



HEMINGFORD ABBOTS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Annual Report June 2012 - May 2013

Summary

Crime in Hemingford Abbots was at a somewhat higher level this year, with 21 recorded crimes compared with 13 in 2012.

Communication with residents of any local criminal activity continues through local coordinators, the parish magazine and the village website, which carries the NHW monthly report.

We are one local coordinator short, with part of High Street and Church Lane not covered. Repeated appeals via the Parish magazine and by word-of-mouth have so far proved fruitless. The Parish Council continues to provide funding to cover any costs of the NHW operation.

The Hemingford Abbots NHW scheme is recognised by Cambridge Constabulary under reference number 3503633B; re-registration having taking place during 2011.

Crimes in the Hemingfords during the period June 2012 until May 2013.

Hemingford Abbots (21 reported crimes)

2 burglaries (breaking and entering) were reported in Hemingford Abbots, which compares with 6 in the previous year. Of these, 1 involved entry into a village property and the other was at the Shell Petrol Station.

2 cases of vehicle crime were reported and 7 cases of "theft".

5 instance of criminal damage were reported and 4 of anti-social behaviour.

There was 1 violent crime reported.

Hemingford Grey (18 reported crimes)

4 burglaries were reported in Hemingford Grey involving village properties, which compares with 9 the previous year.

1 vehicle crime was reported and 5 cases of theft.

1 instance of criminal damage were reported and 5 of anti-social behaviour.

There were 2 violent crimes reported.

Telephone (and other) scams

No telephone scams or visits by rogue traders were reported this year.

Coverage - local co-ordinators

There is currently one vacancy for a local coordinator to cover part of High Street and Church Lane. Constant lobbying over the past few months has elicited no response.

Communication with the police

E-mail information from e-cops & the national police website (www.police.uk/) have been the main source of crime statistics this year. It has been spasmodic and rather general, with little or slightly misleading information about the actual location of the crimes

The “e-cops” service is still active and provides some extra crime information; it is an interactive e-mail system allowing the public to reply/respond to information sent out by the police. Anyone may register for this service by visiting www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops.

The St Ives and District NHW group have recently restarted providing crime information but it’s a little early to comment on its usefulness. This is due to the return of Angie Walters, who is the prime mover.

Funding

At their monthly Parish meeting in January 2004 councillors took the decision to provide annual NHW funding of up to £100. This decision still holds and means that all Hemingford Abbots residents are members of the scheme without any need for a “membership” fee and that there is no necessity for any fundraising activities. We remain grateful to the Parish Council for their continuing support. Expenditure this year has been nil.

Pat Hurley
26th May 2013