

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch

Report for 2012-13

NHW activity has changed over the past 12 months with the demise of the funded part time NHW coordinator post for the area and the local "Hear Hear" circulations that went with it. Unfortunately this has meant a fall off in the more detailed monthly updates of local criminal and policing activity to Carlton residents which was previously circulated and the personalised updates from the local beat officer.

This reduction in communication in a low crime area is, perhaps, an inevitable consequence of prioritisation of resources and the 20% fall in police funding over a 4 year period.

However I shall continue to circulate any crime updates received from the local beat team plus any other relevant NHW info to the Carlton e-mail circulation list which currently has around 70 e-mail addresses.

If you are not currently receiving Police Crime Updates please give me your e-mail address and I shall add you to the circulation. Likewise, if you wish to be removed from the list please let me know.

Crime figures continue to fall nationally year on year and Carlton remains a very low crime area. The crime map statistics on www.police.uk for the 12 months to March 2013 show 7 incidents for the year - 3 burglary, 3 vehicle and 1 violence with July and August 2012 being the peak of activity. Low figures, but no consolation to those who have been a victim and they have our sympathy.

The main purpose of NHW in Carlton remains:

- to reduce crime by spreading knowledge of activity and prevention tactics
- to encourage neighbourliness and a sense of community in looking after one another and especially the more vulnerable
- to share knowledge of local police issues and encourage strong links with our local beat team

National updates over the past 12 months include the demise of the 17 Members of the Leicestershire Police Authority in November 2012 and the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner, Sir Clive Loader, to represent Leicestershire residents in policing matters.

The non-emergency 101 number has also been fully operational since 2012 and can be used in place of 999 for theft, damage, traffic accidents and any general enquiries where life is not in danger or a crime is actually taking place.

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