Neighbourhood Watch 2024

During the last year there has been an improvement in the problems of crime within the village.

However, you will recall that there was drug taking in Mill Lane, the quarry and near the Village Hall and this sadly has continued in 2024. Although not in 2024 I feel it prudent to report on the unfortunate incident in January this year when two dogs ate human excrement which contained drugs in Mill Lane. As a result of this I arranged a meeting at the Village Hall on 6th February which was attended by around 70 villagers with speakers including Callum Miller MP, County Councillor Nigel Simpson, and our Parish Council Chairperson Briony Enser. It is hoped that because of this meeting there can be improved surveillance of this area.

The Police also confirmed Kirtlington is covered at least once on every shift and that officers from Witney and Bicester have also attended following calls.

Last year as in 2023 there were repeated problems of vandalism at the quarry which became most frustrating to villagers (and recently at the village hall too although the police are aware of the names of the two culprits involved).

The village WhatsApp group named “Kirtlington Watch” has been most successful as it enables any problems/suspicions throughout the village to be passed on to everyone on the list. We now have over 100 members on this group and I would welcome any additions. I am also on the Oxfordshire Rural Crime Group which has 203 members which is very informative.

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