



East  
Northamptonshire  
Council

## Licensing Committee - 3 October 2012

### Pubwatch in East Northamptonshire

#### Purpose of report

A report to explain the current position of Pubwatch in the District of East Northamptonshire.

#### Attachment(s)

Appendix One – Pubwatch membership list Rushden and Higham

Appendix Two – Pubwatch membership list Raunds and surrounding towns and villages

Appendix Three – Pubwatch membership list Oundle

#### 1.0 Background History of Pubwatch in East Northamptonshire

- 1.1 Pubwatch is a voluntary grouping of licensed premises in any given area. They meet on a regular basis to exchange information and discuss issues they may have. Such information may include persons who have caused problems in premises and discussions concerning barring those persons. Any licensee has the right in law to bar persons from his/her premises. Pubwatch works on the principle that if you are "barred from one you are barred from all". To maintain Pubwatch protection at law they have to be seen to be independent of the police and local authority. There is an overarching National Pubwatch organisation which offers advice, guidance and support to those wishing to set up a Pubwatch and to existing schemes. This authorities involvement is restricted to offering guidance and advice and passing on information re changes in legislation affecting the licensed trade.
- 1.2 Rushden and Higham Pubwatch was the first to be set up in this District. It was closely followed by Raunds and then by Oundle, Thrapston and Irthlingborough. Invitations to licensed premises in the surrounding villages were made but very few took up the offer to join a pubwatch.
- 1.3 The Thrapston and Irthlingborough pubwatch's were small groups of about eight or nine premises each and at the start were greeted with enthusiasm by participants. Over time some of the licensees changed and new arrivals were less than enthusiastic about the idea of pubwatch. Both of the pubwatch's folded due to lack of numbers attending.
- 1.4 Licensed premises in Thrapston and Irthlingborough were invited to join the Raunds pubwatch and most of the pubs in Irthlingborough did so. Both Thrapston and Irthlingborough pubwatch's remain defunct despite efforts to restart them.
- 1.5 Oundle Pubwatch closed in 2011 due to lack of interest by the licensees concerned. However, there have been a considerable number of changes to the licensees/DPSs of premises in Oundle with many of the newer people asking about pubwatch. Current details are given below.
- 1.6 The courts discourage licensing authorities from imposing conditions on premises licenses that insist on membership of Pubwatch. The argument offered is that such conditions move Pubwatch from being a voluntary organisation to one that is set up on a more formal basis and liable to be sued by barred persons.

#### 2.0 Current Situation

2.1 There are now three pubwatch's operating in East Northamptonshire:-

### 2.2 **Rushden and Higham Pubwatch**

This is the longest running and largest pubwatch in the District. It meets regularly in licensed premises which alternate between Rushden and Higham Ferrers. Membership includes pubs, off licences, clubs, corner shops, supermarkets and the Districts only Bingo Hall. Meetings used to be monthly but have recently changed to quarterly. This pubwatch is well supported by police in the form of PC Dougie Brown who was involved at its formation. The Licensing Enforcement Officer (LEO) is invited to all meetings of the pubwatch. Meetings tend to be well attended. This pubwatch has the largest number of persons barred from licensed premises. These barrings are decided by the membership of the pubwatch in the absence of Police and LEO. Meetings tend to be held at 1400 hours on Tuesdays. See Appendix One for list of pubwatch members.

### 2.3 **Raunds Pubwatch**

This is the second longest running pubwatch. It has fewer members than Rushden and Higham being a smaller Town with fewer licensed premises. Meetings are well attended generally and meetings are currently held quarterly but this is likely to change in the new year. Meetings are then likely to be bi-monthly. All meetings are held in Raunds Town Hall at 10:00 hours on the last Tuesday of the relevant month. If any licensee has an issue to raise likely to lead to a barring, an emergency meeting is called by the Chair of the watch. Police support is provided by PCSO Sean Taylor. The LEO attends by invitation but takes no part in barring decisions. See Appendix Two for list of pubwatch members.

