

BOTESDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP 2017

The Botesdale Parish Neighbourhood Watch Group (NHW) is covered by ten (10) coordinators with vacancy for The Drift and they are all registered with the Police.

We used to get regular updates of crimes and incidents from the Police, but due to cutbacks these are no longer circulated. We do get the 'Police Connect' circulation by email about once a month, but it does not go into any specific details. We are just referred to the national Police website on www.police.uk, and when entering the 'Postcode' the individual crimes are listed. The problem with this is that it is nearly always two months out of date, for instance the last entry on this page are crimes reported in December 2016 in Church Meadows and The Street, Rickinghall, but gives no specific details of the crime or incident.

I have now resorted to putting a request in the April 'Parish Magazine', in the Neighbourhood Watch entry, to asking all residents to contact me about crimes and incidents in our section, after they have reported it to Police. I will then circulate them to the respective NHW group. I hope this will achieve a more comprehensive record of crimes etc.

I can report that the instances of crimes or unsociable incidents are very low and long may it be so.

My commitments to another matter are now reduced and I hope to attend the Parish Council meetings in future.

Peter H Beck. (Chairman of Botesdale NW Group)