If you have any questions you are welcome to send an email to arnoldnw@mail.com

As you may have read in the last newsletter the Association now has a Facebook page. (Simply **search for ArnoldNW on Facebook**.) While we have every intention of continuing with these newsletters we have acknowledged that many people also use Facebook to keep up-to-date with what is happening in their area. It would therefore be remiss of us not to make use of the site. Our new Facebook page also means we can reach more people more frequently without increasing our costs – something the Association is always looking to do.

When you've found our page, simply press the 'follow' button. That way you'll always be up-to-date with news from the Association. The Facebook page is open for anyone to see – you don't need to be a member or even have an account with Facebook. Simply go to <https://www.facebook.com/ArnoldNW/>.

Our main aims for the Facebook page are to publish news on crime that we get from organisations (often the police) and to post information that helps you and your family stay safe. There is a vast amount of information that has been published over the years about protecting your home along with general advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime. We hope you will find it useful to have this type of information posted in bite sized chunks.

Along with now being able to contact us through Facebook we have also set-up a new email address: arnoldnw@mail.com. Any member is welcome to use either option if you have a question or would like help.

Also mentioned in the last newsletter was our AGM which took place in May. This also marked the beginning of another year of Arnold Neighbourhood Watch schemes. John Wood declared that he was stepping down from the committee. This has meant the election of a new chair and vice chair. I was honoured to take over from John and Grace Millar has become Vice Chair.

Leigh Barlow
Chair
Arnold Association of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes



Metropolitan Connect is a free service, supported by Nottinghamshire County Council, which provides practical advice, connections to services and short term support to enable people to maintain their independence and continue living at home for as long as possible. We can:

- help to reduce, delay or prevent the need for social care and health services
- help people to maintain their independence
- reduce isolation and encourage befriending
- connect people to services that can help and provide the right support
- offer personalised advice and short term support
- help to co-ordinate the services that people may need

Who is Connect for?

Metropolitan Connect is for adults living in Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe who are at risk of deteriorating health and independence due to age, mobility, disability, long term health condition or bereavement.

How Connect can make a difference

Since the service started in January 2016 we have supported people with a wide range of issues including:

- help with benefit claims
- finding local support and leisure groups
- getting aids and adaptations fitted in the home
- finding alternative accommodation
- finding reputable trades people

How to refer people to Connect

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from our support please contact us on 0115 9395406 or connect@metropolitan.org.uk

Restorative Justice (RJ)

Catch22 – a social business (a not for profit business with a social mission) has been funded by Paddy Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire, to provide the Nottinghamshire Victim CARE service which is free, confidential, independent and victim-centred. People do not have to report the crime to the Police to benefit from the service. It is open to anyone living (even temporarily – e.g. students or travellers) in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire who has been affected by crime, anti-social behaviour or hate incidents.

RJ brings those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward.

The six principles of restorative practice are:

Restoration – the primary aim of restorative practice is to address and repair harm.

Voluntarism – participation in restorative processes is voluntary and based on informed choice.

Neutrality – restorative processes are fair and unbiased towards participants.

Safety – processes and practice aim to ensure the safety of all participants and create a safe space for the expression of feelings and views about harm that has been caused.

Accessibility - restorative processes are non-discriminatory and available to all those affected by conflict and harm.

Respect – restorative processes are respectful to the dignity of all participants and those affected by the harm caused.

The benefit of RJ is that it provides those who have been harmed with a forum to “have their say and be heard”. It enables victims to:

- get answers to crucial questions
- explain to the person who harmed them the impact their behaviour has had.
- help prevent the same thing happening to someone else
- get closure and move on.

RJ provides offenders with an opportunity to:

- acknowledge responsibility for their offending behaviour;
- make amends and reparation to the victim
- begin the process of reintegration into the community.

The offender does not get any sentence privileges or direct benefits for participating in an RJ process. Research has shown that 85% of victims are satisfied with the process and 78% of victims would recommend it to others. Additional benefits include a reduction in victims' post-traumatic stress symptoms and reduced desire for revenge. Every £1 spent upfront on RJ has been shown to save £9 later on. It is important to note that the Police sometimes refer to their community disposals without charge as “ Restorative Justice”. This is not the same thing at all!

