



**Basingstoke & Deane Neighbourhood Watch
Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 27th May 2026**

Present:

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Apologies:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair, Ruth Chappell, opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. It was noted that Committee profiles are available on the website (www.bdnw.uk). The Chair expressed gratitude to outgoing officers, Tony Tuck and Mike Coe for their continued support.

2. Constitutional Update

The Chair noted that the Constitution was updated in early 2026 to modernise governance and align with national standards. The document was signed/adopted at the meeting and is available at www.bdnw.uk.

3. Association Overview

- **Membership:** The Association currently has 171 registered schemes, 5 Area Coordinators, and 154 main Coordinators, representing approximately 2,000 members across 20,000 households.
- **Our Watch Transition:** The transition to the national system is prioritised as a security upgrade. 218 contacts were emailed, with a 40% open rate. The Committee will move to decommission the legacy local database at the next meeting.
- **Partnerships:** The Association is actively engaging in local forums, including car meet impact discussions and Borough Council Community sessions.
- **Digital Presence:** A new website (www.bdnw.uk) and Facebook presence have been established to better share resources.

4. Guest Presentation: Community Support Team

Debbie Mason (Community Support Team Officer) outlined the Council's focus on anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.

- Neighbourhood Watch's role in community safety and reporting remains highly valued.
- The Council has limited remaining 'Safer Street' funded outbuilding security equipment; Coordinators are encouraged to contact them directly for distribution.
- Go to <https://www.safernh.co.uk/links/local-policing-team/> to check your local neighbourhood policing team.
- Bike marking events continue to be popular.

6. Financial Report

The Chair presented the Statement of Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2026.

- **Total Expenditure:** £285.44
- **Balance Brought Forward:** £6,473.42
- **Year-End Balance:** £6,188.02

7. Election of the Committee

The Chair proposed a block election for the officer roles of Treasurer (Marion Williams), Vice Chair (Chris Rayner) and Secretary (Kate Bishop). The motion was carried unanimously. All other Committee Members were asked to stand for the next two year period and this was carried.

8. Open Forum / Q&A

- **Events:** Requests were noted for attendance at Oakridge Festival (5 Sept) and Fire Station Open Day (9 Sept).
- **Sherfield Park:** [REDACTED] re: scheme.
- **Kingsclere area:** [REDACTED] re: main Coordinator role.
- **Reporting Concerns:** Members raised concerns regarding the perceived lack of feedback when reporting crime. The Chair advised that all incidents must be reported via 999 or 101/online to ensure accurate police logging and intelligence building.