

ShopWatch Notes February 2015

There has been much going on with shopwatch over the past few months much to do with installation of new equipment at the South Holland Centre, Holbeach police station and within the next week Boston CCTV centre who will in due course both be monitoring our district CCTV and shopwatch radios. Holbeach members are now equipped with new Hytera digital radios and this week I will be delivering new radios to all our Spalding members. Once Boston is all connected up, which will hopefully be very soon, all shopwatch radios will be monitored round the clock by CCTV operatives. This is excellent news for everyone and a major move forward for shopwatch.

Once we are linked to Boston and radios have been tested I will be approaching outlets at Springfields and am hopeful of setting up a scheme there which will be on the Spalding frequency. I also have a pubwatch to look into at some stage but my time is limited. I have requested to Simon Beardsley that my hours are re-examined once I have gauged the interest at Springfields. As it stands I am coordinating 21 shops and 10 pubs in Sleaford, 12 shops in Holbeach and 31 shops in Spalding. I have a few more potential members in Spalding and Holbeach.

Finally I am revisiting our membership and radio lease fees. The new radios to existing customers will come at no extra cost but new members may have to pay a little more for radio lease as the Hytera digital radio is more expensive to purchase. However with better radio communication, 24/7 monitoring at Boston by fully trained operatives and a much improved CCTV system around the district members will still be getting good value.