Best Buddy Awards 2017

It hardly seems possible but we started the award scheme ten years ago as a pilot at the Good Shepherd School in Woodthorpe and then built it up over the years to include all ten of our local Primary Schools. Two of the schools have opted out in 2017 but we hope that they will come back when they are ready. In 2013 our then Chair Kate Vaughan-Newton was delighted to be invited to the House of Commons to receive the National Neighbourhood Watch Award for Inspiring Youth to mark our success in the scheme. The video of that presentation is on our Facebook page.

We have received generous funding from our Councillors both at Gedling Borough and at Nottinghamshire County and been able to fund a runner-up prize at each school which asked for it.

Our thanks are due to Carolyn Hill who has done a splendid job of juggling all aspects of the Awards (apart from the glass plaques!) and to the staff and students of all the participating schools for the wonderful presentations they have produced. For the record, here are the winning students by school:

School	Winner	Runner-up
Arno Vale Junior School	Emily-May Sherratt	Isabella Jozsko
Arnold Mill Primary School	Eleanor Glover	Emily McKeag
Arnold View Primary School	Molly Gibb	Alfie Hollingsworth
Coppice Farm Primary School	Rafay Naqvi	Hannah Catchpole
Ernehale Junior School	Ravneet Seehra	Serai Bondswell
The Good Shepherd Primary Academy	Demi Kpekata	Saul MacDonald
Killisick Junior School	Jake Newman	
Robert Mellors Primary School	Hollie Travis	Callum Douglas

Nottinghamshire County Council's Customer Care Centre

This useful point of contact for County Council services can be contacted by phone on

0300 500 8080.

Contact us

Call 999 when there is: a threat to life; a criminal act in progress, about to be committed or offender in the vicinity; serious risk to property or person; serious disorder or a traffic collision resulting in serious injury. The 999 system should only be used to save life or when a crime or incident is ongoing.

PLEASE DON'T USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS TO REPORT EMERGENCY MATTERS OF THE KIND DESCRIBED IMMEDIATELY ABOVE.

For all non-emergency calls ring 101. If you are calling from a mobile phone you may need to select an option to connect to Nottinghamshire Police. Arnold (High Street) Police Station has now closed and a new joint working location for Neighbourhood Policing officers with Gedling Borough Council has been set up. The response officers now work from Oxclose Lane Police Station.

Gedling Borough Council's Neighbourhood Wardens can be contacted via 0115 901 3972 or e-mail environmentalhealth@gedling.gov.uk – they deal with anti-social behaviour and environmental crime such as littering, fly-tipping and dog fouling. This e-mail address can also be used to contact the Empty Homes Officer about properties which cause concern by standing empty.

To report a loan shark: call the 24/7 confidential hotline 0300 555 2222 or text 'loan shark + your message' to 60003 or E-mail reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk You can also log-on to www.direct.gov.uk/stoploansharks or Private message Notts Trading Standards on Facebook www.facebook.com/stoploansharksproject Nottinghamshire County Council's Customer Care Centre can give access to Trading Standards as well as any other service – phone 0300 500 8080.

You can register your property free of charge on the Immobilise website – the UK National Property register. This has more than 28 million members and anything with a serial number from a mobile phone to a bicycle can be registered. You can also upload photographs of your property to the site. The Police have special access so that they can check on the ownership of recovered property and reunite it with the rightful owner. <https://www.immobilise.com/>

Further information on Neighbourhood Watch can be seen at the National NW website: <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/> and locally through NottsWatch: www.nottswatch.co.uk

You can receive community safety and crime related messages by email, text message or recorded voice from the Gedling Community website <http://www.gedlingcommunity.co.uk> – you do not have to have a computer to benefit from this system which is used by the Police and Trading Standards as well as Neighbourhood Watch. You can take part in a survey of local priorities at www.neighbourhoodprioritysurvey.co.uk

Please like our Facebook page: ArnoldNW

You can also write to us at:-

Neighbourhood Watch
c/o Gedling Borough Council
Civic Centre
Arnot Hill Park
Arnold
NOTTINGHAM NG5 6LU

or email arnoldnw@mail.com



Anonymous messages to give information about criminals or their activities can be made to **CRIMESTOPPERS** on 0800 555111 – you need not identify yourself and may be entitled to a reward which can be claimed anonymously. These messages are always treated seriously – Crimestoppers wants **their** name – not yours!