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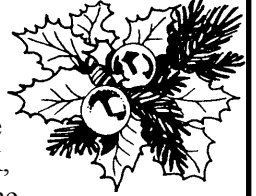
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Chairman's Report

What a year! We have had continuing discussions about our Police and policing. We have seen closures of Police stations; reductions in numbers; the retirement of Mike Darkin, and the Police and Crime Commissioner elections. It is good that the local services seem OK, apart from the hiatus around the Olympics, local policing and the Neighbourhood Watch are flourishing.



Our new PCSO Sarah Rose is enthusiastic and committed. She and Julian are doing great work in Heatherlands. We have had some new volunteers working in our area where there were gaps and the local NW is expanding. The new numbers for the waste bins have been selling like hot cakes. If you haven't got yours yet they are on sale in the Community Office in the Barrington.

Our writing competitions have not had as much support from the schools as in the past. The competition last year at the Upper School was disappointing and this year I have had no success at all with the Middle School. In spite of several calls to the school they do not seem to be interested and have not even returned my calls. I do regret this, as I believe that the earlier our children think about their role in the community with respect to social responsibility, litter, anti social behaviour and other community issues the better.

However, the recent road accident involving Bradley Wiggins might remind us that cyclists are more vulnerable on the roads in the dark evenings. It behoves motorists to take more care and cyclists to recognise that it is not always easy to see a cyclist in dark clothes, with no lights. Parents, if your son or daughter wants to move about at night, please check that their lights are working and that they wear some bright clothes. Better safe than sorry.

There have been a few news items recently about old and lonely people being forgotten and dying alone. I know that we in the NW do try to keep an eye on our own elderly and lonely members. It is not only a neighbourly kindness, it can be a life saver and it is certainly part of our function as volunteers in Neighbourhood Watch.

Finally, I hope all our readers have a very good Christmas. We deserve it.

Chairman Douglas Lock



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FINAL REQUEST

So far the editor has had very few traders who wish to remain on the listing. Please do not leave it to the last minute or you may be disappointed.

For those traders who have email addresses. I have sent messages asking for a response. Only 3 have contacted me. The remainder have not and will therefore be excluded from the new listing.

For the last time please be aware that the new traders' list will be updated in the March 2013 edition of Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Many traders are not members of Ferndown South & West Parley NW so I ask those members who recommended a trader to make contact and have them call or email me if they wish to remain on the list.

Listed traders who are Watch members must also contact me.

As we have several hundred on the list I cannot spare the time to call them individually myself or incur costs in doing so.

However, I will accept calls or emails.

Clearly, being on the list is not only an advantage to the trader but is also free of charge. The traders who DO NOT contact me will be excluded from the March 2013 listing.

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VEHICLE THEFT

During November thefts from unattended vehicles parked in driveways and other private parking areas have increased. Some victims have been using the tools and left their vehicles insecure for ease of use. The thefts have been occurring predominantly during the afternoon and evening periods with fuel and car parts also being stolen. In some cases the vehicles have been forced in order to steal.

Please advise your neighbours and any visiting tradesmen who are possibly not receiving information on Ringmaster. Remind them to lock their vehicles as they leave them, if only for a short period of time, and that it is advisable to remove valuables wherever possible and park in well lit areas. Thank you.

BANKING SCAM

One of our residents received an email from their bank stating the following:

“Dear Valued Customer,

We detected irregular activities on your Internet Banking account. Your internet banking account has been temporarily suspended for your protection. You must verify this activity before you can continue using your internet banking account. Please follow the reference link below to verify your account. Security advice; always log off completely your internet banking account after using Internet banking from a public place or computer for security reasons
Thank you, Internet banking services”

Please do not click the link. This is a scam. Your bank will never ask you to click on a link to verify your account details. If you receive an email like this please delete it and contact the bank that you received this email from.

