

Christchurch Borough
Home Watch
Association
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Newsletter



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Review of our year to date

It is now 6 months since our AGM and the New Year gives us the chance to update you on some of the developments within your Association.

New Members Fees

A decision was taken to make a charge of £5 for life membership of Home Watch. This only applies to new members and not to existing members. This does give us the opportunity to raise funds to pay for more events which will be aimed at increasing your awareness of safety issues and to give us the opportunity to help the more vulnerable in our society.

Alarms for the Vulnerable

For a number of people the fact that their home has been broken into leaves them with the feeling of insecurity and a fear in returning to their home. To help in providing the extra security that will make them feel safe to return to their own home we aim to install a temporary burglar alarm. We have to thank Paul Poyntz for the time he has spent making the systems serviceable.

The use will be down to the Police to advise us of a suitable home. They will be used on a temporary basis until a suitable alarm system has been purchased.

Highcliffe Burglaries

A large number of domestic burglaries have been committed in Highcliffe. Over the holiday period Home Watch in partnership with the police have been operating a extra pair of eyes in keeping a watch on property, left empty during the holiday period. This has been a very good exercise for Home Watch and we will be meeting with the Police to expand the system and see what can be done, by Home Watch, to improve security of homes in the area.

Award from the Police and Crime Commissioner

We have been fortunate in being awarded a sum of money to enable us to hold a series of home safety exhibitions across the borough. Once dates have been finalised further information will follow.

Community Speed Watch

We have been very active on River Way and have witnessed a dramatic change in driving habits. Other areas can be considered subject to Police checks.

We wish you a happy and healthy new year.