

Shepton Beauchamp Neighbourhood Watch. Notes on meeting held on Monday 18th April 2016.

Eight members attended, and Barrie Knowles a volunteer from Somerton Police Station.

Barrie told us that there were to be changes with the formation of nine regional areas in the Avon and Somerset area, with Somerton area one of these. We were advised that it was proposed for local NHW groups to join the national NHW organisation. This would be represented by a committee formed with a representative from each area. The advantage appears to be access to government funding for things like leaflet distribution, and greater access to information on crime patterns etc. The national NHW is based in Nottingham. There did not seem to be much interest in joining such a group which will no doubt be discussed later.

Our village group is to have a new co-ordinator . John Halsey has volunteered to take on the task, with the support of Patsy Middleton. We thank them both for this offer, and when all the paperwork has been completed John will take over, with the archive and lots of leaflets!

Comments were made about the functioning of the 101 system which has not seemed very professional when used.

The election for the new Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on May 5th. There are 7 candidates, including the present commissioner Sue Mountstevens. Please vote if you can. More information available at www.choosemypcc.org.uk/area/avon-somerset

Thanks for your support for the last 10 years or so. Good luck to John and Patsy

Mary Clarke 22/04/2016