

Neighbourhood Watch and PLR report March 2026

- Pattishall NHW Scheme has been running for 18 years. I took on the role of NHW Coordinator. It did run very smoothly for a number of years. In the last few years the Police along with CALC (County Association of Local Councils) have set up the Police Liaison Report Scheme. The PLR receives information every month from CALC which is passed on to Parish Councillors. PLR's are the contact between the Police and Parish Councils whereas the NHW Coordinator is the contact between the Police and the Community. Some PLR's don't always communicate with the NHW Coordinator. Fortunately I am both the NHW Coordinator and the PLR.
- The Police seem to be more focused on PLR's and Parish Councils. Last year SNAST (South Northants Area NHW Support Team) and County NHW had meetings with the Inspector to try to remedy this. Unfortunately it didn't seem to make much difference. SNAST (with a small band of 6 officers) who did all the work with no support therefore decided to disband. We emailed all of the 50 NHW Schemes and had an extraordinary general meeting.
- As a charity SNAST money is now held with County NHW. NHW Coordinators who were still interested in liaising with other NHW Schemes formed a 'Whatsapp' group. There are 15 NHW Coordinators on the 'Whatsapp' group including me. We can still put on online talks or events if requested on Cybercrime, Rural Crime etc and access SNAST money through County NHW.
- The Alert System (Northamptonshire Talking) was set up by the Police. The Police want people to sign up to receive messages and information about crime in the area. Residents of Pattishall Parish can sign up directly to Pattishall NHW Scheme by scanning the QR code (I have leaflets) to make it easier. There are 40 members who are signed up to our scheme. I encourage residents and Parish Councillors to join our NHW Scheme.
- There are a number of residents who still receive information via the NHW email loop. I pass on any information I receive about suspicious vehicles and persons and relevant information about any crime in our Parish.
- I have a Pattishall Parish Facebook page with 350 followers. It seems people prefer to receive crime information via 'Facebook'!! In fact residents seem to prefer to alert other residents to suspicious happenings on the Pattishall Community Page rather than reporting it to the Police!
- I usually post a NHW report in every 'Around Pattishall'
- Pattishall NHW has a supply of welcome packs for new residents.
- The Police Beat Bus visits our village every few months spending an hour in the Village Hall car park on a Wednesday between 10-11am. It is there for residents to speak to the PCSO about any issues or concerns they have. It is rare for anyone other than myself to turn up there. It is the same in other villages. I have mentioned to PCSO Chris Dudley and PCSO Matt Taylor that they are very welcome to attend our village cafe (although as of now they will have to wait until next winter).
- As PLR I do receive a monthly update from CALC which I pass on to the Parish Clerk. There are some interesting articles.

- I attended the PLR Conference in June 2025 which was very interesting. There were 55 PLR's in attendance. We had to choose a breakout room (out of 3) for part of the conference. I attended the Breakout room on Road Safety. I passed on the main points of the conference and notes I made on Road Safety to our Parish Clerk.
- It seems the Police would rather liaise with PLR's than NHW Coordinators. NHW Coordinators don't receive monthly information.
Some Parish Councils do not have a PLR.

I have a supply of NHW Stickers, No Cold Calling stickers and Dustbin stickers. I also have a small supply of NHW Street Signs if they are required for further street signage.

Although Pattishall Parish has occasional bouts of anti social behaviour, criminal damage, suspicious cold callers and rural crime we live in a very safe village in a low crime area.

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