

Neighbourhood Watch

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS FOR EVERYONE

Neighbourhood Watch is also about bringing people closer together by developing stronger community spirit. Schemes promote confidence within communities that something positive is being done to prevent local crime and improve the quality of life in the area.

A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

There is more to Neighbourhood Watch than protecting homes and property against burglary. By working together, neighbours can help reduce all sorts of crimes, for example, antisocial behaviour and young people causing a nuisance. They can also take action to improve the environment by getting something done about vandalism, graffiti, poor street lighting and lack of local facilities.

Neighbourhood Watch helps to reassure people by reducing the fear of crime and making communities safer places to live and work.

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what you're proud of..."*



If you would like to set up a scheme or would like more information, email

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WHO TO CONTACT TO REPORT A CRIME?

If there is a threat to life or public safety, or a crime may be in progress dial 999

To report a crime other than a crime in progress call 101 or go to www.kent.police.uk/report to report your crime online

Alternatively on the Kent Police Website there is now a 'Live Chat' box that appears to speak to an advisor via online chat service via the 'contact us' page (www.kent.police.uk/contact-us). This is a new application but allows one-to-one text contact with an advisor to report crime or if you are seeking any advice.

If you require any further information please make contact with

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Thanet District



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WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership between the police and local communities supported by other partners including KCC Community Wardens, Kent Trading Standards and others.

Its aim is to help people protect themselves and their property, and to reduce the fear of crime.

BENEFITS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can make a real difference to people's lives, and can help people feel safer in their homes by:

- Improving the safety of communities;
- Developing community spirit;
- Promoting co-operation between the police and the community;
- Helping the police detect crime through improved communication and reporting suspicious and criminal activity quickly;
- Preventing crime and reducing the fear of crime;
- Encouraging people to watch out for possible problems;
- Providing a visible sign that members of a community are looking out for each other.

HOW DOES NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WORK?

Anyone can belong to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and play a part in its achievements. Every community or neighbourhood can set up a scheme - a scheme can cover just one street, or part or all of an estate/development.

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator acts as a link between the community and local police.

Their main role is to:

- Act as the first point of contact for all members of the scheme;
- Receive and distribute information.

Everyone within a Neighbourhood Watch scheme plays an important part in making their neighbourhood a safer, more friendly and pleasant place to live.



One of the most important things members do is to look out for activity in their neighbourhood that seems unusual or suspicious. It can also be about helping to identify vulnerable or elderly residents to ensure they can be made aware of scams or bogus callers for example. When you belong to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, you are given advice about the sort of things to look out for. Any information, no matter how minor, may help the police solve or prevent a crime.

HOW TO SET UP A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

1. Identify community support for a new scheme.
2. Contact Thanet Neighbourhood Association.
3. Identify a Co-ordinator and a Deputy.
4. Co-ordinator and Deputy fill in an application form for the police to approve.
5. Set a launch date and notify residents.
6. Invite police and other relevant partnerships to the launch. Provide residents with information packs, NhW guidance and a NhW sticker to display in your window.
7. Invite and encourage residents to sign up to receive email 'messaging' information.
8. NhW signage is erected on key street lamp posts.