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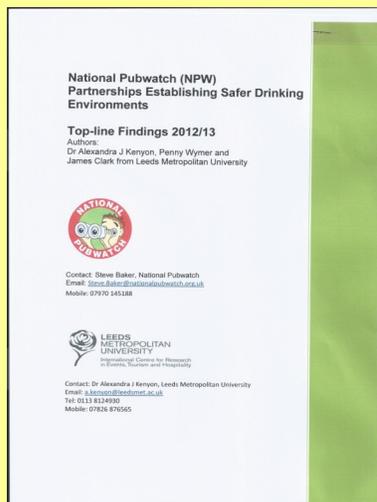
OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE FOR PUBWATCH SCHEMES TO TACKLE ALCOHOL-RELATED DISORDER

Local authorities and Police overwhelmingly acknowledge the effectiveness of local schemes, a new report by Leeds Metropolitan University has shown. The schemes, supported by the drinks industry, are designed to tackle anti-social behaviour and improve the local night-time economy, and already operate in most towns and cities across the UK.

The report shows that the vast majority of local authorities (76%), Police (70%) and licensees (70%) believe Pubwatch to be contributing to a safer drinking environment in the areas in which they operate. Councils (71%) and Police (67%) also point to a decrease in anti-social behaviour in the wider localities as a result of effective schemes and closer partnership working.

Surveys carried out by the team from Leeds Metropolitan University, led by Dr Alexandra Kenyon, also found that the Pubwatch led to closer and more effective partnership working between the licensed trade and key local partners. Licensees (87%), Police (92%) and Councils (91%) stated they would recommend joining or establishing a Pubwatch to other local licensees and authorities.

Commenting on the report, Chairman of National Pubwatch Steve Baker said: "It is very encouraging that so many local authorities and police, as well as licensees, acknowledge the positive work of Pubwatch. But there is still more to be done in



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the areas where alcohol-related disorder is damaging the night-time economy. Close partnerships are vital to support local licensed premises and make sure that they are safe and appealing for local people".

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NATIONAL PUBWATCH – ABOUT US

As an ongoing process we are constantly reviewing our website. Most recently we have updated and improved the 'About Us' and 'Contacts' pages. We hope that this work will help to signpost you to the right person to help you with your own personal query. In particular you should find it much easier to locate and contact a NPW representative for your area by using our new [regional map](#).

PUBWATCHES AND POLICE INVOLVEMENT

National Pubwatch has raised the issue of the level of involvement of Police with Pubwatch schemes with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) as it is apparent that in some areas Police officers and local authority officers are still recommending subjects to be banned under local Pubwatch Schemes.

ACPO has sent a letter to all police forces reminding them of what their level of involvement should be, i.e. 'advice & support'. Watches are reminded that police and local authority officers are invited guests to meetings and they should not have any

influence in decisions to ban persons or other decisions of the watch. This will ensure compliance with the National Pubwatch Good Practice Guide and thereby thwart any legal challenge as it will negate any inference that the Pubwatch is 'exercising a public function'

NATIONAL PUBWATCH - TRADEMARK

National Pubwatch has successfully registered its name and distinctive logo with the Intellectual Property Office (IPO). The decision to register with the IPO has been taken to protect the NPW brand. NPW has a hard won reputation for championing the Pubwatch movement and providing unbiased support to local Pubwatch schemes.

Pubwatch schemes will notice very little difference in the service we provide and will continue to benefit from the range of free products, posters and window stickers. However we will take a stronger stance against those who misuse our name and logo, particularly if used to promote a commercial venture.

Chairman of National Pubwatch, Steve Baker, said "Our name and logo is now widely used by the pub and hospitality sector to provide a strong message of reassurance that it is committed to partnership working. We want to ensure that they continue to be used in the correct way to promote safer drinking environments. Local Pubwatch schemes can be assured that we will continue to support their work throughout the UK".

DIAGEO NATIONAL PUBWATCH AWARDS

The Diageo National Pubwatch Awards will be presented on 10 July 2013 at the prestigious All Party Parliamentary Beer Group dinner in London. Diageo have again kindly agreed to sponsor this year's award following the outstanding success of last year's competition when Northampton

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Despite a reduction in our sponsorship we again intend to hold another annual Conference early next year. Our Planning Group will be meeting in the near future to discuss a suitable date, location and venue together with the appropriate content. Such details will be included on our web site in due course.

on Pubwatch was presented with the winner's trophy.

This year we have received some very strong applications and it has been a difficult decision, but 3 finalists have been selected to attend the event. We believe that all the schemes have demonstrated effective partnership working and social responsibility. Details of the winners will be published in our next edition.

LOCHABER PUBWATCH AND DEFIBRILLATORS

A life-saver scheme has been officially launched in Fort William where a total of 15 defibrillators, machines that can restart the heart with an electric shock, have been placed around the local communities - including several licensed premises in Fort William High Street. It is hoped the scheme can be expanded throughout the Lochaber area.

