



**UK Horsewatch Alliance**

**Annual Meeting**

Hawford, Worcs.

26 September 2009

**Present:**

Garry Porter	Thames Valley H/W	Lyn Childs	Northants H/W
PCSO Wendy Taylor	Thames Valley	Sandy Redmore	Northants H/W
Nick Wallbridge - CEO	NED	PS Lisa Wealthall	Nottinghamshire
Charlotte White	H&H	Debbie Patrick	Sandwell H/W
Emmeline Hannelly	BHS	Alexandra Cann	Shropshire H/W
PCSO Justin Gay	Avon and Somerset	PC Kate Hardt	Staffordshire
PCSO Helen Watkins	Avon and Somerset	PC Julie Dennis	Suffolk
Rowena James	Bedfordshire H/W	Julie Stringer	Sussex H/W
PC Viv Dady	Bedfordshire	Louise Dixon	Sussex H/W
PCSO Lydia Crabtree	Cambridgeshire	PC Trevor Cox	Sussex
PSCO Gemma Tuohy	Cambridgeshire	Insp Pete Funnell	West Mercia
Insp Erika Green	Derbyshire	PC Ian White	West Mercia
Lesley Manger	Derbyshire H/W	PCSO Stephanie Annette	West Mercia
Liz Pyne	Derbyshire H/W	PCSO Sharon Wilson	West Mercia
PC Nick Bray	Derbyshire	PCSO Donna Jones	West Mercia
Elaine Tasker	Equine Market Watch	PC Simon Harrison	West Midlands
Siobhan Lord	Equine Market Watch	PC Colin Jewell	West Midlands
Valerie Crawford	Essex H/W	PC Jenny Pullinger	West Midlands
PC Colin Pickworth	Hampshire	PCSO Colette Hughes	West Midlands
Tara Heineman	Herefordshire H/W	PC Helene Elder	West Midlands
PC Sally Coleman	Kent	Julie Sadler	West Midlands H/W
Vic Coleman	S E Kent H/W	Sue Fisher	West Midlands H/W
PC Paul Coleman	Merseyside	PCSO John Bordiss	Wiltshire
PC Sara Allmey	Met	Caroline Passey	Worcs H/W
Danny Cracknell	Norfolk Farmwatch	Lisa Randle	Worcs H/W
Sue Cracknell	Norfolk Farmwatch	Penny Grant	Worcs H/W
PC Sue Newns	Norfolk	Bob Jenkins	Worcs H/W
		Hazel Warburton	Worcs H/W

**Apologies received from:**

David Collings	Hampshire H/W	Fiona Pearson	West Yorkshire
Helen Evans	Thames Valley H/W	PC Peter Daynes	Notts
PC Kirsty Wilson	TVP	Trevor Williams-Berry	Rolystone
Fiona Stuart	Perth/Kinross H/W	Peter Guillaume	Warwickshire
Susan Swann	Bedfordshire H/W	Julie Dale	Warwickshire
PC Anita Riglar	Dorset	PC Gail Greenhouse	West Mercia
Jan Wilson	East Yorks H/W	Elaine Britton	Sandwell H/W
Jade Kemp	Farmkey	Trish Marks	Herts H/W
Mary Awre	Freezemark	Jill Dockley	Herts H/W
PC Chris Skinner	Gloucestershire	Tricia Colling	North Yorks H/W
Lesley Bailey	Countryside Mag		

1.	Welcome	ACTIONS
	GP welcomed everyone to the 4th meeting, and thanked Nick Wallbridge from NED, Emmeline Hannelly from BHS, Charlotte White from H&H for attending. GP highlighted the fact that 55 delegates are attending this year - 35 attended last year which illustrates the growth in interest for Horsewatch all over the UK.	

