

## 2012 Annual Neighbourhood Watch report - Parish Council

My role as Atworth Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator is to pass on any information I receive from our Neighbourhood Policing team ( Melksham rural North ). This is headed up by Barry Dalton who together with Police community support Officers Janet Gould and Maggie Ledbury keep me updated on matters regarding community activity, policing priorities and outcomes of concerns raised by Atworth community. In brief, I am the point of contact between Atworth villagers and the Policing team. I then pass on this information to the members of Neighbourhood watch by email and also write an article for the monthly Atworth Village magazine. In this I try to write handy hints and tips on keeping safe at home. Together the Policing team and I work with the aim of improving the quality of life for everyone living in Atworth village and hopefully reduce crime and the perception of crime.

Last October I received a donation from the proceeds of the Quiz Night held at the White Hart for Neighbourhood watch street signs. I filled in all the relevant forms and sent it off together with a cheque for 8 New NHW signs which I am happy to report are now erected throughout the village. I do realise that this will not stop would be criminals – as noted by a recent break in where vandals smashed a window to a house in Godwins Close when the owners were away in the USA – but hopefully it will act as an extra deterrent and make would be vandals think twice before coming into our area to commit a crime.

Many thanks for your time.

Rosemary Ward