

Patient Participation Group

26th June 2017

Those Present :- Diane Westray, Maria Power, Paul Day,
Elizabeth Carless, Dr Simon Wilson and Natalie
Judson.

Apologies :- Jeremy Pinner, Sheila Pearson, Alex Britton,
Angela Townsend, Victoria Bellamy and
Francesca Wall.

The minutes for the last meeting on 25th April 2017 were signed and agreed.

Elizabeth Carless thanked all those who helped with the PPG event on the 3rd May in Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

A talk on Breast Cancer was given by the Breast Care Team from Wycombe General Hospital. Five members of the team came to talk about the aspects of their work. An excellent presentation.

The feedback was good although the numbers of attendees were down in comparison with the Prostatic Talk given in November.

**We welcomed Natalie Judson, Community Links Officer of
Community Engagement & Development of
Prevention Matters**

She came to tell us about the Hughenden Street Association, which is a parish-wide scheme to create a friendly supportive community for the elderly and vulnerable.

It is a free service funded by Wycombe County Council and the Crime Prevention Office.

In late 2015 Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group, Parish Councillors, Residents Associations came together with local government officers, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and Thames Valley Police to discuss plans to protect the elderly and more vulnerable residents from fraudulent, postal, telephone and doorstep crime and isolation, particularly as the population is getting older.

The new initiative is to help vulnerable residents from loneliness, isolation and cognitive decline which can be exploited by criminals and become debilitating

Street Members are sought for each street to keep an eye out for tell-tale signs of those needing help in their street.

It is not only the elderly who are lonely or need help but also can be single or new mothers or new arrivals to the area.

Each Street Member has a pack, which gives information about crime, signposting toolkits and details on local activities and organisations to reduce loneliness and help where necessary.

Referrals to Prevention Matters can be made by G.P's, relatives, friends, neighbours, Street Members or people can self refer.

Prevention Matters will visit the resident, assess the situation and provide help where necessary. They can visit up to six times to put into place any gaps that need filling for the well being of the person.

The whole idea is to keep people healthy and living in their own homes without hospital intervention for as long as possible with the help of a kindly neighbourhood watch.

The scheme stretches to Widmere End, Bryants Bottom and Naphill and is being introduced to Prestwood.

There are some streets, in the areas mentioned above, are without a Street Member so if anyone feels they would like to help , please contact the HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com or call 07392 683500

**Natalie Judson
Community Links Officer (Amersham & Chesham Locality)
Prevention Matters
Communities Engagement and Development Team
Communities, Health and Adult Social Care**

Our thanks to Natalie for coming to talk to us about this neighbourhood initiative.

The next PPG meeting is to be held on 8th August at 6.30pm at Hughenden Surgery.

Elizabeth Carless

Subjects for discussion at the next meeting

Subscription to NAP.

The future Talk on PAIN

