

North Wales Police bid to strengthen Neighbourhood Watch Jun 22 2009 by Dan Beavan, Daily Post

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the fight against crime in Conwy.

East Conwy Neighbourhood Policing Team are on the look-out for volunteers to help set up schemes in Towyn and play their part in helping to deter crime and anti-social behaviour.

The scheme already operates on two streets in the town but officers are keen on strengthening Neighbourhood Watch in the area and would like to see further groups being established.

"Neighbourhood Watch in the area needs to be re-established," said local Police Community Support Officer Chris Donaldson.

"We have distributed leaflets this week inviting local residents to come along and listen to existing members talk about their successes."

They held a meeting on Friday to drum up support.

PCSO Donaldon said: "The meeting was well received as we've already have six people sign up as volunteer co-ordinators which is a great start. Everyone seemed really positive and I'm now looking forward to working even more closely with the community."

Anybody who is interested in starting up a scheme, or anyone who would like any further information about Neighbourhood Watch can contact either PCSO Chris Donaldson at Abergele Police Station or Crime Reduction Advisor Ifan Hughes at Llandudno Police Station on 0845 607 1001 (Welsh line) or 0845 607 1002.

The PPP comments ... The Police website shows that the area priority is *Criminal Damage* at Llandrillo Church, Llandudno Road, Rhos-on-Sea Since March 2009... unknown suspects have been attending the Church Yard and damaging headstones.

This area is managed by Inspector Essi Ahari the project manager of the Arrive Alive unholy alliance. Despite his expertise at covert surveillance using laser sighted video cameras, he has been unable to deal with such antisocial and mindless vandalism for 4 months!....a very poor performance.

Again the Police try to backheel the responsibility for REAL policing to somebody else... another CBM in place of the desk bound Crime reduction Advisor would be a step in the right direction.