



## Chair's Report for AGM 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Firstly, a big thank you to my fellow committee members for their support and hard work over the last year, most especially to Steve Lazell for his organisation, admin and excellent help as secretary.

I'd also like to thank the new scheme coordinators who have joined us during the last year. They are already making a difference in their communities.

Rather a lot happened in the year. Here's a short summary:

- **National Neighbourhood Watch week 3-9 June 2023** - excellent partnership initiative working alongside local Police teams promoting the *Alerts* and Neighbourhood Watch (NW). 230 new registrations; over 90 hours of volunteer time; 15 venues over 7 days.
- **Alerts:** continued focus on working with the Police to improve the use of this tool for local messages on local crime, as well as intelligence gathering.
- **Operation Target:** this innovative project received funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner (via TVNHWA), to increase sign-ups to Alert and NW membership and new schemes. Part of which included the purchase of some NW-branded items: polo shirts, flags, roller-banners, lanyards, new street-signs...
- **Attending/Exhibiting at events across the district:** from Fishermead to Olney to Westcroft to Fullers Slade to Hanslope to Newton Leys... Between us, over 30 events and meetings attended over the year to boost our visibility! Many thanks to everyone who helped.
- **A more professional and dynamic look to our work:** not only with our NW-branded items but also our publicity and printed leaflets.
- **A new project with Campbell Park Community Council** (funded): to build membership and safer communities in Fishermead, Willen and Woolstone.
- **Continued work on the database to build accuracy.**

I see the pattern of work over the next year very much continuing the above: very much being out & about and promoting crime prevention and safer communities.

One immediate challenge for us is to ensure we receive the level of attention and partnership support for our work from the Police as we have greatly benefitted from Insp. Ravenall and PCSO Huckle, both of whom have now left the Force.

*And finally, thank you for your continued work to help create better and safer communities where you live. Please keep in touch and if you can help build and strengthen Neighbourhood Watch across the district we will let you know opportunities.*