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WATFORD GOES RADIO GA GA IN FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

Watford Business Against Crime (WBAC) continues to find innovative ways to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the town – this time by stepping up its radio capability.

The merits of working together to beat crime has always been acknowledged by businesses in Watford, and now the stores and other businesses that make up the daytime economy are to work much more closely with the pubs and clubs that make up the night time economy by sharing a radio system.

WBAC operates a two way radio system that allows businesses to instantly communicate with the police, the town centre CCTV and each other. WBAC has now invited the Watford Pubwatch members to join its radio scheme.

Until now, Pubwatch has had its own radio system for the pubs, clubs and restaurants. By merging the two systems, it will be easier for the town centre CCTV to support the schemes and where appropriate share information between businesses.

Pauline O'Brien, who runs WBAC and will manage the joint radio scheme said:

“WBAC has always had a really good radio system so it made sense for Pubwatch to join our scheme.

“The Town Centre CCTV Unit has always been incredibly supportive to both WBAC and Pubwatch by monitoring the radios and assisting businesses when an incident occurs.

“Whilst there were two separate radio systems, there were small areas of vulnerability. Such as, when shops were open for late night shopping CCTV would only be able to monitor the Pubwatch radio system. Similarly, during the day, CCTV would be using the WBAC radio system which meant that the pubs that were open would be unlikely to be able to communicate with CCTV.

“Now, we've completed a seamless transition to join the schemes and everyone can communicate and request assistance where necessary 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.”

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