

# Otago Neighbourhood Support

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## Coordinator Update

Well what a busy time!! Nice to see some of you at the AGM. I certainly appreciate your support.

We have now got our own website [www.ons.org.nz](http://www.ons.org.nz) I will be adding more to it as I get chance and a kind street contact Ian Fleming with website experience is hopefully going to manage it for us.. Thanks Ian...for this in anticipation.

Our Volunteers Heather and Stephanie were busy last week collecting for Dogwatch in Christchurch as they have been overrun with puppies as a result of abandoned dogs post earthquake and Steph made a run up to Christchurch Labour weekend to deliver blankets, food and toys for which they were really grateful as they have a rehoming policy only and don't destroy those that come into their shelter which they take from the pound. [www.dogwatch.co.nz](http://www.dogwatch.co.nz)

Thanks also to Steph for checking out the state of signs around the whole area. I will be arranging new signs to be put up early next year. Take care and speak soon I hope. Sarah



*From the film Hot Fuzz—if you haven't seen it....it is worth it...very funny clips about Neighbourhood Watch and crime fighting!*

## Information—We NEED You!

We really need you as members to start informing me of the issues that may potentially be crime related that are happening in your street or area. Please email me on [neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com) or leave a message in the office on **473 6811** or even text me on 0212699747 if things are occurring that might not be a crime happening but you are not happy or feel uncomfortable about but you won't ring the police. While I advocate you ring the police if anything occurs that occurs I appreciate that sometimes it is 'just a feeling' nothing has happened but you're not comfortable with for example...the recent presence of a group of youths hanging about, someone walking up and down your street with no purpose... a car that has recently started driving slowly up the street.... You know what I mean!!! you can't quite put your finger on it...but it just tweaks your personal radar!! I have recently a much stronger and more established relationship regarding feeding this kind of thing through to the police...so if a crime or something actually has occurred nearby it may tie in with what you have seen. No matter how trivial it may seem please let me know and I will pass the information on.

## Crimes occurring in October

- Musselburgh—Daytime burglaries of sheds, garages etc
- Cars being interfered with in Kaikorai Valley, Mornington, City Rise no pattern emerging as yet—Information on any suspicious activity please pass on. Locks are being interfered with as well as insecure vehicles being targeted
- Fuel is being taken from cars when opportunity presents!

Don't forget our student population returns to their home turf mid November and our dear opportunistic burglars may have to look elsewhere for their income!! Make sure you are not a target.

Summertime rules—Keep your property secure at the front while you are enjoying a nice cold drink with friends in the rear garden.... The same goes for while you are mowing the rear lawns...you can't hear what is happening out front or in your property!

That nice lawnmower of yours!! Keep it locked up and certainly don't flash the insides of your garage and shed to the wandering past public! You just don't know who might see!!!!

Keep safe this summer keep windows closed, try not to make your home look abandoned during the working day...it is just too tempting.....talk to your neighbours....whos home....who can keep an eye on things?

## Get to know your neighbours and beautify your street at the same time

### Most Improved Street Competition

Keep Dunedin Beautiful, in conjunction with The Otago Homeshow, are resurrecting street awards.

For 2012 we will be looking for the most improved streets. (or part streets)

The contact person must take 5 photos viewed from the street **before** any tidying up commences and send them in by 15 December.

**After** photos, taken from the same location for comparison, are required by February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Categories

- Streets with up to 10 homes
- Streets between 10 and 20 homes (or sections of larger streets)

### What judges will be looking for?

- Litter and graffiti free streets, footpaths and frontages
- Fences, letterboxes, garages/carports tidy and in safe condition
- Tidy gardens and/or trees/hedges/lawns
- Use of frontages.

In short improvements should not be costly, just may take a bit of muscle power and cooperation to clean up. Keep Dunedin Beautiful can supply bags and gloves for litter collection. The DCC CARS department will reimburse the contact person the cost of one trailer load of litter to the landfill. We are negotiating with some businesses to offer discounts of materials.

### Prizes

- The Otago Homeshow will supply a plaque and trophy for winning streets plus a gift for each household involved in the winning street.
- Using a donation from Thruwindoz Keep Dunedin Beautiful will supply a street party/bbq after consultation with the organizer.

Winners will be announced at the Otago Homeshow on March 4 2012.

For more information or entry forms contact Keep Dunedin Beautiful

Darlene Thomson [dethomso@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:dethomso@dcc.govt.nz)

p 474 3401 fax 4743451 available Tuesday to Thursday.



### Your team

We are so lucky with our support through volunteers. If you live in the following areas feel free to establish the relationship with your local Neighbourhood Support Area Representative listed below and of course there is me Sarah Hexamer, I am covering the rest and always willing to talk on 473 6811 (leave message) email. [neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodsupport@gmail.com).

I have also set up an email for our volunteers [ons.elves@gmail.com](mailto:ons.elves@gmail.com)  
Lyn Robins—Mosgiel and Taieri—4891114 (cant return calls to mobiles though)  
Heather Walker—NEV and PineHill—4736811 (cant return calls to mobiles though)  
Stephanie Gibbons—Will be covering Abbotsford and Green Island once she has gained the confidence, so I will spend some time with her on this first in the area.

## Advocacy Service within the Citizens Advice Bureau

In addition to the usual services provided by Dunedin Citizens Advice Bureau of information, advice and referrals on anything, we also have a Specialist Advocacy Service. This is to assist clients who may need a letter written for them or someone to go with them to an appointment at a Government Department, or to try and sort out an issue they are having in their lives. We also will help with disputes between flatmates or boarders as these people are not covered by legislation. We have also assisted clients to present a case to the ACC Review Committee. Sometimes a client just needs to know they have someone with them as a second pair of ears or for moral support, and we are happy to help. Phone us on 471 6166 or 0800 367 222 to make an appointment. Don't forget we also have our Consumer Team to help you sort out any consumer issues. Again you will need to make an appointment. We are located in Community House, 301 Moray Place, Dunedin. Check out website [www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz) for more information.