

Neighbourhood Watch Report
(Naunton Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May 2025)

Once more this report, given by me as Naunton's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, is similar to those given previously.

When the report was prepared there were 108 people receiving email messages through 71 addresses but this included 12 people who do not live, or even own properties in Naunton but are on the list presumably because they wish to remain associated with the village or just have not got round to asking to have their names removed. At least one new resident has joined up since my previous report but it is known that there are some who have not asked to participate although it is believed that most are on the lists used by Neil Vincent, Bob Steiner and/or Amanda Bentley to spread information about positive matters affecting our community – regrettably most of my messages are about unpleasant things.

As always, when I send out messages, I send them to myself with a blind copy to my Neighbourhood Watch group list. This procedure has been adopted so that I know messages have gone through and those on my list do not get the addresses of all other group members shown in their inboxes. Curiously, the day before I produced this report, I received a detailed alert from Action Fraud about the risk from phishing emails and three times under different headings I endeavoured to send on this information to my email list but, on each occasion, not only was my email blocked from reaching most if not all on my list but it was even blocked from being received by myself! By the time this is read out to you (because unfortunately I am away from the village on the evening of 19th May) I will have made further attempts to share the phishing warning so the information may or may not have been generally shared.

At the date of producing this report and since the last Annual Parish Meeting I had sent out 14 messages which were accepted by all intended recipients which is about half the number sent in the previous year, most being about scams and fraud. Almost all of the information which I pass on originates from the Police - especially from Action Fraud - and while some of the information may seem irrelevant, I hope that what I am distributing may be of value to at least some of those to whom it is sent and recipients can always ask to be removed from my distribution list if they find my messages unhelpful or uninteresting. It should be appreciated that I pass on only about half of the "alerts" which I receive, limiting what I forward to matters which I consider relevant to the Naunton community.

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