ANOTHER SCAM

A scam has been reported from a resident in the Ferndown area. An email was received stating that the resident was owed some money from HM Revenue and customs and that this was a tax refund. The email asked for bank details stating that the resident was owed money in the first and second emails a sum of £1050.50 and the third email stated £468.50.

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“Please warn other residents of an issue locally. We live on the main Christchurch Rd and yesterday have had the catalytic converter stolen from our 4 x 4 during the day and whilst parked on the driveway, and with people in the house, without hearing anything at all. Luckily I am covered by insurance but the cost for replacement was £1200.

The police said they have had several recently and warn of return visits once the vehicle is fixed.”

CUNNING SCAMMERS

This is a scam from outside our area, but it is important that you are informed.

Most of us know there are many scams about. This is getting very cunning.

“This a clever credit card scam - be wary of those who come bearing gifts. Please circulate this. It just happened to friends a week or so ago in Guildford, and it can pretty well now be happening anywhere else in the world. It works like this:

Wednesday a week ago, I had a phone call from someone who said that he was from some outfit called “Express Couriers,” asking if I was going to be home because there was a package for me, and the caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. And sure enough, about an hour later, a delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and wine. I was very surprised since it did not involve any special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn’t expect anything like it. Intrigued about who would send me such a gift, I inquired as to who the sender is. The deliveryman’s reply was, he was only delivering the gift package, but allegedly a card was being sent separately. (The card has never arrived!). There was also a consignment note with the gift. He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a £3.50 “delivery charge” as proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult, and not just left it on the doorstep to just be stolen or taken by anyone.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the company required the payment to be by credit or debit card only so that everything is properly accounted for. My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled his wallet out of his pocket with the credit/debit card, and ‘John’, the “delivery man”, asked my husband to swipe the card

on the small mobile card machine which had a small screen and keypad where Frank was also asked to enter the card’s PIN and security number. A receipt was printed out and given to us. To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, £4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines, particularly in the London area! It appeared that somehow the “mobile credit card machine” which the deliveryman carried now had all the info necessary to create a “dummy” card with all our card details, after my husband swiped our card and entered the requested PIN and security number. Upon finding out the illegal transactions on our card, of course, we immediately notified the bank which issued us the card, and our account has been closed. We also personally went to the Police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households have been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any “surprise gift or package”, which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is. Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!”

Pass this on; it may just prevent someone else from being swindled.

SCAMS MASQUERADING AS VIRUSES

We would like to remind all computer users of the potential to become a victim of scams masquerading as viruses. One report we have recently had is a virus, which informs the user the computer has been ‘locked’ by the Metropolitan Police. They are then told to telephone a premium rate number to ‘unlock’ the machine. This is a scam. You should never be asked to phone a telephone number or input bankcard information to use your computer. Please ensure that you have your anti-virus and firewall switched on (Windows comes with this automatically done for you) to help prevent your machine becoming infected. Should you receive a message of this nature, please seek advice from a computer specialist.



Police Report

Communications

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I write this update with a slightly heavy heart to you all as it will in fact be my last as the Neighbourhood Inspector for East Dorset. Quite unexpectedly I have been offered another role which I have accepted. Specifically I have been asked to become the Special Constable and Volunteers Coordinator for Dorset Police. This role includes within its portfolio the coordination and development of Watch Schemes across the County. I have been passionate about these areas of policing for many years now and to have the opportunity to further develop the fantastic support we receive here at East Dorset...but at a force wide level is just something that I cannot say no to. I took on this new role on 19th November, after a short period of annual leave, so effectively my last working day at East Dorset was Thursday 8th November 2012. I am not able to advise you as to whom my successor will be at this time but I can absolutely assure you that East Dorset will be kept in very good hands until such a person is selected. Acting Inspector Alan Setchell will take charge of the Section when I leave and he will be ably assisted by Sergeant Richard Partridge. Business will continue as usual and they will continue to ensure that you receive the very best service possible.



