



#### THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

#### Welcome to the March 2023 edition of our newsletter.

The Executive Committee held their first face to face meeting in a long time and welcomed some new volunteers who have recently joined the team. The search still goes on for someone to join the team as Chair, and we will continue to promote this role.

### Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

It's worth looking out for the article from the national organisation (Neighbourhood Watch Network) and their new campaign which is focused on increasing the number of members of the movement.

We have also provided a quick tip at the bottom of this email which explains how to forward the email on to others and avoid them unsubscribing you by mistake.

As always, please remember to check our "news" page on our website for updated news in between newsletter editions, and if you use social media, why not visit our Facebook page, follow us and give us a "like".

The Executive Committee

## **Your Website**

# Have you got a story you would like to share?

Our website is your website - so feel free to send us information that you would like to publicise and share with others. Whether it be a forthcoming meeting, or prehaps a litter pick, or simply a coffee morning, just let us know and we can put it on the website. All stories are shown under our network pages.

Sharing your stories help give other schemes ideas that can help communities engage more. It's not always about crime and policing - but it's always about togetherness.

Send us your story via email to the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association Comms team: <a href="mailto:comms@suffolknwa.co.uk">comms@suffolknwa.co.uk</a>







#### Free Biker Down training courses in 2023

Biker Down is a **free** awareness-raising course for bikers, arranged by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, at locations across Suffolk.

As bikers tend to ride in groups or pairs, it is usually the case that when one is involved in an incident, the first person on the scene will be a fellow biker.

The course is offered to all bikers, of all standards and experience.

Read here for more details, locations and dates.

# **Suffolk Crimestoppers**

# **CrimeStoppers.** 0800 555111

100% anonymous. Always.

**Counterfeit Fraud** 

Counterfeit goods are unregulated, hazardous to health, inferior quality, and aim to dupe buyers into a false sense of having bagged a great deal on reputable brand products.

A Crimestoppers partnership campaign is helping raise awareness of the direct, personal harms and dangers associated with buying fake goods.

Read more here.

There's a lot at stake when you buy fake





#### **Get Safe Online**

When you're buying online, how confident are you that you're dealing with a genuine seller and not a criminal? Or do you even think about it?

Many people believe that online shopping scams are easy to spot, with poor spelling or grammar, dodgy logos or unusual website or email addresses or phone numbers. However, this is now rarely the case, with scammers going to great lengths to earn your trust before cheating you out of your money. It's upsetting at the best of times, but even worse when money's tight.



# **Neighbourhood Watch Network**

All Suffolk schemes are registered with the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association, with the option to register on the national organisation (NWN) website.

NWN are running a campaign called 'better place to live' aimed to support schemes registered on their website to:

- REGISTER MEMBERS
- BE MORE ACTIVE
- GROW YOUR GROUP

A 'better place to live' is, of course, what we would all like to achieve – whether it be making new friendships, looking after our environment, supporting our neighbours, reducing isolation and loneliness, or working together to reduce fear of and opportunities for crime.

All schemes registered on the national database are verified by the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association through alignment with the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association database.









## REPORT IT, HELP OTHERS! #RogueFreeSuffolk

If you see a scam, an unsafe product, OR a Rogue Trader, report it via 0808 223 1133.

To find out about scams across Suffolk, <u>you can sign up to the Trading Standards</u> <u>email alert</u> on their website. Trading Standards can investigate and take court action against scammers.

By becoming a Consumer Champion you can help protect and build resilience within your local community against rogue traders and scams; and make Suffolk a safer place to live

You can also find out about <u>common financial scams</u> on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.



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