### 2.4 **Oundle Pubwatch**

This is the newest of the three pubwatch's having previously folded in 2011 due to lack of interest. Many of the licensees/DPSs changed over time and the new people were asking for a pubwatch. The LEO liaised with Oundle police in the form of PC Jane Manning. Letters were sent to all licensed premises in the Town and the surrounding villages. The pubwatch was reformed early 2012 and has been running for a number of months meeting at various premises in the Town on a monthly basis. Both the LEO and PC Manning attend by invitation. See Appendix Three for list of members.

## 3.0 **The Future**

3.1 Rushden and Higham and Raunds pubwatches are unlikely to generate more members unless new premises open in the respective towns. New Licensed premises operators are encouraged to join pubwatch by both the LEO and Police but they cannot be forced to do so as it is an entirely voluntary organisation.

3.2 Oundle pubwatch does have the potential for further expansion if some of the licensed premises in the outlying villages can be persuaded to join. The main issue preventing further premises joining is that most of the village licensed premises are sole trader type of premises and do not have the resilience to allow for attendance. However, the LEO will persevere with encouraging these premises to join as it is in their interests. They not only learn who is barred from premises but also receive updates on changes to legislation and policies. Regular updates from police are provided on matters affecting crime and disorder.

3.3 We are unlikely to see any increase in the number of pubwatches but it is hoped that the numbers belonging to existing watches will grow.

## 4.0 **Equality and Diversity Implications**

4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

**5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications

**6.0 Staff**

6.1 There are no staffing implications.

**7.0 Risk Management**

7.1 There are no material risks

**8.0 Corporate Outcomes**

8.1 The following corporate outcomes would be delivered

- Good quality of life
- Effective partnership working
- Strong community leadership
- Knowledge of our customers and communities

**9.0 Invitation to consider**

9.1 The committee is invited to note the contents of the above report.

<b>Legal</b>	Power: Licensing Act 2003				
	Other considerations:				
<b>Background Papers:</b>					
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<b>CFO</b>		<b>MO</b>		<b>CX</b>	

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Asda Stores	Washbrook Road	*
Bargain Booze	102 High Street Rushden	*
Barry Thomas News	131 High Street Rushden	*
Buddies USA Rushden	Skew Bridge Sanders Lodge Rushden	*
Cheers	6 Queen Street Rushden	
co-op Welcome	26 High Street Higham Ferrers	*
Curry Gardens	24 Church Street Rushden	*
Flutters Bingo Club	College Street Rushden	
Grove Street Store	57 Grove Street Higham Ferrers	
Higham Ferrers Post Office	2 Wharf Road Higham Ferrers	
Higham Ferrers Town Band Club	7 Wharf Road	
Higham Ferrers WMC	6&8 Westfield Terrace Higham Ferrers	
Higham Sports and Social Club	17 Linnett Lane Higham Ferrers	
Higham Town Cricket Club	Vine Hill Drive Higham, Ferrers	*
Iceland	Units 1/2 Eaton Walk Thrapston	*
John White Golf Club	Bedford Road, Rushden	
King Edward VII	Queen Street Rushden	
LG Convenience Store	8 Blackfriars Rushden	*
LIDL (UK)	Brindley Close Rushden	*
Londis (m&g)	65-67 Newton Road	*
McColls	Grangeway Rushden	*
Needle and Awl	Foxhill Farm Rushden	*
Off Licence	32 Purvis Road Rushden	*
One Stop Shop	194-196 Wellingborough Road Rushden	*
Oriental Gardens	175 Grangeway Rushden	*
Oriental Gourmet Buffet	45b High Street Rushden	*
Park Road Stores	50 Park Road Rushden	*
Park Stores	148 Irchester Road Rushden	*
Pizzeria Venezia	23-30 Church Road Rushden	
Post Office and Stores	2 Bedford Road Rushden	*
Premier Stores	38 Upper Queen Street Rushden	*
Queens Head	8 High Street Higham Ferrers	
R2 NEWS AM2PM	18-20 Washbrook Road Rushden	*
Railway Inn	143 High Street Rushden	
Rose and Crown	73 High Street Rushden	
RP Stores	1 Trafford Road Rushden	*

