**Merton Self-Assessment Tool Case Study**

The self-assessment tool came at the right time for Merton NW Association as three new members joined their committee. It was a natural time for them to review how they functioned.

Committee members worked though the tool at one of their meetings allowing them to take stock, identify their strengths and areas that needed development.

 “It’s very comprehensive”, says Lee Roberts, the NW Manager for Merton. “It was a bit of an eye opener to be honest.”

While use of the tool identified that many committee members did not currently have defined roles, its use enabled them to see lots of areas they could get involved with. Committee members were enthused as they saw how they could shape the future of NW in their community.

A follow up meeting saw committee members using their self-assessment results to develop an action plan for the coming year that they could all jointly take ownership of.

Robin Newman, Head of Membership and Community Engagement at the Neighbourhood Watch Network (NWN), attended Merton’s planning session helping to clarify what they would like to achieve and the tools needed to do this. By the end of the session Merton NW had the beginnings of an action plan that they will continue to develop in subsequent meetings.

(Screenshot of Action Plan?)

The self-assessment and planning session helped to identify where Merton NW had strong links with partners and where these needed some development, as well as identifying opportunities for closer partnership working.

The committee is aiming to invite the council and the police to their next meeting to start to explore some of these opportunities with them.