# Saxtead Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

## RE-ESTABLISHING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TO SAXTEAD.

Saxtead has been part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for many years which was successfully coordinated by Cllr Graham Ward. When Graham left the village the scheme went into "hibernation".

It was my intension to "wake the scheme up" on behalf of the Parish Council and complete the administration and to have the Coordinator role transferred to a person with greater expertise in crime and public order than myself.

The scheme was successfully re-registered at the end of March 2022 in my name but I will be very happy to hand it on to a person who is better equipped than me.

The handover process was fraught with problems as I engaged with Neighbourhood Watch and Police Connect at the point where websites were in the process of being changed making engagement difficult. I wonder why "improved" websites are not tested before being released.

If someone would like to take over it should now be straight forward.

## HOW MANY SUBSCRIBERS?

Graham kindly alerted all those in the existing scheme to ask if their email addresses could be transferred to a new coordinator. We have 16 subscribers but many of the previous subscribers have not replied so I am unable to contact and include them for Data Protection reasons.

If Parish Council members would like to join---many have done so already--- please let me know. Also if you have friends and neighbours who are interested please pass them on to me.

## WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING SINCE MARCH 2022?

I have been amazed by the volume of email traffic from Police Connect. Where the reported activity is beyond the Saxtead operational environment I delete these contacts and attempt to pass on those most relevant.

Although I am not qualified to interpret trends it seems there is a spate of thefts from garden sheds with power tools being the target. Although we may lock our shed those who steal appear to be equipped with effective break in equipment. Perhaps we all need CCTV as well as padlocks? CCTV of course has its problems with data protection so one must understand the rules.

Any volunteers with in-depth knowledge of the subject who would like to take on and expand the role of Neighbourhood Watch coordinator please contact me, Jonathan Sullivan. It is actually very interesting and as such is not a problem but I may not be best equipped to deliver all aspects of the scheme.

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