**BRAINTREE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**REPORT TO ECNWA TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023**

**SAFER STREETS FUNDING**

**Making progress with Braintree District NW and Essex Police. We have received £375 towards the £750 to help raise the profile of NW in Witham. A leaflet has been created with myself and the newly appreciated Witham NW Co-ordinator on the front. This is Judy Hill who has been Co-ordinator of Silver End ( part of Witham ) for almost 20 years so very experienced. The budget I have been given is to have the leaflet printed and then delivered to as many homes in a specified area in Witham as possible , however there are over 20,000 homes in the areas within the SSF campaign and not only is this over budget BUT I know I and the Witham NW Co-ordinator manage even 5% of enquiries ie 100 easily…I had to explain to BDC that it is not just say “Welcome to NW” but we do make more enquiries as to their availability to be involved and knowing what time they have in their busy lives…I have also agreed various items which Essex Police will be handing out to many residents in which we have a budget of £7,000…I had a meeting yesterday with Braintree District Council and will update everyone at our next meeting in September!!**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS**

**I am pleased to say that I now have the crime reports from Terry Fowles..and can I say they are very helpful with more information on the crime which is very useful.**

**The newsletter is well received and is a summary of the crime reports and is it its 15th year every week..**

**SIX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**This has been completed and will go to print once I know what each Co-ordinators are willing to distribute. Last issue was a print run of 3,500. The next issue has an article about Jenny Brouard and also I have advised how Neighbourhood Watch has changed over the years which covers IAG’s, Safety Street Funding , including the use of emails, WhatsApp, Twitter. There is also an article form Crimestoppers.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY**

**The guests speaker will be District Commander Mr.Martin Richards .**

**At the AGM we also present Certificates of Appreciation to a few Co-ordinators for the efforts in the past twelve months.**

**Our Neighbourhood Watch Member of the Year is Celia Shute ( my Vice Chairman) who you have met…**

**Each of the Executives have agreed to stay on for another year. I seem to have found a new member for the Executive which is great .**

**We have our meetings in Maurice Rowan Hall Gosfield where the facilities are excellent and the parking is easy….I shall invite 250 people but last year we had 32..however before Covid we had over 60!!**

**ENQUIRIES**

**I have seen a few new registration on National NW database ( being MSA) but after explaining NW and how I can be of support many have not responded . There has been an increase in general membership.**

**We do have a Residents Association who are keen to create a scheme and I have sent them all the information and items as requested and waiting to hear from them .**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**I gave a talk to Braintree Senior Citizens which was well received and I recommended that they should also have speakers from Essex Police and Essex Fire &Rescue Service which they have actioned.**

**Clive Stewart,**

**Chairman Braintree District NW.**