**SPTRA AGM Saturday 12 May**

Our AGM marked the end of our 9th year so we have an important year to look forward to!

We welcomed our guest’s for the day, **PCSO Stuart Honey** and two of our newly re-elected councillors, **Gary Malcolm** and **Andrew Steed**.

**Financials**

Suzanne Tanswell presented the accounts and explained with rising costs and slightly diminishing income (subs) we keenly watch our costs but owing to diligent historic management we retain a healthy balance. This leaves us well placed should any unexpected expenditure be required to provide community support to any sort of local (eg planning) campaign.

**Election of the committee**

All the current committee memebrs were re-elected

Simone Teitler – Committee and Alexandra Rd

Julie Porter – Committee and Greenend Rd

Suzanne Tanswell – Committee and Hon. Treasurer – Hatfiield Rd

Suzanne Burge – Committee and Hon. Webmaster

Don Tanswell – Chair  – Committee and Hatfiield Rd

**News Updates**

* **Thames Water**
  + The two tanks are now covered and in operation – victory for a community enjoying fresh air again
* **CCTV**
  + This was an extremely well researched project which offered the community the chance to enjoy greater protection and a “virtual” witness for any local crime. We were delighted to have the support of our local police.
  + The cost would have been around £100+ compared to a complete domestic installation of around £1500
  + We did not receive sufficient “yes” replies to proceed even though we did receive c.85+ very positive “yes’s” & less than 5 “no’s”
  + Lots of neighbours simply did not reply and we didn’t finish with an overall majority nor per road
  + We’ll file all your replies in case there is a chance to revisit. For now we put things on ice
* **Freshways Dairy**
  + The court case is over and the decision is expected to be communicated w/c May 14th – now!!
  + It is hoped a couple of planning applications will be decided soon as well keeping the pressure on this selfish unneighbourly trader.
* **Summer Party**
  + We take a rest from the Summer Party in 2018 pausing to consider a rather special event to celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2019!
* **Scout Hut**
  + Everyone can see all the improvements to our superb little scout hut
  + Soon we hope to announce more progress for work during the summer
* **Southfield Playground**
  + We explained that following representations to the council and with the councillors, we expect improvements to extend the dangerously overcrowded play area this summer.
  + Diagram on the W4 website
  + <http://www.chiswickw4.com/default.asp?section=info&link=http://neighbournet.com/server/common/eacouncil184.htm>
* **Next meeting**
  + As always we take a rest for the summer
  + We will announce our September meeting quite soon!
* **Stuart Honey**
  + Stuart provided important seasonal security tips such as maintaining safety of your sah windows and keeping those hedges trimmed so thery do not provide a place to hide

**OWL Launch**

Suzanne shared details of the new approved messaging platform called [OWL](http://www.owl.co.uk/) which has just launched.   
[OWL](http://www.owl.co.uk/) is a secure electronic communications database, to be used by the Police in the West London policing area (called the BCU) of the boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow. It will also be used by all the neighbourhood watch coordinators in your own area, across the three boroughs which will enable targeted messaging and engagement to you as registered users.

The system went 'live' on May 16th, so from now, NW Coordinators and Police will be able to interact with you in your Ward with different messages to include local crime trends, newsletters, and crime prevention leaflets and advice.

You can now register for free with either Neighbourhood Watch and/or Police Community Messaging. You’ll be able to receive targeted messages, information, and alerts through an email platform that is secure, discreet.

[Register now](http://www.owl.co.uk/)

OWL is CESG approved so it has passed Government security tests. It is certified as “Secured by Design” which means it has national police approval

**The 2018 AGM closed**