



JUNE 2022

- “Rust en Werk” Car Rally, is going to be held on 28th August 2022.
- **If you would like to advertise your business in our Business Newsletter**, please email your logo to watchadmin@mypnw.org.za and a brief description of your business and contact details.
- **Report any crime does not matter how big or small to SAPS**, it is important to receive a case number. If crime is not reported the crimes statistics will highlight a false, negative low in the crime statistics and human and vehicle resources from SAPS Diepriver will be deployed elsewhere as is currently the case.
- **If you have any complaints about Diepriver SAPS**, please report immediately to the Diepriver Community Police Forum. Chairperson Fiona Schwimmbacher @ chair.cpfdiepriver@gmail.com

HISTORY OF PLUMSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (PART 1) COMPILED BY LLEWELLYN DAMON

This year, 2022, the Plumstead Community and Neighbourhood is celebrating its 260th year of establishment and Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch is celebrating its 15th Anniversary year from inception as “Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch”

Chairpersons of Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch from its inception in 2007 until 2022:

2007-2008: Paul Friedman

2009-2010: Andrew Lillie

2011-2012: Andrew Lillie

2013-2014: Andrew Lillie

2015-2016: Andrew Lillie

2017-2018: Charmaine Lillie

2019-2020: Avian Bell

2021-2022: Gary Klugman

2008-2009: Paul Friedman

2010-2011: Andrew Lillie

2012-2013: Andrew Lillie

2014-2015: Andrew Lillie

2016-2017: Charmaine Lillie

2018-2019: Thania Wilson Harris Koch

2020-2021: Gary Klugman

22 March 2007, the first meeting took place in the “little Civic office” under the Victoria bridge.

In attendance was Arthur Gott who arranged and chaired the meeting, Trevor Robinson, Dave Kelly (Community Police Forum), Michael Kensta, Paul Friedman, Kevin Young, Weir Draper and Kenny Baard.

Dave Kelly suggested that a steering committee be formed, and Paul Friedman was elected as Chairman of the steering committee.



EXTRACTS OF MEETINGS HELD:

“We felt that we had achieved something historical and was really excited when leaving” Kevin Baard.

“Went to a meeting 21 June 2007. I was surprised to see a whole new executive committee, Steve Bark, Trevor Robinson, Dean, Paul Martin, another Kenny and perhaps others.

All attendees were requested at the end of the meeting to form 6 individual working groups, namely Finance, Marketing, Operations, Fundraising and 2 others.

Kevin Bodenham, Kevin Howes, Arthur Gott, Lisa Bright, a fellow named Moaab and I formed the Operations wing.

13 July 2007, I was contacted by Paul Prior and I thought Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch might not actually materialise”. Kenny Baard

Patrols happened throughout the day at 2 hour shifts and reported as to when they are going on leave.

Patrols was very organised, structured, well planned as they had a roster in place and therefore 24hours a day there would be a patroller on the road.

Patrollers patrolled in their own Sections or Sectors as it was first called. “I have from the onset instructed our patrollers in Sector 3 to operate strictly within their own borders, primarily because of our limited manpower at this time. Having said this, it is always the prerogative of the patrol leader to venture across Dick Burton street into sector 2 on occasion for a courtesy visit if he feels so inclined” Kenny Baard.

“Next meeting was 19 July 2007. Operations Kevin Bodenham, Kevin Howes, myself and new members Deon Jacobs, Steve Cairns, Graham Slater. Lisa Bright about to give birth. Moaab failed to attend.” Kevin 06 August 2007

Progress was slow but there was a lot of determination.

The first patrol took place 31 July 2007, 21h00 – 23h00. By 16 August 2007 Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch had 342 members signed and 226 patrol volunteers. At some stage Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch had 300 active patrollers.

23 April 2008 Kenny Baard wrote in his resignation letter “It was great fun to have been one of that initial group of 6 patrollers who conducted the first *foot patrols* from 4-6am on Saturday mornings. We have progressed to 7 Sections with 1000 members but sadly not all these persons are willing to patrol”

CIRCA

17 September 2007, Exco changed the terminology for the 3rd time where Sectors changed to Sections with a Section leader. The Zones became Subsections having a Subsection manager. **Block captains became Block coordinators.**

The Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch logo was changed from Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch on Alert to Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch on Patrol.





