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AGM 2009

The AGM was held at HENRY CORT SCHOOL on 3rd March 2009 and was attended by about 50 people. Chairman/secretary Jan van de Nadort welcomed everyone present and gave a brief resumé of the past year which included thanks to the Police, committee members and the volunteers who support the Association. No nominations had been received for the positions of Chairman or Secretary although the full committee and Treasurer were willing to stand for

another year. The following proposals were made ...the police will hold 2 meetings per year in each Beat of the Borough and co-ordinators will be invited to attend, then once a year the police will organise a meeting for all the Borough. Meanwhile, committee members will be there to assist the Police whenever required. Sponsors CIA had a display stand and were offering NHW members details of a discount on CIA products. Speakers were as follows:

Inspector David Hunter gave an update on policing in the Borough, which included the latest crime statistics. CI Wallace has left and has been replaced by CI Shaw. (*see above*)

Local policing teams are getting better known in their areas as they deal with their own local problems. College schools at Portchester and Cams Hill have set up 'Safer Schools Partnerships' with dedicated police officers.

Finally, the police now have an electronic News Bulletin which deals with the Fareham area (not Park Gate). Anyone wanting to receive these via email is requested to give their email address to the NW office at Fareham Police station. (*See Page 3 of this Newsletter*)

PCSO James Harry gave a succinct overview of how the job of the PCSO has been integrated into the community since he started 2 years ago. They are now a welcome addition to the police community and primarily reinforce the feeling of safety in the neighbourhood.

Trading Standards

Philip Mills deals with, among other matters, 'Cold Calling Zones'. He was instrumental in setting up the Cold Calling Zone at Stubbington Red Lion estate. He gave a good talk on recognising bogus callers and distraction callers, with the strong message; Keep them out! He handed out updated booklets and stickers on how to deal with cold callers. Basically, don't let them in, check their identity, check with the company they are purported to be working for by using the official telephone numbers given by Trading Standards (Not the number on the caller's identity card!). Also, don't have any excessive cash in the home, or anything of value within sight of the door.

Smartwater

Kieran Madden gave a talk accompanied by video/slide show about the effect of having Smartwater in the home or office. Smartwater is a liquid spray, with each application having its own unique DNA which makes it possible for

a) any thief to be identified as the spray leaves a mark which lights up under UV light, cannot be washed off and remains visible for about 3 months.

b) property marked by an applicator with this liquid is immediately identifiable as belonging to one specific owner and can be returned. Having property and shops marked with a sticker warning that Smartwater has been applied works as a clear deterrent to any thief. (*more information on page 4*)

Message from Chief Inspector Glynis Shaw

'As the District Commander for Fareham Borough I am committed to keeping its residents and their property safe. I look forward to meeting as many residents as possible in the near future and am very pleased to be working with an active and keen Neighbourhood Watch scheme. You are the eyes and ears of the community and the police couldn't tackle crime and anti social behaviour without your assistance'

Chief Inspector Glynis Shaw
Fareham District Commander

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