



What is needed?

Ideally the internet and a phone

A key task of the coordinator is to maintain a network of members. Members can register directly on our website to join your scheme and receive timely messages from the police, Neighbourhood Watch and other agencies.

To get started you need to find out who is interested in joining a scheme and attend an initial meeting. This may be attended by an officer of the Neighbourhood Policing team as well as a member of your local NHW Area Support Team.

All schemes are different! They represent the volunteer effort and energy that a coordinator and members can bring to their scheme – but the value and result in achieving safer and friendlier communities is limitless.

Register on our website
www.northantsnhw.co.uk

You can

**Start your own
Neighbourhood Watch scheme**

or join an existing scheme near you

And don't forget...

999

for a crime in progress or
where life is in danger

101

for non-urgent enquiries:
to report a crime that has happened
or a concern or suspicion

0800 555 111

Northamptonshire Crimestoppers
(call anonymously to give
information about crime)

Or send a report via
www.northants.police.uk

Northamptonshire



**What's
it all
about?**

About Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Neighbourhood Watch has operated in the UK since 1982 and over 8 million households identify as members of Neighbourhood Watch. The charity and its members play a vital role in helping the police, along with local authorities, reduce crime and build safer communities.

People who live in NHW areas are less likely to become victims of burglary. In recognition, some insurance companies offer discounts to members of NHW.

Members value neighbourliness and friendly communities, supporting people to help each other especially the elderly and disadvantaged.

***Northamptonshire
is a safe county –
so let's keep it that way!***

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime by improving home, vehicle and personal security.
- Work with our local police to undermine crime by being vigilant and aware.
- Reduce the fear of crime by fostering community spirit especially with the elderly and disadvantaged.

As a member of a NHW scheme you can:

- Share crime prevention advice and activities.
- Keep an eye on each other's properties.
- Improve security.
- Support the NHW coordinator by reporting problems affecting your community, and work with relevant agencies to resolve issues.

A Watch Coordinator

A NHW coordinator, often with other volunteers to help, typically looks after a scheme which can be at street or housing estate level, or a whole village or parish.

A coordinator registers their scheme via the county NHW Association website. Once a scheme is approved by the Association, residents who live locally can register via the website and join the scheme as members.

Coordinators can:

- Promote crime prevention.
- Act as a link between the police and NHW members.
- Write and distribute messages.
- Organise meetings and invite existing and new members.
- Promote NHW in the area especially to newcomers.
- Link up with other schemes.
- Identify problem areas in the neighbourhood and work with the police and other agencies for a safer community.