

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership where communities come together to make their communities better. It involves individuals and families who want to make their neighbourhoods a better place to live. It aims to help people protect their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police by fostering a community spirit.

Objectives of NW

To prevent crime by improving security, and increasing vigilance,.

To assist police in detecting crime

To reduce undue fear of crime

To improve police & community relations

Scheme

N H schemes are run by their members through a co –ordinator and supported by police.

Schemes can vary in size. A volunteer resident supervises the scheme and liaises with Police, they receive information and messages to keep them in touch with activities, some have marker kits, alarms and other security items.

The scheme is a community initiative supported by police but not run by them

NH Co-ordinator

The role of a NW Co-ordinator is to set up and maintain a NW scheme within a specific street or area. They will need to be in touch with the crime prevention co-ordinator, or Safer Neighbourhood Team. Below are suggestions of duties for co-ordinators.

Encourage vigilance and early reporting of suspicious incidents to police

Encourage members to use crime prevention measures, such as marking property and security devices

Check vulnerable households, advise them re ‘cold callers’

Circulate newsletters or other information, welcome newcomers.

