

## TVNWA report for Oxon South and Vale

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The area is beginning to show some improvement with Geoff Chown and I working together

There have been a few new schemes and some renewed ones but no great numbers.

I attended the one day workshop at TVP HQ on 31<sup>st</sup> January where a framework of ideas for partnership working with TVP was put together. This was very helpful when the long awaited inaugural meeting of the proposed OXNHWA took place at Abingdon Police Station on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The meeting was set up with the help of Julia Williams who now looks after the admin aspects of the TVP NHW administrator with the aid of Police Volunteers. Mark Harling, the Neighbourhood Inspector for South Oxon was present and was instrumental in arranging use of the meeting room etc.

The meeting was attended by all anticipated NHW representatives including Geoff Chown and Keith Brooks from TVNWA and NHW reps from Henley, Woodcote, Didcot, Sutton Courtenay, Dry Sandford, Kennington, Dorchester and Grove. All attendees were identified from their application, in September 2016, for the new material to help refresh/continue their schemes and their response when I physically delivered the material to them.

The meeting prompted much discussion about the future of NHW, its current purpose and the support framework. There was a notable lack of appetite for the creation of a formal Association but much enthusiasm for similar future meetings to enable similar discussions to identify the best way forward.

All present agreed to supply me with an email listing ways in which they would like to see NHW go forward. So far, half of them have done so. I shall combine their thoughts into one document that I can share with TVNWA. What is clear is that what currently exists is not what they would want or expect; they are however positive in their thoughts about NHW.

I have agreed to create a document that best describes the roles and responsibilities of all levels in NHW as is currently understood. I believe that this has been the first of a type of coming together that has been on their wish list for a very long time and they are keen to take it forward. We must not lose the momentum. The most important feedback comments described the meeting as inspirational and informative. They also enjoyed the meeting as it was an opportunity for discussion and not an opportunity to be lectured to. Food for thought.

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