

WE NEED YOUR DONATION TO KEEP US GOING

An appeal from the Committee of Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association

There is a real risk that Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch will have to close at the end of April due to a lack of short-term funding. At a time of such concern about crime in our borough this would be a serious development. We are therefore writing to ask you to make a donation to keep the Charity going.

In other London boroughs, Neighbourhood Watch is supported in full by the local police authority and/or the local council but police support in cash or in kind ended for us in 2012. Since then, we have relied on our own fundraising locally (including a small grant from Croydon Council), by drawing on our dwindling reserves and by cutting our expenditure. But these sources are no longer enough to get us beyond April.

We do not think we can cut our spending any further. The committee members are all unpaid. We have some 30,000 member households, supported by about 400 NHW co-ordinators, all of them volunteers. The only paid person is our part-time administrator who is essential in running the day to day matters of an organisation of our size. The rest of our budget is spent on recruitment, office supplies, as well as NHW crime prevention materials (street signs, window stickers etc..) We do not own or rent an office, but hotdesk at Croydon Fire Station for which we are grateful. However, due to London Fire Brigade policy we cannot have access to their internet or a landline.

We are of course redoubling our efforts to find new funding, from the Council, local businesses and from charitable trusts. We have recruited a new team member (unpaid) specifically for this. We are optimistic that we will find funding for the longer term, but it is a long process and will not provide new funding quickly. As a charity we are legally bound not to borrow. If we cannot close the immediate funding gap with your donations, we will have to close the Charity.

Some of you have made donations in the past, we hope you will do so again. We appeal to those who have not given before to donate this time. Details of how to do so are below.

Thank you,

The CBNWA Committee

How to donate to CBNWA

- Write a cheque payable to CBNWA and send it to:

The CBNWA Treasurer
Maison Ouverte
24 Fernhurst Road
Addiscombe
CR0 7DG

- By bank transfer to:

CBNWA
Lloyds Bank Plc
Account number: 03049348
Sort Code: 30 92 45

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