I consider that I have been most privileged to lead at East Dorset over the past 4½ years and my role has been made so much easier because of the support of the communities here within the District. I have said it so many times and I truly believe it, that it is through partnership that we succeed. Our PACT processes have developed close engagement opportunities, allowing speedier access to the authorities that can resolve local issues. Our many Watch schemes and the processes behind them are a shining example for me to take forward and attempt to replicate across the Dorset area. Key to the successes of your schemes is the close partnership that you share with the SNT's. It is through these partnerships that we have lobbied for funding to get new bikes for some SNT's, carry out litter pick-ups across the area, part-fund diversion activities for youths in the summer months, purchase a speed laser enforcement device for my staff to use, maintain the sale of affordable crime prevention goods through the Barrington Centre at Ferndown and most significantly of late – develop and introduce the Sheduction initiative that continues to provide a fantastic service across East Dorset and beyond. These are just a few examples of what we have achieved in the time that I have been in this chair. So when I say thank you, I hope you can perhaps see the sincerity behind the words. Without your support we could not achieve these results and effectively this all comes from your annual membership fee to your Watch scheme. Not bad value for money...but for me it is not the money that is the important factor. It is you...and always has been. So long as we have the support and trust and confidence of our communities, then I truly believe that we will continue to keep East Dorset a great place to live...a safe place to live.

I hope and trust that you will continue to receive updates from my successor and more importantly from your SNT's. East Dorset continues to see a fall in crime and ASB. Specifically in the past 7 months 276 fewer crimes (16% reduction) and a massive 469 (28.5% reduction) fewer ASB reports have occurred (or not occurred☺) within East Dorset. There are within these figure fluctuations of course and the area that is causing us most worry at the moment remains our old friend of theft from your vehicles! Our efforts and those of our partners are being channelled in this regard and we are out in your neighbourhoods trying to combat the rise. You may be surprised to read that 75% of our crime in this field is located within residential streets and driveways...not car parks! So my message and plea is please do not leave things on view in your car. Even if it is of no value to you it may be to a thief and the two things you can do to stop this is to not have anything on show and to lock your car.

As I draw to a close I would like to repeat my very sincere thanks to you all for your continued support in keeping East Dorset safe. You are our eyes and ears, our witnesses and our friendly neighbours who help us to protect the vulnerable within our communities. Together you help us keep crime low in East Dorset and I am so grateful for your help in that regard. I will not be turning my back on East Dorset and I will still have a close involvement with the volunteer workforce which includes the NHW and HW groups across the County. So when I say goodbye it is only a goodbye from me as the Neighbourhood Inspector...but it is also a hello and welcome from the new Force Coordinator for Watch Schemes and volunteers. I look forward to continuing our working relationship in that regard and ask that you kindly continue to support your SNT's as you have done so well during my time here...and of course before my arrival.

Thank you all and very best regards for the festive season...and beyond

Mike Darkin, East Dorset Neighbourhood Inspector

HEATHERLANDS AND GOLF LINKS ROAD POLICE REPORT

As we approach the Christmas holidays the Community Office will have a number of special offers on security items. For a pound you can purchase can safes, mobile phone pouches and key cords. They will also have free UV pens, purse chains, ice scrapers and wrist bands. The office is open from Monday to Saturday between 10 and 12 and will have the usual extensive range of products to protect your home, car and out-buildings. It's also a good place to discuss and report scams from dubious companies advising that you have won a prize from a competition you can't remember entering in exchange for your bank details. We always advise that you should never divulge personal details unless you are absolutely certain of the firm. Unfortunately we do from time to time hear from people who have discovered that their elderly parents have been conned into these schemes, often losing thousands of pounds on line or at the doorstep. A useful source of information can be found at www.getsafeonline.org which also gives tips on social media safety.

I'm very pleased to report that our new PCSO Sarah Rose has settled in really well and has already organized a series of very well attended events over the November half term including an estate wide litter pick and a children's Halloween party. I would like to thank Synergy housing who funded the events and the staff at Mc Donald's who supplied ten members of staff to help with the litter pick and then provided 60 meals for the participants as a reward.

