

Bringing neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities



What is Neighbourhood Watch

NHW is a nationwide organisation and locally, managed by volunteers.

NHW is a partnership between local communities, Police and Community Safety Partnerships (the Council).

Local funding is by grants from the Councils, Police, other interested organisations and businesses. Members may be asked to contribute towards their own scheme to help pay for lamp post signs, security items and administration.

NHW has a messaging system where **Alert Messages** are sent by email for those who sign up for it on joining. These messages may come from National and local NHW, Police, Fire & Rescue Services, Community Safety Partnerships. Soon, people with smart phones will be able to receive **Alert Messages** on their phones.

How does NHW work

Anyone can belong to a NHW Scheme and play a part in its achievements. Every community or neighbourhood can set up a scheme — a scheme can cover a Ward, village, town, part of an estate or just one street.



Schemes need coordinators to act as a link between the community, the police and council. Their main role is to be a point of contact and a distributor of information for the members in their scheme.

Neighbourhood Watch is constantly evolving. Go to www.ourwatch.org.uk for more Information, type your post code in the box to find if a scheme is operating in your area.

A better quality of life

There is more to NHW than protecting home and property. By working together, neighbours can help reduce all sorts of crime, for example, burglary and vandalism.

NHW schemes can help improve the local environment and may help stop fly tipping.

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

Successful schemes promote confidence within communities and help social cohesion.

It is always important to remember that when you see something that concerns you, dial 999 if it is an emergency and 101 if non urgent.

Let the Police check it out—you must never challenge someone behaving suspiciously or put yourself at risk.



Want to set up a Scheme in your area

- Seek support from LL&R NHW
- Speak to your neighbours and get their support
- Arrange a meeting in your locality
- Invite your local councillor and Police Officers



- Ensure that everyone understands the aims of NHW
- Have information leaflets and joining forms for your neighbours
- A volunteer is required to act as a coordinator, to be the point of contact for members, police, council and NHW
- Look for help with funding from your council and local businesses
- Use events to attract new members
- Keep in touch with your members through newsletters, meetings or personal contact
- **Keep your scheme active—NHW does work - good luck**

History of Neighbourhood Watch

Started in New York in 1964 following a murder in the city.

The first NHW Scheme was set up in Cheshire in 1982

In 2007, the Home Office and Police set up the National body of NHW

This year 2016, NHW was updated, structure, website and logo

Head office is based in Wigston Police Station, Leicester

NHW website ourwatch.org.uk

Local Contacts
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The overall aim of Neighbourhood Watch movement is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.

Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares.



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