



Newsletter



> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the DECEMBER edition of our newsletter.

Now that the new Suffolk Policing model has come into operation, we will be making some adjustment to our membership database to align with the redefined area locations of the new model. We have already engaged with some of the community policing teams, and our intention is to follow up with community policing officers across each of the 50 Community Policing Areas.

Representatives from our Executive Committee attended a conference organised by the Suffolk Association for Local Councils, and you can read the article in this newsletter.

We also continue to remind our scheme coordinators to register your scheme onto the national website (ourwatch.org.uk) as this will offer you additional news and information, as well as help attract new members to join your scheme. Details can be found in the following pages.

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

Wishing all our readers a very happy, safe and secure Christmas, and a wonderful new year!



Suffolk Constabulary and PCC: £1.6m for Safer Streets across Suffolk



Following a successful bid to the Home Office, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk has secured over £990k from the Safer Streets 5 Fund to support a variety of initiatives to address anti-social behaviour, violence against women and girls, and neighbourhood crime across Suffolk. Match funding and in-kind contributions from partners will make this up to over £1.6m over two years.

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore said:

"This is undoubtedly excellent news for Suffolk and once again demonstrates how the power of collaboration with community safety partners benefits our county.

Whilst Suffolk is one of the safest areas in the country nevertheless there are specific areas where much more needs to be done to tackle and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

I really believe the Safer Streets 5 funding will have a very positive impact on community safety and therefore help improve the quality of life for homes and businesses in these areas.

The previous three successful bids clearly demonstrate how targeted initiatives can act as a strong catalyst for permanent change – in short a great result for us all.

East Suffolk Council has been allocated £333,887 to fund higher quality CCTV cameras in Lowestoft, provide outreach activities for young people, who have been excluded, or who are at risk of being excluded, who are perpetrating, or at risk of perpetrating, ASB and neighbourhood crime.

Ipswich Borough Council's allocation of £333,300 will be focused on a number of hotspot areas across the town which experience sustained anti-social behaviour. These include small shopping parades, churchyards, riverside areas and areas within the town centre. This will include CCTV, Crimestoppers Zones, an ASB awareness campaign, improved lighting in public spaces, better gating and fencing, youth and adult outreach support and environmental improvements.

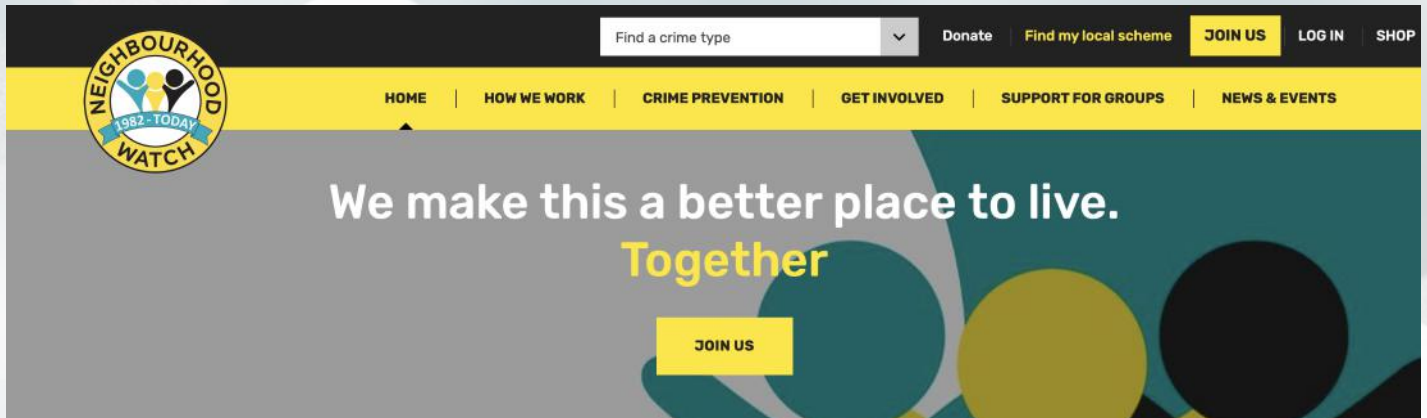
Funding of £323,836 will focus on increasing the feeling of safety and personal security for residents and visitors in west Suffolk by focusing on violence against women and girls, anti-social behaviour and acquisitive crime. This will fund CCTV improvements, educational outreach work with young people targeting behaviour and attitudes and the impact on victims, environmental improvements, training and awareness on Violence Against Women and Girls and ASB, and target hardening measures such as property marking, home security and awareness raising. The chosen interventions for each crime time will be targeted to specific geographic areas within Bury St Edmunds,

