

Neighbourhood Watch Report
(Naunton Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd May 2017)

I regret that this year your Naunton's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has to give a somewhat personal report.

Currently, my email list has 67 addresses (two more than last year) and they cover 99 individuals. My normal practice when there is anything to report - which for serious matters usually is because I have to forward a message received by me from Gloucestershire Constabulary - is to send a message to myself, with a blind copy to my Neighbourhood Watch group list. I have adopted this procedure so that I know messages have gone through and those in my group do not get the addressees of all other group members listed in their inboxes. However, very occasionally I have failed to use the "blind" facility for which I can only apologise although to date no-one has complained.

As at the date of producing this report and since the last Annual Parish Meeting I have only had to send out 35 messages - a considerable reduction on the previous year - and of those, seven related to my Phantom who since the first manifestation just before Christmas has secretly placed nine different items in my garden. For the record, the three inflatables which were attached to my hedge during the festive season "died" natural deaths (i.e. got punctured by the pyracanthus) and lovely Daisy Duck has been given to a small child who is appreciating her more than I could but the tortoise, sheep, chick, pig and musical gnome (whose battery is now happily flat!) remain dotted around my garden.

As stated in previous reports, I realize that some of the reports and advice which I have passed on may seem trivial and/or irrelevant but I work on the basis that the information I am distributing may be of use or interest to at least some of those to whom it is sent. After all, recipients can easily delete anything in which they have no interest and if completely fed up with my messages can ask to be removed from my list. I am pleased to be able to report that so far the only requests I have received for removal have been from folk who have moved away from the village.

Here's hoping that in the next year I can be reporting even less nastiness and maybe more personal silliness but, as some Phantom reports have stated, instead of assorted animals I would much prefer yellow roses left on my doorstep!

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