

**NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2014**

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[www.stpetersassociation.co.uk](http://www.stpetersassociation.co.uk)

**GREAT NEWS ...  
... PLANS TO IMPROVE**



Our association has for some time shared the opinion of many who reside or trade in Northgate that the area looks neglected and is in urgent need of improvement and regeneration. Back in September 2013 our committee met with the local ward councillors and we later presented a report to the Canterbury Area Members' Panel asking for investment in Northgate, thereby adding our voice to those of Northgate residents and traders in seeking much needed and long overdue change.

We are therefore delighted that the City Council has approved plans to enhance the appearance of Northgate by extending the improvements already made in Palace Street through the Borough and along Northgate. Plans include narrowing roads, widening pavements and introducing similar road surfacing, street furniture and lighting to give "a consistent King's Mile appearance". A cycle lane is also planned for Northgate and additional short stay parking will be provided in Union Street. The City Council hopes that these improvements will help regenerate the area and attract new businesses. It is hoped that work to make these improvements will start in January 2015.

**SPRA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 6.30 for 7.00pm**

**AT ST ALPHEGE CHURCH, ST ALPHEGE LANE**  
(by kind permission of The King's School)

Please come and join other members of SPRA for a festive get together with wine, mince pies and nibbles. We will be entertained to a selection of Christmas and other songs from the Barrett Brothers and they will lead us in singing some well known Christmas carols.

# REVIEW OF THE SPRA QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER



With 19 teams of six members each, the new Westgate Hall proved to be an ideal location for the quiz and will no doubt be used for some future SPRA events. In addition to being a very enjoyable evening, the event also yielded a modest sum for the association, which will be used to help cover general expenses.

Thanks to all SPRA members and their guests who made this event so successful. Special thanks go to our chairman Richard Parkinson, who was an outstanding quizmaster, to Kevin Poree, who put together the challenging questions and who, with Gillian Rushton, kept the scores.

**Unfortunately we seem to have a spate of minor crimes in our area just recently.**

On 10 September a garage roof was damaged in Mill Lane.

On 14 September a break in to a garden shed in Pound Lane led to a bike being stolen.

On 24 September the front door of the Millers Arms was forced and property stolen.

On 9 October a window was damaged at Crowther's music shop in The Borough.

On 12 October there was criminal damage to a glass door at Dean Court, Broad St.

On or about 24 October there was a break in to an outbuilding at a property in St Peter's Grove and a pedal cycle was stolen.

On 30 October a poppy appeal collection box was stolen from a shop in Northgate.

On 5 November two charity collection boxes were stolen from Maison Dieu Veterinary Centre in Northgate.

On or about 5 November a pedal cycle was stolen from the rear garden of a house in Broad Street.

On or about 7 November there was criminal damage to garage doors at Dean Court, Broad Street.

**We have recently purchased ten new "Neighbourhood Watch Area" signs to replace those on some local lamp posts which have been damaged or defaced.**



## USEFUL COMMUNITY NUMBERS

**Refuse & recycling collection** 08000 319091 Serco  
**Rubbish on streets and paths** 08000 319091 Serco  
**Dog fouling** 08000 319091 Serco  
**Fly-tipping and Graffiti** 08000 319091 Serco  
(Preferably also report to Police and get incident report number)  
**Abandoned vehicles** 01227 862203 City Council  
**Street Lighting, Potholes, etc** 03000 418181 Kent Highways  
(An incident report number should be obtained for follow-up)  
**City Council CCTV** 01227 862540  
**Police** 999: to report a crime taking place.  
101: for reporting crime, including anti-social behaviour.  
**Crimestoppers** 0800 555111: – for anonymous calls with information about crime.  
**British Telecom** To report damage to BT/openreach external plant, such as cabinets,  
[http://www.openreach.co.uk/orgp/home/submitFeedback.do?contactReason=complain\\_damage\\_external\\_line\\_plant](http://www.openreach.co.uk/orgp/home/submitFeedback.do?contactReason=complain_damage_external_line_plant)

## SPRA contact information

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