

Golant BOATWATCH.

Report to the Parish Council, May 2018

I am delighted to bring you this year's annual BOATWATCH report.

It has been another good year for Boatwatch and we continue to deliver on our aim of helping prevent and reduce local marine-related crime. We look after the boats and equipment on our stretch of The Fowey, for the benefit of our community and now also reach down as far as Penmarlam and Wiseman's, in support of the Fowey Boatwatch Team. And those who use their own boats for Boatwatch, also patrol amongst the yachts in Fowey and Polruan.

We currently have **66 members** and the core part of what we do is to provide **high visibility patrolling** of our foreshore, from the north end of the Pill, to the far end of the mooring frapes, in the direction of Sawmills, and some "on river" patrols to take in Wiseman's, Penmarlam, Polruan and Fowey

In addition to our "members", we also have "friends of Boatwatch" who enjoy receiving the many briefings and updates from Peter Sinclair who is retained as our "Specialist Marine and Security Newsreporter!"

In the past 12 months to the end of March, we logged over **300 patrols**, not including the weekly "on river" patrols coming up-river from Fowey. All patrols are carried out in all weathers, day and night. And we believe that this activity discourages crime and by its visibility makes potential criminals think twice about being active on this stretch of the river. The Police also believe this activity is effective and once again, we have had an effective "**zero crime**" rate during this past year.

Sadly, this year, we have to report the cessation of our monthly Police Surgeries, when Lloyd Paynter (our PCSO) was taken ill and has not returned to duty. However, despite being on long term sick leave, Lloyd

has once again managed to collect a donation of £100 from Julian Foye, to whom we are very grateful.

Golant Boatwatch will donate to 4 charities this year: The RNLI, Mission to Seafarers, Air Ambulance and The Coastwatch Institution.

As usual, we held our two village hall events in the past year –our November AGM (which includes a wine and pasty supper) and the Spring Get Together, when we again raffled a painting, so generously donated by David Parry.

This year's AGM hosted an informative and interesting talk provided by Cornwall Air Ambulance and the vital support that they provide to the County.

Our finances remain in good shape, with a healthy bank balance of **£1260** almost entirely financed by member's contributions. Once again, we are indebted to David Parry whose picture raffle (which is only available to Boatwatch members) raises hundreds of pounds for our organization, alongside our annual membership fees and the donation by Julian Foye.

Thank you very much for listening. Does anyone have any questions?