



GREENWICH BOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Committee Information Sheet for Coordinators SPRING 2010

NW Coordinator Training

GBNWA hosted two training sessions in February for new and existing coordinators, which were very well attended. The sessions were introduced by Inspector Nick Crowe and took the form of group and case studies, led by members of the Community Safety Team at Greenwich Council. This format enabled participants to exchange ideas and experiences. There was also a talk by the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour ('ASB') Team. So that we can all benefit, here are some of the interesting points which emerged:

1. In a recent youth study, when asked what makes them feel safer on the streets, two of the main factors the young people identified were: seeing PCSO's on the street and seeing NW street signs. So you are making a direct impact by designating streets as NW zones!
2. Greenwich's Problem Solving Group aims to tackle the underlying causes of a problem, rather than just suppressing the symptoms. This can include addressing environmental factors such as: moving a bus stop and staggering school coming out times. The removal of features which lead to a build-up of problems, or hide undesirable activity and improved lighting.
3. The ASB Team's objectives are to: stop anti social behaviour, reduce the fear of crime and support and encourage witnesses. The team gathers information by letter drops, residents meetings, interviews, liaising with Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT's) and landlords, surveillance and patrols. They work with other agencies to take remedial action such as warnings, mediation, Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (for people over 10 years old), court injunctions, ASB orders, evidence to support tenancy action, parenting orders, controlled drinking zones, dispersal orders and premises closure orders.
4. The Police aim to respond to 999 calls within 18 minutes and to 0300 123 1212 calls within an hour. Please remember to tell your SNT as well if you report any crime on either of these numbers. Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 is a good way of reporting crime anonymously. Two reports, which can be cross-referenced to and corroborate the information, are required before any action is taken to ensure that the information is reliable.

The feedback we received from participants was overwhelmingly in favour of repeating and developing these sessions, which we will do again as soon as funding permits.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

You may have noticed we now have teams of 250 Neighbourhood Wardens across the Borough, working in teams and shifts and wearing high-visibility jackets. They act as eyes and ears for a wide range of activities, including taking reports of health and safety hazards, rubbish, dogs and dog-fouling, illegal street trading, abandoned vehicles, graffiti, fly-tipping and low-level anti-social behaviour. They are also assisting Cleansweep in matters such as gritting and are being trained on Fixed Penalty Notices. It is hoped that their presence will promote a feeling of safety. They will act as witnesses and attend emergencies. Neighbourhood Wardens can be contacted on 020 8921 5785.

COMMUNITY PAY-BACK

If you have any local projects which would be appropriate for this Scheme (undertaken by offenders on community service), please nominate your project by contacting Anne-Marie Haxell at: community-safety@greenwich.gov.uk

GBNWA NEWS

- The AGM will take place on SATURDAY, APRIL 24 at DEVONPORT HOUSE, GREENWICH. It start at 10am. The AGM will include a presentation by the Metropolitan Police Specialist Firearms Command.

Please see invitation enclosed.

- With the NWH funding we received this year, we are producing at the request and suggestion of a Greenwich coordinator 'No Leaflets, No Cold Callers' stickers which are available for your members free on a first come, first served basis.

- We have updated the GBNWA Best Practice Guide. These will be available from the end of this month in binders if you are a new coordinator who did not receive the previous issue; or without binders if you are an existing coordinator who received a binder as part of the distribution in 2008. The new version is also available on our website at www.gbnwa.org

Please contact Jane Richards on 020 8858 3452 or email: roxyncyrano@aol.com for stickers and guides, which should be available from the end of April.