On the crime front we are still experiencing a few shed breaks on the patch but mercifully no recent dwelling burglaries. As the winter nights draw in unoccupied properties are statistically much more vulnerable to attack on weekdays between 4 and 9pm. Using a timer, or better still two sets to go on and off at different times upstairs and downstairs or in different rooms of a bungalow is a very good deterrent to the opportunist burglar as it will give the property the appearance of being occupied. Closed curtains during the day are also a tell-tale sign that the occupants are away as is the build up of mail on the doormat. If possible enlist a good neighbour or family member to help as no one wants to go through the heartache of returning to a burglary.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Safe New Year

PC Julian Humphries and PCSO Sarah Rose

TALK TALK SCAM

Message from Dorset police

Below is an insert of an e-mail received by a Home Watch member. This email was supposedly addressed from Talk Talk regarding their account. The email asks the recipient to click on a link to verify their account details and payment method.

“Your account details have been changed.

We noticed that you recently changed the 3-D Secure Password (verified by Visa or MasterCard SecureCode) you use to pay your TalkTalk bill. You are the rightful holder of the TalkTalk account and you must verify your account!

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3-D Secure is an XML-based protocol designed to be an added layer of security for online credit and debit card transactions. It was developed by Visa with the intention of improving the security of Internet payments and offered to customers as the Verified by Visa service. Services based on the protocol have also been adopted by MasterCard, under the name MasterCard SecureCode, and by JCB International as J/Secure. American Express has added SafeKey to UK and Singapore on 8 November 2010.”

Please note that this is a scam. Please do not click on the link to verify your account. If you receive an email like this please delete it and contact Talk Talk to make them aware that you have received an email of this nature.

DANGEROUS DOG EXERCISING

We have received several complaints about a couple who exercise **two** dogs with extended leads on the pavement while riding bicycles.

This can be very dangerous not only for the dog owners, but also for pedestrians, people exercising their dogs on a lead, motorists, elderly pedestrians and children.

The area that these irresponsible people operate is Mags Barrow, New Road and Golf Links Road, West Parley.

Because of the dangerous nature of this practice we feel it necessary to advise our members of the situation.

The Police have been advised. They suggested it was the responsibility of the local Dog Warden who was contacted by telephone and e-mail. So far we have not received a response from the warden.

We hope that this practice is designated to safer areas. Surely prevention is better than a serious accident?

FEELING SAFER IN WEST PARLEY?

It is known that residents feel more secure in their community if they have a sense of ownership, belonging and involvement in where they live. The Parish Council has recently agreed to work on a West Parley Heritage Project to raise awareness of our heritage and therefore our village identity in a number of ways. John Cullen, the Vice Chairman, explains:

“Much of our historical past is hidden away. Our ancient heritage sites, including our Neolithic barrows and Iron Age Hill fort, have in some cases become overgrown and there is no signage locally to show what is there and its historical background and significance. Some tidying up has already started and signs will be put up to explain these ancient monuments.

There have been a number of histories written about the village but there is a lot of information, such as census information, maps

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and public records that has become much more easily available via the internet in recent years.

There is also more interest now in areas such as how people lived in the past, what happened here in war time, residents' contributions at the time and how businesses developed locally, as much as the pure historical facts about where we live. We see so much on TV now that triggers us to think who we are and our background. The keen interest shown in the history section of the recently issued Parish Plan showed there is growing interest in the past.

The aim would be to gather together all the information that is available on a wider range of heritage topics and produce a comprehensive history of the village. Ideally, we would like to get funding for this so that a free copy could be sent to all households here.

We also believe that some of this heritage information should be displayed across the village and residents and visitors should be reminded of the rich past we have. Interpretation signage at our old buildings and in most public places will help and perhaps, by holding a series of events in the village involving local groups and interests, we will raise awareness and interest in this issue.

