

SPALDING CHAMBER SHOPWATCH REPORT-APRIL 2015

SPALDING MEMBERS: 34

HOLBEACH MEMBERS: 13

NEW MEMBERS: Lincs Computers, Wygate Park (with radio)

POSSIBLES: Waiting for a response from B & M stores.

NUMBER EXCLUDED AT SPALDING AT TIME OF REPORT: 25 (a reduction of over 10% on this time last year)

NUMBER EXCLUDED AT HOLBEACH AT TIME OF REPORT: 3

OUTLOOK:

A productive meeting was had between David Norton, Springfields Management and myself regarding setting up a scheme there. The Projects and Facilities Manager, Jackie Sawyers, was impressed with the new Hytera radio and felt the scheme offered good value to its outlets. She feels with a convincing sales pitch the scheme should attract between 10 and 20 members. The next stage is for me personally to speak with the outlet managers collectively. This will be at the June outlet managers meeting by which time I should be in possession of the new Shopwatch packs being put together by Chamber.

I will be formally approaching our local pubs/clubs in order to set up a Pubwatch scheme in Spalding. However I will not be doing this until our CCTV is being 24/7 monitored by Boston.

CHALLENGES: I have asked for a meeting between Andrew Haw (Boston CCTV) Emily Holmes (SHDC) and myself to discuss the role of Boston CCTV as regards our watch schemes. I hope to come up with some form of service level agreement so that I can tell the members what they can expect. The set up is wholly different from what we have had at Spalding Police station over the past years using volunteers so differing guidelines need drawing up.

OPPORTUNITIES: There will be no work carried out in Boston on my part for the foreseeable future. Both Shopwatch and Pubwatch are reasonably well established and are presently declining Chamber intervention.

The same cannot be said for Grantham, Stamford and Bourne however who are keen to see Chamber coordinate their schemes.

I am on leave for the whole of May and am not back in my office until Monday 1st June 2015

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