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BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH continues to be regarded as a highly valued service by Kent Police and contrary to fears expressed in the media recently, the Association is in no danger of closing down, say the Police.

The Association now operates alongside the Kent Community Messaging System (KCMS), a countywide initiative Kent Police say will bring important benefits to members, such as cross border information and the means to broadcast countywide alerts.

As a registered user, Hilltop's co-ordinator, Brian Robinson, will also have access to interactive forums to discuss and solve local problems. Hilltop still receives all the relevant NW news and information as before and this is passed on to the community via *Hilltop News*.

Updating list

'We are currently updating the list of neighbourhood watch members and hopefully everyone in our area will want to be on it,' says Brian. 'This is a confidential list and only the link members and I will have access to it.'

Link members can contact residents in their area if and when there is information of immediate significance to pass on. Link members are: *Kath Hewson, 2 New House Lane (1-3 NHL); Veronica Pringle, 34 NHL (34-54, 78,79 NHL); Pam Woods (Treasurer), 61 NHL (54a-62 NHL); Brian Robinson, 71 NHL (63-77) NHL; Sylvia Wraight, 13 New House Close (1-12 NHC); Ron Wraight, 13 NHC (13-27 NHC); Julie Jeanes, 34 NHC (30-36 NHC); Joan Gower, Newark, Iffin Lane (all of Iffin Lane), Mick Hopkins, 2 NHC (asst. coordinator, 451- 835).*

If you have moved into the area in the past four or five years and would like to be a neighbourhood watch member, contact Brian (details below).

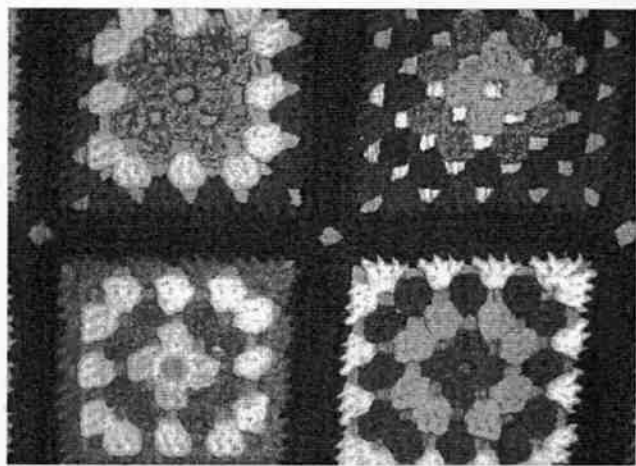


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Labour of love

MORE THAN 30 years ago Elsie Clayson from Wheelbarrow Town, near Stelling Minnis, made beautiful hand crocheted blankets that sold in Ricemans for £100 each. Elsie passed on her handwork skills to her daughter, Joan, our very own Mrs Gower.

Joan says she likes to crochet in the evenings while watching TV, just to keep busy. The picture above shows a little of the detail of a blanket she has donated to Hilltop Community Association. Big enough to use as a bed-throw (1.86m x 2.82m), it is made from pure new wool in a rich and colourful design. Joan says each square takes 45 minutes to make and, at a total of 513 squares, that's 383 hours - or 16 solid days and nights work! A true labour of love.

The blanket will be sold to raise funds for the hall and will be on display at the Hilltop AGM on 21 March. (Picture by Richard Armishaw).