Starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Where do I start?

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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

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What does it involve?

- Knowing your neighbourhood
- Being neighbourly
- Being active in your community

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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.

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

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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
Ways to communicate...

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Have I successfully started a scheme?

✓ You have members
✓ You are registered on [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://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

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