

# NEWSLETTER

*Warwards Lane Neighbourhood Watch needs YOU!*



Welcome to the nineteenth edition of the NHW newsletter for our three streets. We continue to make improvements to the information contained in our website, primarily around new tabs for recorded crime statistics and local issues. These should be appearing very shortly.

The meeting organized by the Community Safety Project on 26<sup>th</sup> February produced some important observations around the HMO menace

blighting several areas within the locality. The major concern expressed was the lack of enforcement and the retrospective ease by which too many planning applications circumvent the system.

We will have carried out another 'Big Clean Up' of the streets on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, which improves cleanliness of the road. Please take emptied wheelie bins back off the street the same day to help.

## WARWARDS LANE NHW WEBSITE

The website has now been up and running for over two years and we feel offers an effective way of imparting information to residents. It stores all of the NHW newsletters and meeting minutes, by way of example, and also identifies key City Council contact points. We do believe that helping others to help themselves is essential in the modern age and hope residents agree with this stance. The information we provide is accessible to everyone at all times of the day.

We have already created the student tab, albeit with a view to increasing its content, where any site visitor can see the current term periods, and review information we supply to student tenants along our streets. We are always happy to incorporate any suggestions on its content and are in the process of adding two further tabs to increase its usefulness to our members. I will be looking at the number of website visitors over the time it has been operational and may well produce a comparison of this at the mid-year NHW meeting.



Next Meeting - Thursday 31st March 2016  
Venue - Selly Park Baptist Church  
Time - 7.00pm

**See you there, it'll be a scream!**

**NEWS FROM THE KERBSIDE**

We are saddened to hear of the death of two Warwards Lane’s residents in recent weeks; Herrick Lucas and Christine Mucklow, and pass on our condolences.

One of our longer serving PCSO’s; Ade Richards, is due to leave and begin training at the Tally Ho centre as a police constable. We wish him every success with that and are pleased to announce his replacement as PCSO Toni Jones. .

We have had some new people set up homes in our street, so we will be looking to begin recruitment again within the next few weeks, so as to add strength to our NHW group. The NHW group is one way of neighbours’ keeping in touch, because we often hear some people complaining how they are too busy, such that they cannot make time to support their nearest neighbors’ or attend meetings.

Recent events have brought home the importance of looking out for one another, whether this be whilst away on business or holidays, or more regularly, supporting vulnerable people living within all three streets. We do know that this happens in relation to several individuals and would like for this to continue and even expand along the three streets.

The City Council, alongside of their main contractor; Amey PLC, are in the process of erecting new street lighting utilizing light emitting diode (LED) technology. This was first communicated by letter on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016, with an estimated time for completion of forty days, beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016. A recent letter to one of our Park Corner residents indicates final completion within six weeks.

It was disappointing that so few residents responded to the proposed Lidl development in the event of the closure of Fitness First goes ahead. We continually state that there is strength in numbers, and given we appear to have seen the last of the planned MOT testing centre at the former Dogpool Works site, there is precedent for resisting plans that will clearly impact our street were they to go ahead. There are no doubt instances where the City Council notifies too few residents of the plans but we do send out details via e-mail and by hand delivery, so it is down to everyone to do something. Were a lack of residents complaining about its impact to allow it to be approved, the old adage; “too little, too late” may well apply. Don’t forget, Tesco are opening a store on Hazlewell Street, which will add to the traffic levels already here....

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**CRIME STOPPERS:**  
**0800 555111**  
**POLICE**  
**NON-EMERGENCY:**  
**101**  
**POLICE**  
**EMERGENCY: 999**



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**RECORDED CRIME STATISTIC COMPARISON**

We were asked to provide comparable recorded crime statistics across our three streets some eighteen months ago in order to provide information to our residents. These have been sourced from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) which can be accessed by anyone, and upon inputting their post code, may bring up a street map of their area that they can look at the incidents around them. We will be uploading bar graphs for the years 2011 – 15, and annually thereafter, so as to see the trends that occur. Although we would have liked to include details for the entire period of operation of the NHW group, accessing the information prior to 2011 proved too onerous, as we would have had to download a huge data base. There are seven categories of incident, and fortunately for most, the sample size is not large enough to warrant detailing these by road, so we have aggregated them for ease. The police website will, however, allow them to be broken down more readily. We hope these are informative, but please remember, unreported crime never happened!

