



Neighbourhood Watch Network

Community Grant Fund Guidelines

Fund details

We want to help you kickstart, improve or expand your community work! The Trustees of Neighbourhood Watch Network have set aside funds for **Neighbourhood Watch** groups to apply for.

During the previous funding round, 100% of available funds went towards activities or one-off development projects that help your group or Association promote and support our priorities for funding. The size of grants for this round will range between £100 - £300.

Groups can only hold one grant at a time and can only hold one grant in each financial year. Groups are defined as: schemes, areas, districts or Associations¹, e.g. several schemes can hold grants within an Association, and that Association can also hold its own grant, but all projects or applications must be clearly defined and separate from each other.

Who we fund

Our grants are only for registered **Neighbourhood Watch members** who are representatives of a registered and recognised Neighbourhood Watch scheme, group, area or Association in England and Wales. Registered and recognised means: any Association who has signed the Memorandum of Understanding; or any area that has signed an area (non-voting) MoU; or any scheme that is registered either on Alert or is formally registered with an Association as previous.

¹ Schemes should have 10 members or more.

If you are unsure whether you fit within these categories, please contact us. Lead applicants must be a Coordinator or similar volunteer role (Treasurer, Deputy, Area Lead, etc.) If you are not currently registered in this way and would like to find out how to, contact us at enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk.

We only fund work or activities that are clearly defined as that of **Neighbourhood Watch** and that aligns with the charitable purposes within our constitution and with our values. These are:

Our purposes:

- a) Promote, for the benefit of the public, good citizenship, community safety and greater public participation in the prevention and detection of crime;
- b) Promote public support for the work of the police service and other partners in the protection of people and property from, and the prevention of, crime.

Our values:

- Neighbourly - We aspire to be good neighbours
- Community focused - We bring people together
- Inclusive - We are welcoming to all people
- Proactive - We are active within communities and we are relevant in today's world
- Trusted - We are dependable, caring, respectable, approachable and supportive
- Collaborative - We work as a team, in partnerships and within communities

Applicants must be part of a constituted group, to ensure your work and objectives align with ours, and ideally have a separate bank account under the group name, with at least two unrelated signatories. Grants cannot be placed into personal bank accounts and there must be at least two signatories/key contacts within the group in order to apply for a grant.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these requirements please contact us at fundraising@ourwatch.org.uk.

What we fund

We are keen to fund new, innovative work that helps further our 2020-2025 strategy.

Our funding priorities are:

1. Crime prevention activities
2. Community cohesion
3. Enhancing the role of volunteers
4. Improving the community environment and wellbeing
5. Proactively engaging/involving people underrepresented in NW e.g. BAME, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, or young people's voices (these activities will require relevant safeguarding procedures to be in place)
6. Building or enhancing local networks and relationships

For this round we are also inviting new Neighbourhood Watch Associations to apply for funding to assist them in setting up systems and building a solid base on which to grow and expand.

We also encourage groups to apply for funding for NW merchandise, leaflets and other items which are available from our shop, to help grow your membership, and if successful you will receive a voucher to spend there.

We do not fund:

- **Any group not registered as a Neighbourhood Watch group**
- Activities that are not charitable in law
- Activities where the primary benefit is to enable a public body to carry out its statutory obligations
- Activities that have already taken place (retrospective funding)
- Grants intended for individuals
- Street CCTV units, street patrols, PCSOs, or private street security personnel
- Items that are already provided by your Association
- Websites
- Grant making, or equivalent gifts in kind, by other organisations
- Privately owned and profit-distributing companies or limited partnerships
- Financial service fees
- Any work that does not align with our values and objectives

How to apply

To apply please complete the application form in full. between the dates specified for the funding round you're applying to. We only accept applications by email and give acknowledgements by email.

If we require any further information, we will contact you. You will receive an email during the timeframe specified for that funding round. Decisions will be made by a panel of Trustees and decisions are final.

If you're successful:

If your application is successful, we will email you a letter of confirmation with the full details of your grant. Within your application you will need to tell us whether your group has an independent bank account. If it does, we will aim to transfer your grant within 4 weeks.

If your group does not have an independent bank account, we will discuss with you whether your local Association has one and if your grant can be managed through them. If not, we will speak to you about how we can distribute the grant to you instead. As a condition of receiving the grant from us, you commit to monitoring its usage and measuring the outcomes you said you would achieve within your application. We can talk through how this will work best for your group/project. By accepting the grant, you commit to implementing an outcome/impact measurement framework prior to spending the grant.

At the end of the grant term (as set out in your application) we will send you an online feedback form requesting details on the grant usage and information of how successfully you achieved your outcomes and the impact made by your group. This must be completed within 2 weeks of being received.

What happens if you're unsuccessful

If your application is unsuccessful, we will send you an email letting you know. Decisions are final. Your group is welcome to put another bid into the next round, but please do take into account any feedback you were given.

Neighbourhood Watch Network is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and our Head of Fundraising is a registered Individual Member of the Institute of Fundraising. We are fully compliant with the Code of Fundraising Practice. Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no. 1173349.