This initiative is being co-ordinated by a partnership of the Scottish Ambulance Service, Lochaber Pubwatch and the British Heart Foundation.

For further information see [LINK](#)



Michael Kheng

MICHAEL KHENG

Michael Kheng lives in Lincolnshire and is the regional representative for the northern half of the East Midlands region. Michael has been involved with the pub sector all his working life and until recently operated a number of premises in Lincolnshire. He now concentrates his time looking after clients within his licensing consultancy, Kurnia Licensing Consultants, which looks after licensing issues and hospitality training for over 400 premises.

Michael is a strong believer in Pubwatch and has help start, and re-launch, a number of schemes in eastern Lincolnshire. In the past he has chaired Watches in Mablethorpe, Louth and Lincoln. He feels that his 30 plus years experience within the trade, past involvement with various Pubwatch schemes and his knowledge of the Licensing Act 2003 enables him to effectively contribute and support schemes in the northern part of the East Midlands.

As well as being a representative for National Pubwatch for the East Midlands region Michael is also the deputy chairman for the BII East Midlands Lincolnshire Region, a BII Mentor and a council member of the ALMR. Michael is also a member of the Institute of Licensing and The All Party Parliamentary Beer Group.

OUR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

We continue our introduction to our Regional Representatives. Our latest features Michael Kheng.

In his spare time Michael enjoys Formula 1, cycling, trying to play golf and the occasional pint.

EMROs VS. PARTNERSHIP – THERE SHOULD ONLY BE ONE WINNER

The recent decision by Hartlepool Borough Council's licensing committee to reject the proposed Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Order (EMRO) was significant for a number of reasons.

The powers to introduce an EMRO came into effect in October 2012, and Hartlepool has been the first Council (on the recommendation of the police) to formally consult on this proposal. The EMRO as proposed would have prevented the sale of alcohol after 2am by premises in Hartlepool town centre, in effect shutting down the late night economy after this point. Whilst the majority of the affected businesses in Hartlepool would have been dedicated late night venues rather than 'traditional' pubs, it should be remembered that an EMRO can be set at any time from midnight until 6am and is fundamentally untargeted and unfair on licensed premises – therefore EMROs should be challenged by the entire licensed trade at every opportunity.

The evidence base presented by the police in Hartlepool did not support the introduction of an EMRO. Indeed, Hartlepool has in fact seen significant decreases in offences in the night time economy since 2005, making the evidential grounds for the introduction of an EMRO even shakier.

Licensee and trade representatives at the hearing presented the licensing committee with a number of negative consequences of implementing an EMRO, including customers moving to other towns or drinking at home after 'on-trade' options are curtailed by an EMRO, a surge of people leaving prem-

ises at the same time - as happened prior to the Licensing Act 2003 - potentially placing pressure on police and taxi marshals.

Perhaps the most important point, however, is that businesses with a core late night trade would in effect be losing a large part of their attraction and custom if forced to close at 2am. Given the current economic challenges facing the late night sector, such a restriction on trading could well make the business unviable, leading to both economic impacts and job losses. Premises that have been granted their hours following legitimate applications, approved by the licensing authority, would in effect be penalised and potentially forced to close despite not causing any problems.

Hartlepool licensing committee decided on the basis of such representations that an EMRO in Hartlepool was not appropriate at this time – and one of the reasons given at the hearing was the impact such a measure would have on the viability of licensed premises and the subsequent impact on the local night time economy. Instead, the committee recommended that partnership working options should be explored – a positive solution that allows good and effective interaction between the trade, police and the licensing authority.

As Hartlepool has demonstrated, blunt legislative measures such as EMROs and Late Night Levies are not the way forward. Real partnership working (such as Pubwatch, which is often the foundation stone for partnership in an area) and using the powers of the Licensing Act to target individual problem premises is the key to achieving a vibrant, successful and safe on-trade for customers, operators and enforcers alike.

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ISLE OF MAN PUBWATCH AND ITS STRONG NETWORK

Chief Constable Garry Roberts of the Isle of Man Constabulary opened the island's recent annual licensing conference, which was held at the Palace Hotel on 30 April 2013.

The event brought together over 80 licensees, many of whom are members of the islands strong Pubwatch network which consists of seven local schemes. Mr Roberts spoke about his own family relationship with the pub trade and the need for a strong partnership approach with the police. He informed delegates that he had strong family connections with the pub and hospitality sector as his father was a licensee and he was brought up in a pub. He called for the help of pub and off-trade outlets to help with reducing the problem of under-age drinking.

Other speakers included NPW's own regional representative, Frank Marnell, who has supported the islands Pubwatch members over a number of years.

NEW PUBWATCH POSTERS

Copies of the posters displayed below can be downloaded from our web site. See [LINK](#)



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