November 2007 there was a plea for radios.

By 10 December 2007 Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch had 4 radios.

Patrollers had to rotate these radios and eventually each section had 1 radio. The challenge was to charge these radios as it would be handed over to the next patroller immediately after his/her patrol.

In the beginning 2007 Control was in the Northern Suburbs at ADT at N1 City and it was there for 1 or 2 years because it wasn't really working for the BKM and Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch.

Fast Forward

June 2016 it was moved to Sondelani as the space became too small due to more monitors being installed when we started introducing LPR (Licence Plate Recognition) cameras.

2011-2012 it was the Constantia Watch Association but was-- changed to Constantia Valley Information Centre.

In the beginning the call signs was Romeo which changed to Pappa for Plumstead.

Many residents had the expectation that PNW patrollers must be there for them all the time, and many don't realise that patrollers are doing it voluntarily and selflessly with no monetary reward and sometimes a thank you.

From the Plumstead Neighbourhood Newsletter

Incident Type: Trespassing

Date and Time: 2011/06/22 05:43:00 AM

Location: TYNEMOUTH ROAD 59-115, Zone: SECTION 3

Incident Text:

Outside sensor activated. Again, the wall jumpers looking to steal from my back garden!! NOT ONE NEIGHBOUR CAME OUT!! AND I LIVE OPPOSITE A PATROLLERS HOUSE!!!

PNW Comment: *Strange how members expect patrollers to react when they have a problem when the whole aim of being a patroller is acting as "eyes and ears" for SAPS and security service providers.*

Another Letter:

"Good evening,

I need to write a very special e-mail.

A member of PNW went above and beyond.

And for this I will forever be grateful.

The story:

On Monday 05 November 2012, my husband was at 2nd Plumstead Sea Scout Hall, Melville Road, Plumstead where he was busy cutting open a 40-gallon drum which was to be used to braai when it exploded and caused burn wounds on his right hand, left hand and arm and his face.

Stephen Cairns heard the explosion and was the first person on the scene and he also organised everything from there on out.

If it was not for Stephen, I do not know how this would have played out.

I have thanked him personally, but I do feel that Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch should be made aware of the gem they have in Stephen.

Once again, a very big thank you."

Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch commenced as an NGO, but it was never registered as such, and it was illegal. In 2015 PNW was Registered as an NPC.



How PNW has changed:

In 2007 It was mostly foot patrols with some doing car patrols as well as bicycle patrols.

With the current price of fuel and the financial impact Covid-19 has had on our community, Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch members and patrollers it has just become too challenging for many patrollers to do vehicle patrols by driving around continuously. Currently patrollers in vehicles do more static patrols where they park at strategic positions or locations for visibility and alert.

At the 2013 AGM after a presentation on cameras it was agreed to look at the possibility of installing cameras in the Plumstead area. These cameras would be linked to the Constantia Valley Watches Association.

In 2015 LPR cameras was installed. Plumstead now have 10 cameras. The future is to cover all entry and exit points with overview cameras at Critical Access Control Points in each identified road or street. The latter is an ambitious 3-year strategy, commencing 2022 to 2025. Objective is to be pro-active, patrollers to remain static in vehicles and respond when cameras are triggered. This has been done in places like Gauteng and we will have what is called a Secured or Gated Community and the process would take 3 years. This will reduce the number of hours driving around. In Plumstead we now have several Security Service Providers.

ADT was the 1st and then Combat was started by Colin Reeves who was the owner in 1990 and it was very localised. Combat was sold in 2021. In future we will work much closer with the Security Service Providers in Plumstead.

The Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch has moved from just being *Eyes and Ears* to being reactive.

It is the only Neighbourhood Watch (to the best of our knowledge) with a **Response Team** which is community driven and has become very “professionalized” with Medics that assist with medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, resident alerts, fires, assisting SAPS at crime scenes, gathering information, finding missing persons, assisting at roadblocks and some operations.

