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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7th DECEMBER 2009, will be held at Bolingbroke & Richard Heights Community Room – supported by Tenants & Residents Association – Thank you**

**Light refreshments**

#### APRIL 2008

Watch schemes registered at beginning of the year **1,671**

**Busy Start to the year!**

#### FCSP – supporting County strategies

Joint Action Group  
Domestic Abuse Group  
Unintentional Injuries Group  
Arson & Flytipping Group  
Open Door Project Group  
OPPN  
C&YPP forums  
School Security Group  
Monthly meetings  
All Wales Neighbourhood Development Group

50+ Project - OPPN Planning Day was held at Corus Club 31 people attended representing 6 Older People's Group supporting over 100 older people

#### NEW

Foot-Y-factor Mini European Football Tournament. We join FCSP tasking group re ASB/Diversionary project during school hols – 6 project meetings before the launch in August.

EVA's and cleanups starting to be delivered and audited

OWL communication system database preparation for launch of system in Territorial areas - crime prevention messages – will reach in excessive of 35,000



#### MAY 2008

#### NEW - PRESIDENT INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Supported by FCC Chief Executive Officer Colin Everett, a formal ceremony at Executive Offices welcomes Rgt Hon Lord Barry Jones PC as President of the Association, with Lady Janet Jones.

Domestic Abuse Project – We help facilitate the filming 'Carolyn's Story' a story of domestic abuse. This was a key piece of the Domestic Abuse Conference.

Children's Safety event - Stop the Traffic Day - We work with CBM in Ewloe area to help facilitate the event at Ewloe Green School.

50+ Project – set up of Steering Group – monthly meetings held to ensure project on target and supporting Older People



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#### Training - Domestic Violence Awareness

We help FCC Anti Social Behaviour Conference at Beaufort Park Hotel

We facilitate with FCSP & NWP a reassurance event held at Somerfield, Mold addressing Purse Theft and Vehicle crime

Local Community Youth engagement day Youth Engagement Event held in Connah's Quay

We facilitate and attend Community Safety Event in Buckley with NWP & Councillors

#### JUNE 2008

Delivery of Safety & Reassurance/Awareness in partnership with NWP NP team to Flintshire Disability Forum Group, Sandycroft

Training Fire Safety by NWF&RS Staff trained to assess and fit smoke detectors

A series of Community Safety Events held in hotspot areas in Flintshire supporting NP Teams & FCSP action plans 50+ and Safety & Assurance teams helped facilitate the National Falls Awareness Day – Sloppy Slippers. We helped with the Silver Surfers Day was held in Flint to encourage older people to utilise IT.

Outreach work, North, Deeside & South areas to engage Youth & families to participate in Football Tournament scheduled for August.

Team and units attend Flint's annual 999 Day Supporting local communities and Deeside Rotary Club – we enter an intergenerational team in 'Its a Knockout' in Deeside involving residents from 10 different neighbourhoods.

**NEW** Launch of OWL Online Watch Link in North Flintshire territory

#### JULY 2008

**NEW** 50+ Forum developed in the Ewloe area.

Staff attended Youth Forum meetings and a number of Clean Ups were held at Holywell High School & Holway Community First working with the Youth service, young people & residents

Youth Justice Mold young people visit units and Work placement/Student attended office for a week

Conference 'Living With Diabetes UK Day' Conference at Beaufort Park

Training 'Grants for Warmth and Comfort'

Training Caretaker Workshops at Beaufort Park



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Hawarden Festival 'Those Who Serve' Community Safety Day  
Connah's Quay 5<sup>th</sup> annual festival.

#### **NEW**

Presentation to young farmers in Cilcain re Farmwatch in partnership with NWP & Crimebeat & Farmwatch is launched in Flintshire – 1<sup>st</sup> in North Wales

#### **NEW**

**We sponsor Police Cadets and attend NWP launch event held at St David's Park Hotel.  
Lady Janet attends and supports us**

Deecat Music Festival at Deeside Leisure Centre

**NEW** MIFFY project task & finish group formed following 2 years support to area's problems, fear & ASB

#### **AUGUST 2008**

##### **NEW**

Kick Off FCSP 'Flintshire Mini European Football Tournament 08' – facilitated by FNWA in partnership with FCSP Draw night of teams held in Deeside – 580 young people engaged

Outreach work was held in Holywell with regards to issues in the community

**NEW Launch of Farmwatch in Buckley area – President attends**

**NEW** we engaged with Keep Well This Winter Campaign 2008

We continue to develop the Project – Dying to Take the Call, in preparation for its formal launch at the Good Neighbour Conference

Outreach work carried out at Lyme Grove

Buckley to engage with residents as requested by FCSP & FCC Housing

We partnership with Y Draig Nos – FCC Alcohol & Drugs Education project

#### **SEPTEMBER 2008**

##### **Training – First Aid**

Safety & Assurance Team carry out an evaluation of the No Cold Calling Areas and service. Results highly successful project as evidenced by Doorstep Crime Reduction Group/NWP/FCSP/Trading Standards and Joint Action Group – Supt Nic Snape

Safety & Assurance Team facilitate and deliver presentation on Neighbourhood Watch to NW Deaf Association Quarterly Consultation group meeting

FNWA attended a Community Safety Event



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at Llanasa - Scarecrow Festival – rural North

Further outreach work was held in Holywell and Flint areas.

