

**The Third Annual General Meeting
of the Wandsworth Neighbourhood Watch Association
held in the Putney Scout Centre on Tuesday 30 September 2025, starting at 7pm**

Attended By 22 Coordinators (*= 4 online #= 3 non-voting Deputy or Secretary)

Scheme Represented	Primary Ward
Beclands Road	Furzedown
Cambalt Road	West Putney
Chelverton Road	Thamesfield
Cherrywood Drive*	West Putney
Crestway	West Putney
Crestway #	West Putney
Crowthorne Close	Southfields
Elsynge Rd & Spencer	Wandsworth Town
Fanthorpe, Wymond & Erpingham	Thamesfield
Hendham Road Neighbourhood Watch	Trinity
Holderness Road	Trinity
Kenlor Road & Blackshore Road (East)	Tooting Broadway
Kenlor Road & Blackshore Road (East)#	Tooting Broadway
Keswick Road	East Putney
Landford and Earldom Roads	Thamesfield
Longley Road – East End*	Tooting Broadway
Norroy Road	Thamesfield
Old Park Avenue	Balham
Rosenau Crescent	Battersea Park
Taybridge Road Neighbourhood Watch*	Lavender
Tonsley Residents' Association	Wandsworth Town
Tonsley Residents' Association#	Wandsworth Town
Wadham Road	Thamesfield
West Hill & Melrose Road Area	East Putney
Westmore Court*	East Putney

In attendance

Lee Spear – Manager, Community Safety Team, Wandsworth Borough Council
 Abbie Ball – Community Safety Officer, Wandsworth Borough Council
 Inspector Ali MacPherson, Metropolitan Police Service
 Marina, Police Community Support Officer, West Hill Ward

1 – Welcome, Introductions & Apologies for Absence

1.1 Jan Forbes introduced herself as the current Association Chair and welcomed our colleagues from the Met Police and Wandsworth Council and thanked the schemes that had sent a representative to the AGM.

1.2 **Apologies for absence** had been received from 18 Coordinators, as they were unable to send a

representative from their schemes: Atheldene & Farlton; Culmstock Road; Derinton Road; Galveston Road; Granard Avenue & St. Margarets Crescent; Hotham, Lacy & Charlwood Roads; Moring Road; Multon Road; Nottingham Road; Point Pleasant; Pringle Gardens; Renmuir Street; Roehampton Quadrant; St Anne's Hill, 1-55; Triangle NW; Upper Larpent Ave; Warriner Watch; Wiseton Road.

1.3 The overall attendance was lower than last year when we met at the Alma which might have been a more appealing venue and explained the higher attendance on that occasion. However 82 schemes had not responded at all to the invitation.

1.4 Before moving on with the agenda, JF explained that the first part of the meeting would handle all of the business elements of running an Association. These are the formalities that are specified in our Constitution and which are expected by the National NW Network. After a refreshment break, the second, less formal, part of the meeting, participants would be able to network with their fellow Coordinators and discuss issues from their area within small break out groups supported by a member of the Association Committee.

2 - Minutes of the 2024 AGM

2.1 JF said that the minutes of the 2024 AGM had been sent to all attendees shortly after the event and the only change that had been requested was the removal of Coordinator names from the version published online.

The 2024 AGM Minutes were accepted by all present.

3 - Approval of the 2024/2025 Treasurer's Report & Accounts

3.1 The Treasurer's Report had been circulated to all Coordinators prior to the meeting and the Treasurer, Leslie McDonnell, (LM) explained that although the Association's formal financial year end was 31 March in line with Wandsworth Council's financial year end, the figures presented to the AGM covered the period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, a period which followed immediately on from the figures presented at the 2024 AGM.

3.2 LM said the opening balance for this period had been £2,508.86. A grant of £4,000 had been received from MOPAC in October 2024. Expenditure over the twelve month period amounted to £6,508.86 leaving a closing balance of £2,201.04.

3.3 LM reported that the gazebo itemised in the Report had been wind-damaged beyond repair at the Armed Forces Day in Battersea Park. The Committee had yet to decide whether or not to replace it but if they needed to, funds were available.

3.4 Since the Report had been finalised another grant of £4,000 had been received from MOPAC via the Wandsworth Safer Neighbourhood Board.

3.5 A question was asked about whether or not this grant funding could be replied upon. JF said it was not guaranteed and that the Association had to make a formal application each year including

details of the projects on which they anticipated spending the money. We had been successful so far but could not be complacent.

The meeting agreed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

4 – Association's Annual Report

4.1 The Report had been circulated to all Coordinators prior to the meeting and, before taking questions on it, JF took the meeting through some slides with additional detail (the slides are attached at the end of these minutes).

4.2 JF emphasised that the Committee had struggled to cover the range of work they wished to, through lack of volunteers and she would be very keen to hear from anyone who could spare some time to help the Association live up to its ambitions.

