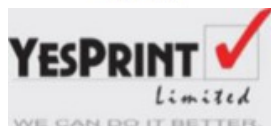




# HeathWatch



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## Message from the Chairman

In the last issue of HeathWatch I mentioned increases in burglaries. I am pleased to say that this has now significantly reduced. However the reason for this is unfortunately due to the more serious situation we now face within the country and worldwide. Whilst we experience the difficulties with being in isolation it is extremely encouraging to see how we are all cooperating in different ways to help one another, bringing together everybody in their neighbourhood and most importantly the tireless dedication of those supporting and caring for us all risking their own health in the process.

In view of the social distancing measures many members may not have received a printed copy of the Spring HeathWatch. To overcome this situation we have issued this version electronically only as two sheets in order that Watch Coordinators are able to print copies (preferably

double-sided) to those unable to receive it. At the present time we are unable to promote Neighbourhood Watch at the various public events throughout the borough. However, we continue to seek funding to replace our events trailer and perhaps we may have it for 2021.

We say goodbye to our much-valued Borough Commander Inspector Darkens, who has moved on to another borough. At the same time, we extend a warm welcome to our new Borough Commander, Alick James.

We encourage members to submit questions for the Support Group or for the Police via myself at [m butcher@surreyheathnw.co.uk](mailto:m butcher@surreyheathnw.co.uk). Our next Watch Coordinators meeting is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> September which we hope will take place. I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these exceptional times.

*Martin Butcher*

## Surrey Heath Borough Commander

I am very pleased to be introducing myself as the new Borough Commander for Surrey Heath, but first, I would like to thank Bob Darkens for all his hard work in keeping Surrey Heath safe. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well as he moves onto his next challenge.



*Borough Commander Alick James*

I am a Detective Inspector and most of my career has been spent in investigations, in the Criminal Investigations Department (CID), Safeguarding Investigation Unit (SIU) and

Sexual Offences Investigation Team (SOIT). I am also fortunate to have been the staff officer for Chief Constables Nick Ephgrave and Gavin Stephens and being provided with the opportunity to work on their Criminal Justice and Neighbourhood Policing portfolios. I am looking forward to bringing these skills and this experience to Surrey Heath.

Until recently I have been supporting our response to the pandemic, working with Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire and Rescue, the Military, volunteers from Team Rubicon and colleagues from Surrey Police to ensure there was provision for those loved ones who have been lost and to protect the NHS.

I am keenly aware of how the pandemic has affected our communities and your Neighbourhood Team here in Surrey Heath has been working hard to keep the most vulnerable safe and to prevent the virus from spreading using education and enforcement. The Neighbourhood Team has completed over 185 visits to vulnerable people, they have been patrolling the open spaces and responding to reports of anti-social behaviour and breaches of guidance.

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During the lockdown my thoughts have especially been with those isolated and trapped with their abusers. I anticipate that as the lockdown eases Surrey Police will receive an increase in domestic and child abuse cases. If you are suffering, have witnessed or suspect abuse please report it to Police.

I want to keep you safe and make sure that you feel safe. As your Borough Commander I will be focusing on people, groups and places, protecting the most vulnerable and targeting those presenting the highest risk.

I will be doing this through problem solving, prevention, early intervention and effective investigation. Or in other words, I want to work with you and partners to understand why it's happening and to stop it happening and I want to help people stop their offending whilst ensuring they are held to account for their actions.

Finally, thank you for all your excellent work to keep people safe. I look forward to meeting you, whether in the community or at one of the Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

*Alick James*

## Grateful thanks to more "Friends"!

We are a 'Not For Profit' organisation run entirely by volunteers and as such constantly need to raise funds to pay for things like meeting room hire, producing newsletters/leaflets, the costs of attending local shows/fetes etc.

Whilst being a member of Neighbourhood Watch is free, from time to time people wish to support Neighbourhood Watch by making a donation to support our running costs. We recognise these people by designating them as "Friends of Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch" when they donate a minimum of £25 per year as individuals or £50 per year as a business. We are delighted to give grateful thanks to **Douglas Fish, Colin & Shirley Powell** and **Christine and Barrie Stevens** who have all donated under the scheme!

## Spotting the signs

Domestic Abuse	Child Abuse
Their partner puts them down in front of other people	Unexplained changes in behaviour or personality
They are constantly worried about making their partner angry	Becoming withdrawn
They make excuses for their partner's behaviour	Seeming anxious
Their partner is extremely jealous or possessive	Becoming uncharacteristically aggressive
They have unexplained marks or injuries	Lacks social skills and has few friends, if any
They've stopped spending time with friends and family	Poor bond or relationship with a parent
They are depressed or anxious, or you notice changes in their personality	Knowledge of adult issues inappropriate for their age
Overhearing violent arguments	Running away or going missing
	Always choosing to wear clothes which cover their body.

If you would like to become a "Friend of Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch" you can:

- Send a cheque payable to "Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group" to Tim Tostevin, Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, C/O Police Office, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15 3HD, or
- Make a payment directly to our bank: Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, Sort code 30-91-53, A/C 00859924.
- You can also support us by playing the Surrey Heath Lottery from £1 a week with a weekly jackpot of £25,000. Half of the ticket money is donated to us. [surreyheathlottery.co.uk/support/surrey-heath-neighbourhood-watch-support-group](http://surreyheathlottery.co.uk/support/surrey-heath-neighbourhood-watch-support-group)

*Tim Tostevin, Treasurer*

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