Doorstoppers and Twilight Burglary presentations were held in Flintshire

Community Consultation Days delivered in Argoed Re Facilities - reaching over 1,000 helped by Young People & including members of the Tasking Group - MIFFY

**All Wales Neighbourhood Watch Development Group** quarterly meetings in Dyfed Powys area.

Training 'Getting your Voice Heard' Train the Trainers Course

#### OCTOBER 2008

Community Conferences in the Buckley area and Ewloe areas

Attend Holywell Harvest Festival event

Home Office campaign 'Not in my Neighbourhood Week' 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Community Safety events were held in Saltney, Higher Kinnerton, Holywell, Flint, Connahs Quay and Queensferry areas

Work Placement Elfed High School work experience student.

**Criminal Justice Awards Ceremony held at Venue Cymru, Llandudno.**

Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch Association volunteers won two coveted awards, **Tracy Brown and sponsored Police Cadet, Peter Davies. Well done to them both.**

**The Highly Successful Good Neighbour Conference & Awards Ceremony 2008** took

place at the Civic Hall Connah's Quay

**Chief Constable Richard Brunstrom** attended and committed to paying for **OWL in Flintshire** for another year.

Launch of another New 50+ Forum

**Environment Award Ceremony Cardiff – Wales & West Housing Association – Allan's Eco Rangers project achieves joint 2<sup>nd</sup> and were highly commended**

#### NOVEMBER 2008

Community Conference held in Dyfed Drive Queensferry

Bonfire Night – we attend 2 events supporting NWF&RS

Units and team attended the popular Deeside Bonfire Night, supporting 7,000 residents.

The new Community Safety unit became a focal and popular point



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for visitors and lost/upset children.

Buckley Bonfire initiative supporting Wales & West Housing Complex and children and family safety event

The new Community Safety Unit was requested to attend at the Pen-y-maes Shops Holywell to promote 'be safe be seen' and not all criminals look like me

An EVA took place in Mancot and various other litter picks and EVA's took place across Flintshire

Staff attended an Energy Best Deal Roadshow at Beaufort Park, New Brighton

Community Safety Event held in the Mold area to heighten awareness of purse thefts

NEW meeting held with North Wales Police to look into starting Church Watch in Flintshire

Doorstoppers Rollout Events commenced. Six events took place covering the Flintshire area – over 500 older residents participated

#### DECEMBER 2008

The role out of 'Cracking Crime at Christmas Time Campaign number of Community Safety Events' held ready for the festive Season funded by Operational Bid/FCSP Joint Action Group

Staff attended the Victim Support Conference – Restorative Justice at Llandudno

Training Staff attended Race Equality Training run by Flintshire County Council  
Staff attended Domestic Abuse Developing Understanding and Good Practice training in Flint

#### JANUARY 2009

A number of Community Conferences were held this month in Flintshire.

Staff assisted North Wales Police with Operation Park from 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009. Community Safety Unit was sited in various locations around Mold

Doorstoppers Evaluation and launch of N Wales Single Doorstep Crime Protocol took place at the NWP Control Room St Asaph and St Davids Park Hotel.

We facilitate ITV attended a No Cold Calling Area local coordinators address in Buckley to film a scene of a cold calling incident

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009 saw the launch of further No Cold Calling areas in Flintshire, supported by Buckley Town Council &



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Mostyn Community Council & FCSP

attended by Chairman, in Cardiff

Training session 50+ project by Help the Aged, 'Speaking up for Our Age' at Llandrindod Wells

Various clean ups were held in Flintshire

**Inauguration of the University, Installation of the Chancellor Rgt Hon Lord Jones PC and Installation of Vice-Chancellor at Glyndwr University, Wrexham**

Outreach work was carried out in the Saltney area

Training Deaf Awareness Course at Greenfield.

#### **FEBRUARY 2009**

#### **MARCH 2009**

EVA's & Clean ups continue across Flintshire

Staff attended the re-launch of the Holway House, Holway.