Rushden and Higham RUFC	Manor Park Bedford Road Rushden	
Rushden Athletic Club	61 Newton Road Rushden	
Rushden Conservative Club	44 High Street South Rushden	
Rushden Historical Transport	Rushden Station Station Approach Rushden	
Rushden Masonic Hall	Wellingborough Road Rushden	*
Rushden Mini Market	21 High Street Rushden	*
Rushden Rangers Sports and Social	Hayden Road Rushden	
Rushden Town Bowling Club	144 Northampton Road Rushden	
Rushden Town Band Club	76 Station Road Rushden	
Rushden Town Cricket Club	Short Stocks Rushden	
Rushden Working Mens Club	28 Griffith Street Rushden	
Savour the Flavour	32 High Street Higham Ferrers	*
Shaad Restaurant	22 High Street Higham Ferrers	*
Teza	24 High Street South Rushden	
Thai Inn Café	26 High Street South Rushden	*
The Carriage House	Market Suare Higham Ferrers	
The Compasses	High Street South Rushden	
The Green Dragon	4 College Street Higham Ferrers	
The Griffin	7a High Street Higham Ferrers	
Joes Bar	98 High Street Higham Ferrers	
The Pemberton Lieasure Centre	HE Bates Way Rushden	*
Spar	Churchill Road Rushden	*
The Swan	Church Lane Newton Bromswold	
The Viking	Grangeway Rushden	
Waitrose	Northampton Road Rushden	*
Welcome Inn	Irchester Road Rushden	
Wheatsheaf	High Street South Rushden	

**Raunds Pubwatch****Item 7 - Appendix 2**

Pub	Address 1	Town	County	Postcode
The Raunds Conservative Club	Manor Street	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6JW
The George and Dragon	High Street	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6HS
The Globe	Grove Street	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6DS
The World Upside Down	8 Marshalls Road	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6ET
The Snooks	West Street	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6HR
The Woodpecker	31 Marshalls Road	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6ET
The Red Lion	Wellington Road	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6DL
Raunds Cricket Club	Marshalls Road	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6ET
Spar	High Street	Raunds	Northamptonshire	NN9 6HT
The Duke of Wellington	Church Street	Stanwick	Northamptonshire	NN9 6PS
Stanwick Club	10 High Street	Stanwick	Northamptonshire	NN9 6QA
Irthlingborough Town Band Club	Victoria Street	Irthlingborough	Northamptonshire	NN9 5RG
The Horseshoe	67 High Street	Irthlingborough	Northamptonshire	NN9 5PU
The Oliver Twist	96 High Street	Irthlingborough	Northamptonshire	NN9 5PX

## Oundle Pubwatch

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Pub	Address 1	Town	County	Postcode	
The Kings Head	Kings Cliffe Road	Apethorpe	Peterborough	PE8 5DG	*
The White Swan	22 Main Street	Woodnewton	Peterborough	PE8 5EB	*
The Shuckburgh Arms	Main Street	Southwick	Peterborough	PE8 5BL	*
Dexters	2-3 Crown Court	Oundle	Peterborough	PE8 4BQ	
The Green Dragon	1 Hall Hill	Brigstock	Northamptonshire	NN14 3HA	*
The Old Three Cocks	14 High Street	Brigstock	Northamptonshire	NN14 3HA	*
The Black Horse	2 Fotheringhay Road	Nassington	Peterborough	PE8 6QU	
The Falcon Inn	Main Street	Fotheringhay	Peterborough	PE8 5HZ	
The George Inn	91 Glapthorn Road	Oundle	Peterborough	PE8 4PR	
The Coffee Tavern	34 Market Place	Oundle	Peterborough	PE8 4BE	
The Angel	4 St Osyths Lane	Oundle	Peterborough	PE8 4BG	
The Angel Inn	59 Main Street	Yarwell	Peterborough	PE8 6PR	
The Rose and Crown	11 Market Place	Oundle	Peterborough	PE8 4BA	
The Ship Inn	18 & 20 West Street	Oundle	Peterborough	PE8 4EF	
Co-Op	5 St Osyths Lane	Oundle	Peterborough	PE8 4BG	
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\*Not regular attenders