4.3 Commenting on the scheme coverage map, JF said there were many gaps around the Borough and the aim was to fill those and also to encourage the few unrealistically large schemes to split into smaller schemes. However, she said the individual membership itself was more evenly distributed. There had been a significant increase in recent months driven by those who, when they joined Met Engage, had also accepted NW as an information provider.

4.4 In answer to a question about the best way to sign up new schemes, JF invited Lesley Theobald (LT) to talk about the very successful work she was doing in the Trinity Ward. LT, said she did a lot of door knocking, delivering leaflets and face-to-face recruitment which she found improved engagement.

4.5 Another Coordinator explained that part of their scheme included apartments with security on the main entrance and so they had been unable to even deliver leaflets. Others had similar experiences. Lee Spear said he would be happy to pass on the details of Resident Association Chairs, if he could get permission from them to do so. JF said they would have an opportunity to raise this at the Borough Residents Conference on the 15th October.

4.6 A question from online asked how many schemes participated in Ward SN Panel meetings. No one had exact figures but Panel Chairs are encouraged to invite Coordinators to their meetings.

5 – Approval of Officers & Committee for the next 12 months

5.1 The Association's Constitution does not require existing officers to be re-nominated if they are willing to stand again but the membership is always invited to nominate alternative members. As no alternative nominations had been received, JF asked the meeting to approve the existing team of Officers for a further year.

The meeting agreed the following list of Officers of the Association until the 2026 AGM
Chair, Janette Forbes; Deputy Chair, Sylvie Chrzanowska; Secretary, Carol Smith;
Treasurer, Leslie McDonnell.

5.2 There is no formal election process for Committee members and Lesley Theobald and Paul

Clements have also agreed to remain as Committee Members.

5.3 JF repeated her plea for any potential new Committee Members to come forward.

6 - Safeguarding Policy

6.1 The new NW National Policy had been circulated prior to the meeting and further clarification had been requested from the National team about formalities related to entering a neighbour's home.

6.2 Concern was expressed about 'cold calling' on NW recruitment especially when elderly and possibly vulnerable residents are encouraged not to let strangers in, possibly not even to open their doors. It was agreed that Coordinators should not expect to enter a neighbour's house, (unless they already know them well) and can recruit from the doorstep or by leaving leaflets.

6.3 It was pointed out that Coordinators no longer have Council issued photo identity cards. JF said the Association can provide a lanyard and name card for any Coordinator who requested it but we could not provide a phone number to ring to verify a Coordinator's identity.

7 – Any Other Business

7.1 JF asked the meeting to consider whether the formal part of this meeting could be moved to be entirely online in future. She believed this would allow the Committee to concentrate their energies on sector surgeries and other more interactive events with the Police and Council. The majority at the meeting agreed although they wished to be able to continue to meet Coordinators and members from across the Borough and not just their own Sectors.

7.2 In answer to a question, JF said that we had reached the percentage required for a quorum but only because a large number of schemes did not take up their right to nominate a representative to attend.

The formal AGM ended at 7:40pm.

At this point, JF invited the participants to take a glass of wine or a soft drink and move into their designated discussion groups with their completed questionnaires.

PRESENTATION SLIDES USED AT THE AGM

24 New Schemes since last AGM

Abercrombie; Althorpe; Arthur Ct & St George; Ashdown; Barnfield; Besley; Bloom; Bowman; Brundenell; Cherrywood; Crestway; Elsyng & Spencer; Embassy; Forthbridge; Holderness; Kenlor & Blackshore East; Maybours; Moring; Point Pleasant; Riverlight; Sendall; Standen; Strickland; Trinity Crescent.

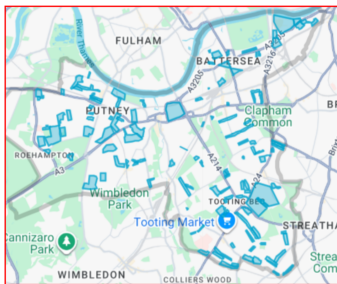


5 Schemes Closed since last AGM

Cowick Road
East Hill Estate
Fairdale Gardens
Riverlight Court
Valonia Gardens

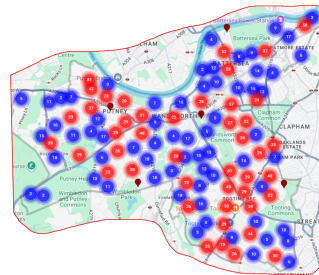


Scheme Coverage Across the Borough

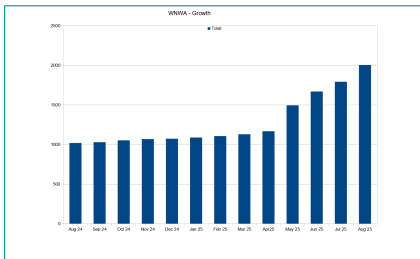


How do we fill the gaps?