Each year in September East Dorset Heritage Week is held to highlight key historical features and we believe that next year's event would provide a good opportunity to open up our best sites, including All Saints Church, in a series of events to showcase what we have here.

It would be an opportunity for many more local people to see inside the church and understand the significance of the history it contains.

Many of our parish records and ancient finds are usually on display in the County Record Office and local museums and perhaps these could be returned here in a future Heritage Week to display them and explain their context.

A few residents have a deep knowledge of the heritage of the village but it is hoped that this project will be a way to get other residents involved in the new areas of research, improvement and explanation of what we value here so that it becomes a real community project.

We are finalising the plan for this project and will explain how

residents can be involved in a worthwhile local project that will reinforce the already strong community values found in the village".

John Cullen, Vice Chairman of West Parley Parish Council

WARNING ABOUT HOTEL CARDS

Received from a fellow resident in West Parley.

Most of us never consider that key cards contain anything other than an access code for the room!

HOTEL KEY CARDS

Ever wonder what is on your magnetic key card? Answer:

- Customer's name
- Customer's partial **home address**
- Hotel room number
- Check-in and check-out dates
- Customer's **credit card number** and expiration date!

When you hand your card in to the front desk, your **personal information** is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner. An employee can take a handful of cards home, use a scanning device, access information onto a laptop computer **and go shopping at your expense**. Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards **until an employee reissues the card to the next hotel guest**.

At that time, the new guest's information is electronically 'over-written' on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process. But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with **YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!** The bottom line is: **keep the cards**, Take them home with you, or destroy them. **NEVER** leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket, and **NEVER** turn them in to the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal) and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader. Similarly, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip! **If you have a small magnet**, pass it across the magnetic strip several times. It erases everything on the card.

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TOOLS LEFT IN VEHICLES

There has been a theft recently in the St Leonards area, of petrol gardening equipment, hedge cutters and leaf blowers, which were stolen from the back of a vehicle.

This is a timely reminder to residents who leave tools in their vehicle. Please ensure that you leave your vehicle locked, secured and alarmed. Also ensure that your property is marked with your postcode or another identifiable code.

Please do not leave tools in your vehicles overnight. Machinery stored in your garage or shed should also be marked. Selecta DNA is useful for this type of marking and is available from the Police Community Office in the Barrington Centre.

LV=STREETWISE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LV=Streetwise is a Safety Centre based in Elliott Road, Bournemouth, and is run as a charity.

I first became aware of it in 1999 when I edited Community News and was asked to write an article about it. I went to visit the Centre and I was so impressed that I immediately volunteered to become a Safety Guide and I have been going once or twice a week ever since, although the minimum commitment requested is one 2-hour tour per month.

About 12,000 children a year visit LV=Streetwise from Dorset schools and occasionally from further afield and they are taught about hazards they may meet in everyday life. It is a full-scale representation of a village set in a large warehouse, and contains a street with cars, a bus and pedestrian crossing, a park, alley, two-storey furnished house and garden, electric sub-station, railway line and train, farm, heathland, beach and building site.

Schools normally first send children of 6-7 years old. Then they visit again when they are 9-10 years old. About 30-40 children attend each session and each Safety Guide is responsible for a group of about 6 children.

Volunteer guides first shadow an experienced guide for a number of sessions until they feel confident to conduct a tour on their own. All find it an extremely enriching experience.

Why not visit the website www.streetwise.org.uk to see what the Centre offers, or visit the Centre to see what is offered to the children? Further information may also be obtained by telephoning LV=Streetwise on 01202 591330.

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A FINAL MESSAGE FROM MIKE DARKIN TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED WITH WATCHES IN DORSET

Dear All,

I accept that this is a rather impersonal medium in which to offer my final farewell but it is essentially the most effective way of getting the message to all of you.

