



Starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Where do I start?



What do you and your neighbours want from the scheme?

- **Safer community**
 - Share crime prevention advice
 - Look out for each other
- **Lower crime**
 - Because you are looking out for each other
 - Following crime prevention advice
 - Having Neighbourhood Watch signs up tells potential criminals that people are watching
- **Better relationships with neighbours**
 - Create an inclusive, friendly environment where neighbours feel safe and connected



What does it involve?



Knowing your neighbourhood



Being neighbourly



Being active in your community



What does this mean?

- **Knowing your neighbourhood**
 - Awareness of who your neighbours are
 - Awareness of the challenges and support in your neighbourhood
- **Being neighbourly**
 - Saying 'hi'
 - Taking in a parcel
 - Looking out for each other
- **Being active In your community**
 - Join in or start a community event such as, clean up day which is a great way of meeting neighbours



Want to start a scheme but have no idea where to start, what to do and what you're doing...



First of all....breathe!!



Register as a member on www.ourwatch.org.uk.



See if your neighbours would like to join.

Knock on their doors, put them a letter, or contact them via social media.



Hold a meeting or keep in regular contact with your members via social media.



Ok I'm having a meeting,
what do we talk about?

What made you want to start your scheme?

Why do you think Neighbourhood Watch is a great idea for your area?

How do you communicate with each other?

What do you want to get out of your scheme?

How often do you want to meet to discuss issues?

Are you going to link with your local police?



Had your meeting, you've got a few neighbours interested, what next?



Register your scheme on www.ourwatch.org.uk



Order window stickers from your local area association if you would like them. Find out more on: www.ourwatch.org.uk



Look on www.ourwatch.org.uk for support on how to raise funds



Ensure you are linked in with your wider area association



WhatsApp



Ways to communicate...



Have I successfully started a scheme?

- ✓ You have members
- ✓ You are registered on www.ourwatch.org.uk and with your area representative
- ✓ You know how you are going to communicate with each other
- ✓ You have made links with the local police
- ✓ You have considered if you need window stickers and signage
- ✓ You have contacted and joined your wider area association
- ✓ You are sharing crime prevention advice with your members
- ✓ You are reporting crimes to your local police or in emergency 999
- ✓ You are having regular meetings, maybe 4-6 a year