
Nextdoor

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A member recently got in touch saying “I have had an invitation to download the **Nextdoor** app. Being paranoid about this sort of thing I just wanted to check that it was genuine. It came in a stamped envelope, where we would have expected something so local to have been hand delivered.” It also gave a forename and Road name but no surname or house number.

Well, we’ve done some digging around and it does seem to be a genuine American import – a kind of text only version of Facebook. It is puzzling why the invitation appears to arrive by post, yet the stamp is a printed version and un-franked. An enquiry to the police received a ‘don’t touch it’ response from one and another said she was trialling a small scheme in part of Bristol – we’ll be interested in the outcome. Until it is officially endorsed by the police, we don’t see it as a substitute for Neighbourhood Watch and it seems to offer no advantage over advert free Facebook and WhatsApp groups.

Monkey

Another member has drawn our attention to this entry on the Barnstable Police Facebook: -

“We have been made aware by online safety experts about an extremely dangerous website and app called ‘Monkey’, which allows users to have video calls between strangers. This Platform markets itself as ‘an alternative to Omegle, with a TikTok vibe’. This platform has been reviewed and it has been found to contain large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing, and harmful content transmitted by web cameras. Parents of children please check your child’s mobile phone apps or warn them about the dangers of using this website.

WOOLAVINGTON SPEED WATCH

More volunteers are still needed to establish an effective speed watch team in the village. If you can help please contact Richard Morris at causeway4@gmail.com

EDINGTON VILLAGE LEADER

Your scheme urgently needs a Village Leader. Carol has stepped down but will be pleased to tell you what’s involved if you contact her direct or email co-ordinator@ewatch.org.uk