

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL REPORT 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

Good news again, as far as I am aware, there has, once again, been no physical crime carried out in the village this year, i.e.. thefts, assault, damage, robbery etc. This means, as far as the police are concerned, this village still has a 0% Crime Rate.

The Dorset Alerts for the latter part of last year and the early part of this year were largely either repeat fraud/scam warnings or reports of burglaries, thefts, assaults, car accidents etc. In addition, there were reports of missing people and requests, with photos, for whereabouts of 'wanted' criminals. Most of these alerts were not relevant to the village as they were too far away, or residents were already familiar with the scams and fraudulent activity. This meant that NW warning activity was very quiet, until a couple of months ago when the number of relevant alerts increased suddenly.

Recent scams/frauds.

- Home Improvement Scam
- Impersonating Banks or Police Officers
- Courier Fraud Scam
- Ticket Fraud Scam

Plus

- The good old Amazon Prime Scam
- The Parcel Delivery Scam

Also just had one today relating to a Dating App Scam!

We have had quite a few new residents move into the village over the last couple of years, so I have recently, with the help of Barbara Harris, sent NW membership form to the new/recent residents. I have also updated my file to reflect the current membership.

We now have 47/92 properties in the NW membership, which is just over 50% of the village properties. While it would be good to have more, I feel there are enough members, widely spread throughout the village to get any potential urgent/emergency information to everyone quickly, if it was necessary to do so.

I would like to thank the residents who phone me to let me know they have experienced a scam/fraud call, as it means I can include this information along with the Dorset Alerts.

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