Over the years Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch has also so far lost 8 patrollers to Law Enforcement and 2 patrollers to SAPS Reservists.

What Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch also do is assisting the less privileged which is a community driven project of which the aim is for it to be sustainable for at least 1 year.

All new patrollers undergo an induction training course.

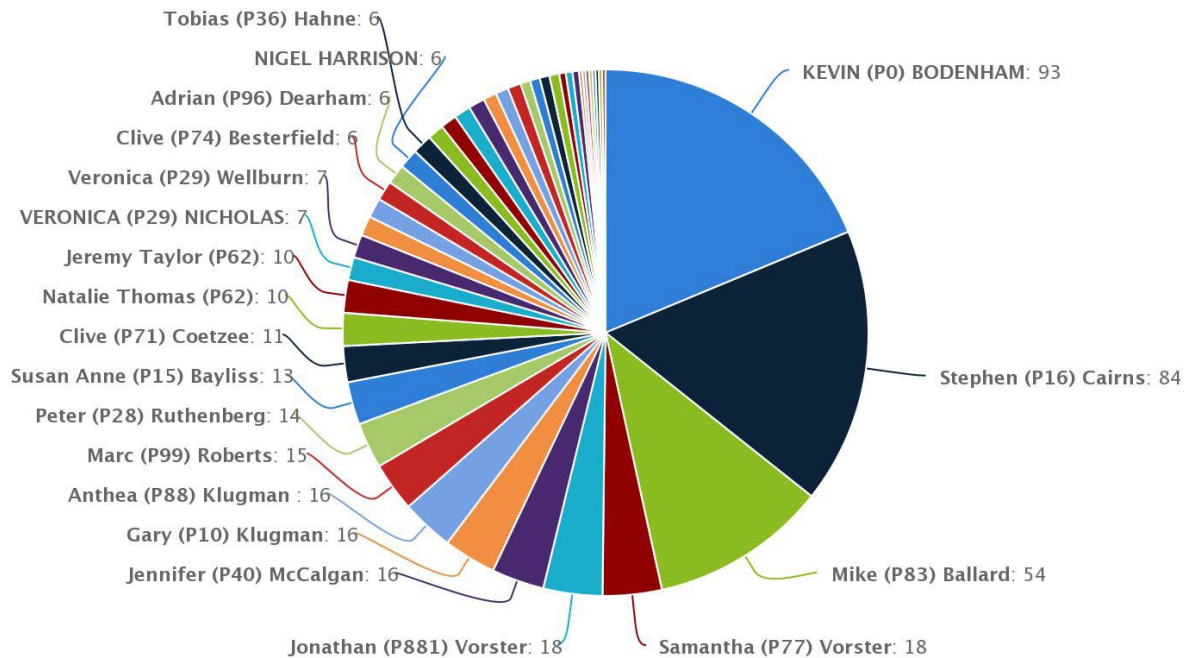
Qualifications to becoming a patroller: Fingerprints that must be verified by SAPS to make sure applicants had no illicit dealings, no crime records and the person must be in good standing

There is always a need for funds allocated for equipment, the refurbishment of medical supplies, pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the LPR cameras and radios etc.



A big thank you to our Patrollers for your dedication to keeping our Hood Safe.

Patrolling Hours from 1st June 2022 – 30th June 2022



Thank you to all our SSP's for keeping us safe 24/7

National SECURITY & FIRE

YOUR SECURITY and SAFETY matters to us.

As crime escalates in our country, we would not want you to place your safety at jeopardy, instead you can assist us help your community by observing unwanted people which eventually leads to less crimes in your neighbourhood.