As much as I am looking forward to the challenges that my future holds I do leave East Dorset with some sadness. I have been made to feel very much a part of the community at East Dorset and I have been privileged to work with some remarkable individuals. There have been many challenges over the years as well as a great many successes.

Although I am moving on to pastures new, I will be in contact with many of you as I meet the challenges of developing our partnerships with the volunteer sector.

Thank you for making my time here both challenging and enjoyable. Thank you for the support you have always offered in different guises and I wish you all the very best for the future

Warmest regards, Mike Darkin.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Metal theft continues to be a problem in Ferndown/West Moors/Stapehill etc. Members of the public are advised not to stockpile scrap metal and if in possession of any not to leave it on show. Lead flashing and roofing can be marked with Selecta DNA available from Ferndown Community Office.

This quarter there was a minor scuffle between two youths in Ferndown Centre. Investigating officers attended the scene and as a result of assistance from members of the public and CCTV a local male was arrested and has subsequently been prosecuted. Ferndown Central SNT would like to thank those members of the public who assisted with this investigation and to reassure you all that although this type of incident is extremely rare, we will pursue such offences robustly to maintain Ferndown's reputation as the safest place in Dorset in which to live.

Further scam calls and e-mails: Several residents have received a number of calls from people claiming to work for a computer company who are fixing Microsoft. They are asking for bank details to take payment. **Do not** give unknown people personal details about yourself. If you need any work done always seek quotes from reputable businesses. A list of approved traders is available through your local Trading Standards Office or on the member recommended traders list provided by Neighbourhood Watch.

A theft occurred in New Road, West Parley, of a Silver Direct Bikes motor cycle. If you have any information please contact Dorset Police on 101.

A theft also took place from a shed and garages in Longacre Drive, Ferndown. A metal workbench and a wooden box containing valuable old tools from America were taken.

We have had further thefts of power tools in the area. These tools are being stolen from vehicles and driveways whilst the owner is working near by. These tools are petrol disc cutters, and hedge cutters and leaf blowers. Please ensure your tools are

security marked using UV pens or Selecta DNA available from the Police Community Office, Barrington Centre. Consider alarming either the vehicle or fitting alarm padlocks. If you have gardeners or workmen who visit regularly, please make them aware.

A break-in also occurred in New Road, West Parley, Ferndown. Entry was gained via forcing a side window to the detached bungalow. Anyone with any information please contact 101.

An attempted break into a resident's garage was reported late this quarter at Chine Walk West, Parley. The offender gained entry via the rear door to the garage. An attempt was also made to break into a van on the driveway. **Please be vigilant.**

An attempted theft from a shed in Beaufoys Avenue. The resident returned to find the shed door open but nothing seemed to be missing. A lock had been forced on a second shed. You are advised to make sure your shed is locked. Shed alarms can be purchased from the Community Office.

There has been a report from a Home Watch member saying that he received a telephone call offering him £1000 worth of home security equipment free. The telephone number was withheld. This is believed to be a scam. Please do not give your details over the phone.

Calls have been received from residents in West Moors regarding children knocking on residents' doors asking for money for charity. Residents have handed over money. The children are then collected in a car and leave. If you have any children knock on your door asking for money, please report this to Dorset Police on 101.

The Safer Neighbourhood Watch Team have received a call from a resident in the area of St Leonards about a male who knocked on her door saying he was there to read her gas meter. The male had no identification and when challenged he left. This is a reminder for residents to remain vigilant. If anyone knocks on your door either selling items or asking to read your meters, please ask to see their identification. If they refuse turn them away and close the door and call Dorset Police on 101.

*We wish all members a
very Happy Christmas
and a safe New Year*



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Advance information

**The Ferndown South & West Parley
Neighbourhood Watch Annual General
Meeting will be held on**

**Tuesday 16th April 2013 at 7.30pm
at St Mark's Church, Main Hall, West Parley**

Refreshment will be available

**We hope that by providing early notice more
members will attend this important meeting**