

**Report for Safer Stockton Partnership Board
29th January 2010
Neighbourhood Watch
6 Monthly Update**

Over the past 6 months we have secured 500 new members and have participated in six events throughout the district to raise awareness and the profile of Neighbourhood Watch.

We now have a fully operational County meeting, which meets bi-monthly and is made up of 3 Neighbourhood Watch volunteers from each of the 4 Cleveland Police Districts and the Liaison Officers. Police Officers also attend on a regular basis.

We also represent our area at Regional and National meetings along with the Police Liaison Officer.

A Bluetooth proximity box for text communications purchased by Neighbourhood Watch along with 500 anti-tamper tax disc holders.

Vehicle Watch Scheme is also still running with more members joining every week.

We have received £5000 from the Fairshare Fund to purchase Crime Reduction equipment that would be distributed to residents in Newtown, Hardwick, Portrack and Tilery. We are working in partnership with Tristar who will be fitting the equipment.

We have also managed to establish No Cold Calling Zones in areas of Gipsy Brown and Fairfield.

One of the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes has been short listed for an award of £1000 for their efforts at reducing the fear of crime in their area.

Junior Neighbourhood Watch

In the last 6 months we have added a further six schools to the programme. The schools have had visits from the Traffic Unit and have visited the Horse Unit. One of the schools had a visit from the Police Helicopter and were given a presentation on the work that they do on a regular basis.

Two of the schools have been entered in the Crime Beat Youth Against Crime initiative 2010.

We have also taken on a full time Project Leader that is a volunteer at the moment but are working alongside the after schools groups to obtain a wage so it will be a paid position. If this is successful then we aim to have another 15 schools on the programme in the next 6 months.

Anne Howard
Chair
Stockton District Neighbourhood Watch
anne.howard86@hotmail.co.uk