Youth Justice Service Event – 100 Years of Youth Crime at Mold Courts. The event was to commemorate a hundred years of Youth Courts in England and Wales. The Y Kops vehicle and Community Safety Unit attended the event

**Launch of external livery of Y-factor unit competition facilitated by Calais – President attends and supports – reaches out to Schools, Colleges and Youth Groups**

Staff attended Holway Action Groups meetings

Staff helped NWP in the delivery of Operation Blewitt in the Saltney Ferry area. This was an excellent example of partnerships working together to overcome issues in an area.

**Watch schemes registered at end of the year**

Staff attended an NHS restructuring event at Connahs Quay.

**NEW** Caravan Watch development meeting took place at Presthaven Sands to initiate Caravan Watch on Site

Caravan Watch – a meet the Owners Event took place at Presthaven Sands

**1,737**

Leading Wales Award – we are shortlisted in the category of Team Leader



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#### **NEW Developments** **FLEET RESOURCES**

Our fleet resources grow and maintenance, preparation and transport costs are supported by Local businessman Peter Shone. This is formally recognised by the Board of Governors, Chairman and President

Neighbourhood Community Safety Unit active is active in supporting local neighbourhoods and Flintshire Community Safety Partnership, helping to prevent crime, raising awareness.

A purpose built unit Toyota 4X4 is purchased to tow the CS Unit

#### **NEW**

**At last the Yfactor vehicle arrives 'aim - Engaging youth of Flintshire caring for our schools and environment'**

*arrives, with the help of Peter Shone we were able to purchase a good standard of unit via which had belonged to a Crime Reduction Unit in Liverpool. With support from Welsh Assembly Government, Arson unit, NWF&RS & NWP we begin a series of community consultations for people of all ages to have a say in how the unit looks, what it will do and how it will do it. Over 3,000 residents, older and younger have their say and we commence the internal livery of the unit – this was undertaken by Deefab.*

#### **NEW**

A fabulous opportunity is brought to us by Peter Shone which will help us promote our Traditional Values. We have developed this to promote 'Ye Olde Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch'

**Y-kops vehicle aim- Building respect between generations and the Law! Youth keeping older people safe is the first project it will undertake**

**Fleet resources are a rechargeable commodity**

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

Good Neighbour Newsletter thrives with the help and assistance of Emma Warbrick our Media Volunteer and during year we produce and print 4 editions. . due to feedback we know that each edition gets better.

Website continues to undergo development, we seek volunteers to help. It is achieving a large number of hits and continues to create interest. We have received excellent feedback

Visit our website  
[www.fnwa.org.uk](http://www.fnwa.org.uk)



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OWL communication system is working – that is what the evaluation & feedback from you says.

**It now reaches in excess of over 80,000**

OWL is growing – Wrexham Community Safety Partnership is enabling Owl Online Watch Link to come to Wrexham

Remember that the OWL system also enables you to report problems through FIX MY STREET



**www.owl.co.uk**

OWL achieves an EGovernment Award from Gordon Brown's office

The Association has received a number of requests from various Police forces, Watch Associations, including

Scotland, England & South Wales, NPIA National Policing Improvement Agency to visit us.

The Association has achieved a number of major awards and commendations recognising its work.

**North Wales Police – Divisional Commendations**  
2006 – Community engagements  
2009 – OWL system



**North Wales Criminal Justice Awards**  
**Keep Wales Tidy Awards**  
**Crimebeat Awards**  
**All Wales Leading Awards**  
**Media Awards**  
We have also nominated **Projects and Individuals**  
**Wales Volunteer Award**  
**National & Community Heritage award**  
APSE  
**Network Wales Award**

*WCVA Volunteer Awards*  
*Lottery Environmental Award*  
*NWP Community Service Award*  
*Guardian Public Award*  
*Community Crime Fighters Award*

**We have also assisted in a number of evaluation interviews from Home Office & Welsh Assembly Government**

We have been chosen as a case study of good practise 1 of 40 in the United Kingdom

**Street co-ordinators & members are the mainstay of our Association, without their contribution Flintshire would be such a Safe County.**



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Chief Supt Ruth  
Purdie

Neighbourhood  
Policing Teams

School Liaison  
Officers

Community Safety  
Officers

North Wales Fire  
& Rescue Service

Flintshire County  
Council

Town &  
Community  
Councils

North Wales  
Probation Service

#### FROM US ALL

Thank you

Crimebeat

Welsh Assembly  
Government

Home Office

North Wales Arson  
Unit

Wales & West  
Housing  
Association

FLVC

Clwyd Alyn  
Housing  
Association

Community  
Groups

Tenants &  
Residents Groups

Flintshire  
Community Safety  
Partners

FUNDERS  
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Who have  
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**'The people of  
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