



PRESS RELEASE

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For immediate use

Shop Watch re-launched in Retford

Forty retailers assembled in Retford Town Hall on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 to see Shop Watch re-launched in the town. The members of the Retford retail community met to hear about how they could make the town more safe and secure.

Cllr Carolyn Troop, Deputy Mayor of Retford, welcomed the initiative and encouraged people to sign up and join the scheme, which would be a great benefit to everyone.

Rick Brand, Chair of Retford Business Forum, thanked Philip Jackson, Chair of Shop Watch and Worksop Business Forum, for his hard work in getting Shop Watch off the ground in Retford and also thanked North Notts Business Improvement District (NNBID) for their support in providing the new equipment and in helping Philip to make the scheme a reality.

Philip Jackson had been instrumental in bringing this together for the retailers and people of Retford and he is now looking for a local person to take up the role of Chair. Philip described how Shop Watch would work and emphasised the importance of the people operating it.

Retford currently has a strong Pub Watch group, chaired by Charles Johnson, from Spencer's on the Square, but its Shop Watch scheme had declined over the recent years and equipment had become redundant.

George Buchanan, on behalf of NNBID, described how the BID had formed a Business and Crime Partnership which brought together interested parties from around the district to share intelligence and work together to help reduce crime. George described how the new digital radio system was more secure than the analogue system it was replacing. Once the system is operational it will co-ordinate with Bassetlaw District Council's CCTV system.

Shop Watch will meet in Retford Library on the first Wednesday of every month – please contact Philip Jackson for further details - Philip@worksopbusinessforum.co.uk, Tel: 01909 262263.

Notes for Editors

Photographs included show retailers at the event, Cllr Carolyn Troop, Philip Jackson, Charles Johnson, and Rick Brand.

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