

# Tenterden Watch

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## Ashford & Weald Partnership Against Crime

We are a partnership set up to assist with reducing business crime.

The day to day operations are run by the crime manager who works with other agencies tackle business crime.

Information sharing via the Town net radios and the website allows you access to images and incidents that can help you prevent and deter.

We also offer an exclusion scheme, monthly meetings and training.

# Town Net Radios

Having a town net radio will enable you to:

- Report incidents in real time alerting other members to possible issues.
- Help prevent – Potential offenders can often be deterred by the radio chatter.
- Provide additional security for staff.
- It provides links to other businesses.
- Descriptions being passed via the radio can assist you in identifying a possible offender.

# Website

The website will assist by:

- Allowing members to upload incidents and images alerting all members and agencies to issues.
- All profiles can be viewed by anyone with access.
- Documents such as radio call sign sheets, minutes, news letters and prevention information are available
- Will provide updates on the justice process.
- Regular announcements from the crime manager and other agencies on issues relating to members.
- It will inform you of meeting and training dates.

# Monthly Intelligence Meetings

Monthly intelligence meetings will:

- Give you an opportunity to meet other members and have contact with other agencies.
- To allow you to share information on individuals with others- and assist in direction of action to take.
- You will have updates on projects and events.
- Report any other issues such as radio problems.

The main function of these meetings is to share information that can help to benefit fellow members.

The meetings will combine both the day and night economy.

# Exclusion Scheme

Members can nominate individuals for an exclusion notice:

- If someone has become prolific in ASB or violence or theft.
- A person should have 3 or more incidents recorded on the website to be nominated or one serious incident (Such as violence).
- Nominations can be made at any time by contacting the Crime Manager who will have the decision ratified by 2 members of the Board of Management.
- Information on persons receiving Shopwatch/Pubwatch bans will be added to the AWPAC website and to the downloadable exclusion list.

## Projects



- Child Safe was launched in October 2016 with the majority of members displaying the child safe sticker making that business a child safe zone where assistance can be sought.
- Civil injunctions were attempted – and since this time the information has been used by Kent Police towards a CBO which was successful.
- Tenterden remained an ongoing project and the aim was to launch was early 2017..at last!
- Training – Kent Police and BTP provided some prevent training prior to Christmas which was a success so we are running it again later in the year. Training on CSE and modern slavery has been given to Pubwatch and there are 2 dates in April for further training on this and members are being encouraged to attend.

# Partners

Partners:

- Kent Police
- Ashford Borough Council
- Tenterden Town Council
- National Association of Business Crime Partnerships

We also work with groups such as the Street Pastors, Churches in Ashford homeless project, Trading Standards and the British Transport Police.



# Membership Fees

Membership fees for a full radio membership:

- £364.00 per year (£1.00 per day) – this is a one off payment and covers all services and radio repairs/replacements.

Tenterden Town Council are offering a £100.00 per member on a first come first serve basis for the first year of membership only.

Any questions regarding membership can be discussed with the Crime Manager at any point.

# Member Support

- Members will receive as much support as required from the Crime Manager.
- Partner agencies can offer support at the monthly intelligence meetings. They will also provide updates where possible.
- Board of Management who are voted in at the AGM yearly to represent members in the decision making process.

AWPAC as an organisation try to offer as much support as possible including radio training, prevention, use of website as well as trying to resolve business crime issues.