

HRAA:SITC:Cambs Police Meeting Fri 09-Jan-2010

Topic: Allotment Security

Present			
Councillor Sarah Mead	(SITC)	Richard Weightman	(HRAA)
Councillor Angie Walters	(SITC)	Hayley Weightman	(HRAA)
Jayne Westlake	(SITC)	Ray Frodsham	(HRAA)
Roger Warboys	(SITC)	Julian Fyson	(HRAA)
PC Chaz Hansford	(CP)	Stephen Mitchell	(HRAA)
Sergeant Russ Giddings	(CP)	John McKinnie	(HRAA)

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1. **Update on incident Tue 15-Dec-2009**

1. Although got footwear and fingerprint impressions, no direct suspects
2. Intruders appear to have entered from the cemetery
3. Plot holders should be vigilant of anyone parking in that area at night and inform police who patrol each night

2. **Prevention measures**

1. Set up Allotment Watch, being a Cambridgeshire wide initiative; possible meeting at Cambs police headquarters, Huntingdon in April 2010 PC Hansford
2. If any unrecognised vehicles spotted, email details to Police HRAA
3. Shed alarms available from Police for about £5 per unit; SITC will seek to provide some from the Town Council budget Cllr Walters
4. Allotment holders can set up their own reasonable deterrents (e.g. tin cans on string) but mustn't do anything to harm intruders as plot holder would be liable for injury caused
5. SmartWater available from Police at about £15 per unit
6. Sign to be put on entrances to allotment site under Cambridgeshire Police logo stating site regularly patrolled by Police; also include SmartWater logo and mention Allotment Watch Jayne Westlake
7. When Police helicopter is travelling over the allotment site late at night they will occasionally use their thermal imaging camera to check if anyone present and report if so

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8. Security guidance for new allotment holders to be drafted & included in new plot holders pack	PC Hansford Jayne
9. Include security guidance in new plot holders pack	Westlake
10. Any chemicals kept in a shed should be in a locked container	HRAA
11. Leaflet drop nearby residents to ask if they could report any suspicious activity	PC Hansford
12. Police contact details are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PC Hansford 2186, call 0345 456 4564 xn2943 (voicemail available if not answered) Email charles.hansford@cambs.pnn.police.uk	
