

Thames Valley



Neighbourhood Watch Association (TVNWA) AGENDA: 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Committee Report and Treasurer's Report



Background:

The TVNWA Committee is made up of a number of Area Representatives from across the Force Area. Over the last year this has typically included: Aylesbury Vale (Val McPherson); Bracknell & Wokingham (Paul Adkins); Cherwell & West Oxfordshire (Paul Christmas); Milton Keynes (Nick King); Oxford (Maggie Lewis), and West Berkshire (Angela Money), as well as our new Treasurer Harvey Dhingra.

A revised constitution was formally agreed on 13th February 2025 as, rather uniquely, the committee currently functions without the formal officer roles of chair and secretary.

Support:

We are grateful for an annual grant from the Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Barber which supports our administration and our work across all areas of the Force Area. Key expenditure has involved branded items to grow membership as well as a wide-range of exhibition and pop-up shop items including roller banners, street-signs, posters, crime prevention leaflets, table-cloths, etc. All to boost the visibility and professionalism of Neighbourhood Watch (NW).

Examples of our work are as follows:

West Berkshire (Angela Money):

“We currently have 593 NHW schemes, which includes 7 new ones this year. I have organised the following NW meetings and events so far this year:

West Berkshire NW meetings 4th February, 13th May and 17th September. NW stands at Speen fete, Newbury on 7th June; Volunteer Centre Knowledge event at Shaw House in Newbury on 25th June, and Wash Common, Newbury on 27th September 2025.”

Oxford (Maggie Lewis)

It has been another busy 12 months representing Neighbourhood Watch at over 70 online and face-to-face meetings. Examples include partnership work with sessions on “The impact of Scams and Fraud on isolated older people”; “The Sexual Abuse of older people”; “National Stalking Awareness Week Conference 2024”, and “Ben Kinsella Tackling Knife Crime Together - Community Workshop”. Webinars attended include Think about loan sharks; Let's Talk ASB; Staying safe from scams, AI, fraud and cybercrime; White Ribbon UK; Resolve - The Importance of Partnership when responding to ASB, and LGBTQ+ and Domestic Abuse.

Important too is the regular weekly newsletter, which is issued via email and across social media, as well as over 15 bike marking events. 12 new schemes have been approved.

Milton Keynes (Nick King)

“The last 12 months have seen over 40 new and approved schemes, many of which have been in new estates. Erecting brand new hi-viz street-signs is a major contributor to building the visibility of our work and in itself encourages new scheme leaders. The Milton Keynes chair and secretary have attended and presented at over 35 meetings, including those run by City/Town/Parish Councils: again greatly helping spread partnership, knowledge, interest and participation.

A highlight of 2024 was the joint partnership of Police and NW volunteers at 7 venues across Milton Keynes district: this accounted for over 110 hours of Police and volunteer attendance to promote NW to members of the public. A similar initiative has already been planned for National NW Week 1-7th June 2025.”

TREASURER’S REPORT (Harvey Dhingra)

I am pleased and honoured to be able to serve as your Treasurer. I ask for a little patience as I get up to speed since I only joined a few months ago. My aim is to streamline approving spend for each district based on policies the committee will work on ratifying. Additionally, I will endeavour to arrange, rather quickly, for an independent auditor to certify our account each year. I think it is important to pay for this, rather than ask for it as "donated" services, so we can ensure it is done with the due diligence it deserves and to avoid any doubt on how we spend the money.

PLEASE NOTE: “As I just took over as treasurer a few months ago, I need time to understand the TVNHWA setup and streamline our accounts and how we report them. To that end, I am delaying issuing the accounts ending 31 March 2025, until I can better understand the structure and properly report where we have received monies from and how we have spent it thus far. The committee will report back within 2 months with an update, which hopefully will include a new statement of accounts published to the website. We will then of course allow all members to ask any questions they may have. Thank you for your patience”

Issued 19/05/2025