Individual Membership – shows a more even spread



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



WARD ORDER	Total Users	New in Sept
East Putney	178	22
Thamesfield	177	1
Trinity	173	16
Wandsworth Common	148	27
West Putney	131	7
Tooting Bec	120	26
Tooting Broadway	113	18
West Hill	108	16
Balham	107	3
Rochampton	103	13
Battersea Park	100	11
Furzedown	96	5
Lavender	91	6
St Mary's	86	11
Wandsworth Town	80	16
Nine Elms	78	7
Northcote	77	8
South Balham	76	13
Southfields	66	5
Shaftesbury & Queenstown	55	1
Falconbrook	43	17
Wandle	35	3

SEPTEMBER INCREASE ORDER	Total Users	New in Sept
Wandsworth Common	148	27
Tooting Bec	120	26
East Putney	178	22
Tooting Broadway	113	18
Falconbrook	43	17
Trinity	173	16
West Hill	108	16
Wandsworth Town	80	16
Rochampton	103	13
Battersea Park	100	11
St Mary's	86	11
West Putney	131	7
Nine Elms	78	7
Lavender	91	6
Furzedown	96	5
Southfields	66	5
Balham	107	3
Wandle	35	3
Thamesfield	177	1
Shaftesbury & Queenstown	55	1



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP BY WARD
On 30th September 2025
2,267 MEMBERS

NETWORKING & GROUP DISCUSSION

1 - The Questionnaire we gave you

- There are no right or wrong answers but you can use the questionnaires to find out how similar or different your schemes are
- What's most similar and what's really different?

2 - Crime & The Fear of Crime in your Area

- What's the No1 issue in your area?

3 - Your Local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

- Describe your relationship with them, in just one word

4 - Questions for Inspector MacPherson & the Community Safety Team

- As a group, come up with 3 questions you want to ask

*We'll take one question from each group in rotation
If there's time, we'll go round the groups for a second round
Any questions not put on the night will be covered in the minutes*

BREAKOUT GROUPS AFTER THE BUSINESS MEETING

The points recorded by each group are shown below. Where a red asterisk appears this means that the information requested will be pulled together and circulated in the next week or two.

ONLINE GROUP

The main safety/crime concerns from your group

- Phone snatching
- Parcel Theft
- Electric bikes/cycling on pavement and inconsiderate parking
- ASB – street drinking
- Speeding in 20mph zone

Relationship with SNT

- Linda met her SNT at her ward panel and then linked back with her scheme through WhatsApp group.
- Barbara also finds the ward panel meetings useful to liaise with SNT.

Question for Police/CS

- Asked whether there are any plans to use speed cameras to enforce the 20mph speed limits? *Community Roadwatch information to follow

All online attendees agreed to the AGM being held online in future.

BLUE GROUP

- How big is too big for a NW Group? * Size of Scheme Advice to follow
- WhatsApp resistance to joining via ourwatch.org.uk
- What are stated aims of Neighbourhood Watch? Crime? ASB? is this NW? *NW Aims information to follow
- Bringing comments together
- No 1 issues: car crime & violent theft
- What's the point of telling the police about doorstep theft? *Reporting Parcel Theft information to follow
- Council enforcement
- Sympathetic struggling
- Explain Met Engage - how to get involved and why *Met Engage information to follow
- CCTV - personal uses *CCTV information to follow
- Door cams, should we encourage residents to register cameras? *Registering Your Camera information to follow
- Is Lavender Hill station going to reopen or stay closed *Lavender Hill Police Station information to follow
- Masked Cyclists
- Evidence.com – what is it, how to access it *Evidence.com information to follow

GREY GROUP

- Drug dealing in Tooting
- General ASB - groups of men gathering
- Car theft
- Bicycles - speeding/parked dangerously
- Parcel theft
- Use of Smart Water and SelectaDNA - members thought their use would act as a deterrent ***SelectaDNA information to follow**

YELLOW GROUP

- Parcel theft
- Vehicle theft
- Opportunistic gangs trying cars
- Loading photo evidence onto Evidence.com and getting a crime reference.
- Shoplifting
- Anti-social behaviour
- There was quite a lot of discussion about the new traffic layout at the junction of Lower Richmond Road and Putney Bridge. Since the changes were introduced, the congestion on Lower Richmond Road has noticeably worsened, with traffic now backed up almost constantly, even at weekends.

General points raised after break-out groups

- Lee Spear said that CCTV cars were circulating the Borough and were marked as CCTV cars so as to act as a deterrent.
- In response to a question raised about shoplifting, Inspector MacPherson said there had been anti-shoplifting operations carried out by the Police.
- Drug dealing in Tooting – this was a significant concern – and the gangs concerned would often move so it was difficult to report them.
- Cars exceeding 20-mile limit in Tooting Broadway. Lee Spear to refer this matter to the Highways Team.
- How can we get smart water? Smart Water is no longer provided for free. Details would be emailed about how it could be purchased.