

### April 2015 Beat Bobby Meeting - Update.

This was the first Beat Bobby meeting of 2015, and was well attended by NHW supporters from the LCA, and from neighbouring areas, Larkhall and Camden. Community Support Officers (CSO) Paul King and David Holmes, and Lansdown Ward Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones were present to answer queries and update us.

David and Paul told us that, following reorganisation their area of responsibility had been considerably increased, but they had additional officers to help with this.

Both officers were pleased to report an absence of crime in Lansdown, although there had been several incidents nearby, random vandalism of cars in Camden by minors, who could not be held accountable for the damage they caused and an attempted break-in to a house in Richmond Lane, fortunately thwarted by a vigilant neighbour.

Paul warned that the "Nottingham Knockers" are back in Bath. These are men, with criminal records, aggressively selling over-priced wares house to house. The advice from the police is the same as before, -- do not engage, and report a visit by these men on the non-urgent police number, 101.

### Theft of Pennant Stones All Saints Road.

We heard from an LCA member that she had witnessed the pennant stones in the act of being taken. She reported it to the police using the non-urgent line, but was told that, unless the crime concerned her directly, there was nothing the police could do. Both police officers said this was mistaken advice, and they would investigate with a view to improving training of the staff concerned. For future reference, **if someone sees a crime in action, the urgent 999 number should always be used.**

David and Paul reiterated that the increasing prevalence of NHW Schemes is a useful tool in fighting crime, and continuing low crime figures reflect this. Useful suggestions from the group included (i) if you are having work done, always let neighbours know, so any unusual/unexpected activity may be understood, and (ii) if you are away for more than a few days, let a neighbour or friend know and leave a contact number, if you can. Generally, the message is, Lansdown remains a safe area to live.

The next Beat Bobby meeting will be held in St. Stephen's Foyer - at the front of the church building, on Saturday June 20th between 10am and 12 noon. Please join us if you can. Tea and biscuits courtesy of St. Stephen's coffee morning make it a nice social occasion also!

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