

2015 ASHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2014-15 NEIGHBOURHOOD SECURITY REPORT

The neighbourhood security messages are issued to those who have asked to be included in the council's free Ashby Update Service. On behalf of the Parish Council I have continued to ensure police security messages are notified to those residents as soon as reasonably possible.

Neighbourhood security remains an agenda item at every Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council receives reports from the Police service when an officer can attend our meetings, which merge well with Police Alert / Homewatch issues, now issued by Police Connect.

When circulating a message, residents are also advised when our Parish website has been updated. This Parish Council initiative is known collectively as the Ashby Update Service / Homewatch (Police Alerts) which remains free for all residents to receive. This is the ideal moment to take a quick look to see what headline changes have been made.

The service remains unaltered from last year. Parishioners can receive messages that focus on the Police alerts which I receive. I then identify those affecting Ashby and its immediate surrounding parishes. Where this occurs, my messages report a local crime and/or a requested police message. I am pleased to report that I cannot recall a single incident in Ashby being reported in the last 12 months. Messages are circulated approximately once or twice a month so receiving countless unwanted messages does not occur. This free messaging service is simply aimed at providing a useful tool for making known neighbourhood security issues as well as awareness of changes affecting our community through the Parish Council website.

Existing recipients can opt out from this free service at any time. Because the service is expressly for the Ashby community, it does not cater for those who wish to receive police messages affecting the wider (say south Norfolk) area – to do that they can view the Norfolk Constabulary website. Our parish council-led service effectively acts a filter.

I am pleased to report the neighbourhood security and website update service is still attracting new recipients. The service now reaches 52 recipients (over a quarter of all the parish's households) and is a worthy advertisement for the community spirit of the village.

If anyone present is not a recipient of our Ashby Update Service incorporating HomeWatch / Police Alerts I can provide more details via a factsheet. To join tonight will take as long as it takes to write your name, address and email details. To those who receive Ashby Updates, please encourage your friends and neighbours in Ashby to join, as being part of a homewatch group can sometimes result in lower insurance premiums. The Ashby Update service is simple, useful, beneficial and best of all, free to receive and belong to.

That concludes my 2015 Neighbourhood Security report.