	<p>GP said the goal was to have a Horsewatch group in all policing areas and for them to be 'branded' so we become more familiar. GP felt that the RSPCA should also be included as it has become apparent that on one occasion they attended a horse welfare call and were not aware that it was stolen. Fortunately somebody did check it and eventually horse and owner were reunited but it would have happened sooner had the RSPCA were aware of the Stolen Horse Register and NED.</p> <p>Minutes for last year were accepted.</p> <p>All present introduced themselves.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b><i>Intro - New Groups</i></b>	
	<p>GP reported that there were 4 new groups – Cambridge, Wiltshire, Northants and Suffolk. Protocols and paperwork already in place for new groups to follow so they keep the Horsewatch brand.</p> <p>UK Horsewatch website already set up to assist groups where information can be downloaded and used freely. We could soon be international – Belgian lady contacts Insp Ericka Green with stolen horse information as it easy to ship horses across the channel.</p> <p>Web address is <a href="http://www.paardenspeurder.be">http://www.paardenspeurder.be</a></p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b><i>National Equine Database</i></b>	
	<p>Nick Wallbridge works closely with DEFRA to understand passport legislation. NW gave a presentation on key aims and how system works, a copy of the presentation to follow.</p> <p>80 organisations can issue passports. Govt wanted all this in single repository. BEF asked that breeding and performance be included as well, so NED was born. Funding from Govt under contract to supply services until Mar 2011. Income will eventually come from use of website. All disciplines on board ie Weatherbys, BSJA. Also supplies info for rural planning and disease control to Govt. Information for performance must come authoritative organisations and not be 'hearsay'.</p> <p>The floor suggested that this info is no different from that held on the PNC for drivers and cars so can this not be available to the Police? NED said that DEFRA, to date, has not allowed this, but this decision cannot be understood as it is another source of data for the Police. This is not through the lack of trying to achieve it! However, NED and GP will continue to try.</p> <p>Lydia Crabtree pointed out that to get chip details for cats and dogs they have been issued with a PIN by the chip company – perhaps this is a way forward. Create pressure group to make this happen. Does police have a gateway to getting this info – can an intel department work on it for us.</p> <p>Insurance company and freeze branding companies data cannot be linked to NED but NED is looking at this to encourage them to put passport numbers and PIO on their documentation.</p>	<p><b>NED</b></p> <p><b>GP</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>

	<p>NED does talk to foreign bodies/studbooks – WORDEC meets about 3 times a year. NED pushing for it to be illegal not to have foreign passports on the system. At the moment it is voluntary to add horses with valid foreign passports.</p> <p>Meat Hygiene System feeds back to NED – passports do not need to be checked. NED is pushing for this to be changed.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b><i>Missing on Loan – Loan Protocol</i></b>	
	<p>No real guidelines for loaning, a point established when it is too late. It can get very messy very quickly. GP showed first draft of precautions before a horse is passed over for loan. GP went through this document and covered free text area on NED to put details such as 'this horse is on loan – do not buy or sell!'</p> <p>Check the premises; it is so important. One delegate backed this up from personal experience. She found the photos of the lovely yard where her horse was to be stabled was, in fact, of the neighbour's premises and the yard where her horse was actually going was one field with about 20 horses in it and when it got to about 30 they then moved some on.</p> <p>Contract could make it easier to take the matter from civil to fraud and the police are then involved. Issue order under Section 66 of PACE until issue sorted. The need to prove ownership is of prime importance. A freeze mark helps greatly with this.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b><i>Best Practice for Horsewatch nationally</i></b>	
	<p>What are we going to do about the above? Morning session about preventing the awful, afternoon session to work together to work out a protocol of actions that need to be taken should an animal/tack be stolen.</p> <p>Each co-ordinator to have a distribution list of important places/people who need to know about a theft of a horse. GP to send contact details to group. WT to produce flow chart and forward to delegates for comment. Final document will be put on website.</p>	<p><b>GP</b> <b>WT</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<b><i>AOB</i></b>	
	<p>Scanners for microchips from company for free – pocket size. Sara Allmey will advise of details. Must be careful where it used – markets need to give permission.</p> <p>Driving group want to affiliate to UK Horsewatch Alliance. It was suggested that they appoint one person, the Chairman perhaps, to be the contact with UK Horsewatch and they can cascade information to the group.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 16:10</p>	<p><b>SA</b></p>

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