Below are some safety tips on being a good witness:

- Never put yourself in danger
- Pay close attention to details
- Report what you see and hear
- **Report your observations in a timely manner to our National Call Centre On 086 110 1911 and let our trained response officers find the suspect**



Our Services



Being the eyes and ears of our Neighbourhood

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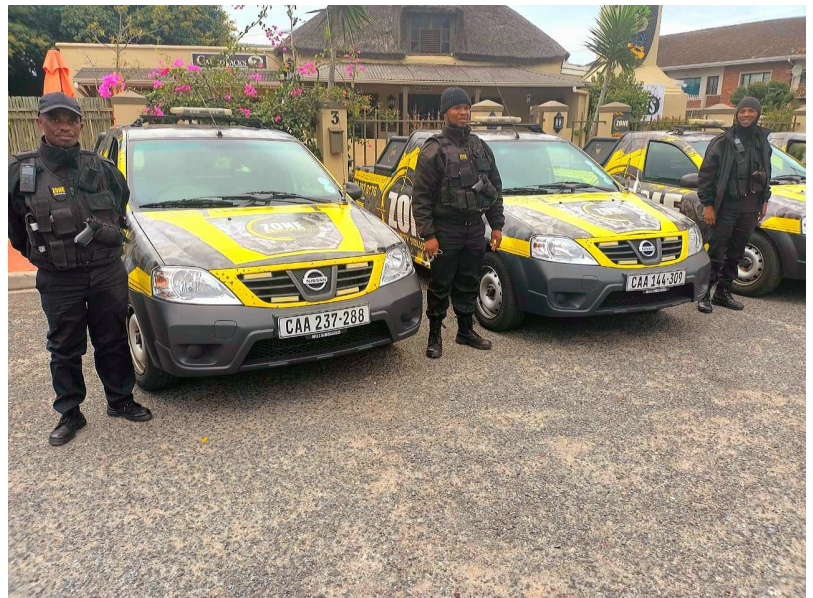
MEET THE PLUMSTEAD TEAM



From Left: Vumile Fanele, Shaun Qhuma, Songi Mabheshwana



From Left: Thandekile Phokolo, Siyamkhonza Vela, Asisipho Mtwazi



From Left: Tobias Nkothana, Patrick Nomtyaka, Gavin Mbutho

PLUMSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH *newsletter*



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TAX AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Also previously PNW would say thanks to Louw Cooper Rasool Tax And Accounting Services for the financials on social media, The directors said for this year if PNW does the same, if they could mention that any PNW Member would be entitled to a 20% discount on our services if they use the code " PLUM2022."



PNW Response Team

The **PNW Response Team** is comprised of local volunteers that are well experienced, trained and resourced by PNW. The team uses their own time and fuel to respond to various emergency situations in our area.



Our team responds to everything from active crime complaints such as house breakings in progress to motor vehicle and motor bike accidents and various medical and trauma emergencies.

The team conducts regular training to ensure that our responders assist according to local standards and norms.



Response Team Activation:

08/06

The PNW Response Team was activated by Diep River SAPS to investigate a motor vehicle accident on Woodley Road Plumstead.

Upon arrival of responders and United Protection Solutions, it was established that two people sustained minor injuries.

ZMED arrived and provided further medical assistance.

Thank you to towing services for their assistance as well.



Response Team Activation:

24/06

The PNW Response Team was activated local law enforcement of a vehicle that had caught alight in Wellington Road Wynberg.

The fire was extinguished with no injuries reported.



Response Team Activation:

25/06

The PNW Response Team was activated local SAPS following reports of a patient that sustained traumatic injuries.

Our first aiders provided medical assistance until emergency medical services arrived to provide further care and treatment.



PNW EVENTS:

1. "Rust en Werk" Car Rally – 28th August 2022
2. 24 Hour Patrolathon – November 2022

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Earth Fair Food and Craft Market - Timour Hall Villa:

Every Wednesdays 4 pm to 9 pm, and Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm

Car Boot Market - Timour Hall Villa:

Every Saturday from 09h00am till 2pm

The Animal Welfare Society of South Africa - Timour Hall Villa

The last Saturday of every month, we host the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa Adoption Day in conjunction with the Car Boot and Earth Fair Market

Friday Bar Nights and Braai Facilities – Timour Hall Villa

Every Friday from 4pm our Bar is open. Braai facilities available, wood included. No extra cost.

For those that do not want to braai we have a Bar Menu. Our kitchen is open from 4pm till 9pm