Haverhill, Newmarket, Sudbury and Stowmarket, Mildenhall, Brandon, Cornard and Needham Market.

The Home Office funding of £991,023 was conditional on partner contributions to the total of 50% of the funding granted. Match funding of £706,649 has been generated through a contribution from the Pooled Business Rate fund of £150k and in-kind contributions from each local authority, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Constabulary and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.



Scheme Coordinators: Registering your scheme on the national database



if you haven't already done so, we highly recommend all our scheme coordinators and their members to register individually on the national Neighbourhood Watch Network website.

We will continue to process the mapping of all schemes registered with the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association (SNWA) onto the National NW database. This enables the public to search for Neighbourhood Watch schemes on the national website as well as our own website.

Whilst not mandatory, we do encourage Scheme Coordinators registered with us to also register on the national database, which will enable them to "claim" their scheme on the national system.

Scheme Coordinators registered on the national database are approved and validated by the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Once registered, scheme coordinators can invite existing and future neighbours to join their scheme online, and use the built in ALERT message system as a method of engaging with their scheme members.

[Sign up to the national database here.](#)

Benefits of registering:

Scheme coordinators and members can expect to receive a monthly newsletters from both the national organisation, as well as the Suffolk Association. Members can also access a range of training workshops, seminar sessions, and varying forums offered by the national organisation. When signing up, members can also opt in to receive a range of alert messages from services such as Action Fraud, Get Safe Online, Trading Standards etc.



Our neighbours

ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN ONLINE AT

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/joinNW>



Suffolk Trading Standards: Trusted Trader



Suffolk Trading Standards has partnered with Trusted Trader to launch a scheme in Suffolk where traders can sign up to be accredited members of a trusted trader scheme.

The scheme then allows residents of Suffolk to log on and find traders they can trust to carry out services in our local area.

It is the only TS accredited scheme in Suffolk.

The aim is to empower consumers to make good choices when getting quotes and choosing traders to carry out services for them, potentially reducing the amount of doorstep calls and unnecessary work affecting residents in our county.

Launched during September, the website is still onboarding traders but it is expected to be populated with many sectors soon.

Promoting communities to consider using accredited traders is likely to go some way to help prevent unsolicited trading in Suffolk.

View the website [here](http://www.trustedtrader.team)

Suffolk Trading Standards



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, [you can sign up to the Trading Standards email alert](#) 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 [common financial scams](#) on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.



Partnerships: Crimes against communities

Safe Street



People in communities can help keep streets safe.

It's well-known that cybercrime and fraud are on the increase. You can learn how to protect yourself from falling victim, online and off.

[READ ABOUT CYBER SECURITY AND CRIMES, AND HOW TO STAY SAFE.](#)

Have you seen anything crime-related on your street? Perhaps it's unsettling you, maybe you know what you've seen is crime-related - or it could just seem suspicious. Burglaries and theft don't just cost you money, they can be very upsetting too. You can report this to the police, or if you wish to remain anonymous, Crimestoppers can be contacted online or on the phone, 24/7, 365 days a year.

With your help Crimestoppers have helped reunite people with stolen goods, made communities safer, and brought people to justice.

Neighbourhood Watch Network: Reach out to your neighbours

REACH OUT THIS DECEMBER



During December, a month when people often celebrate festivities with their family, friends, loved ones, and community, we want to encourage our supporters and members to reach out to their neighbours and say hello! For some, December's colder weather and longer nights can feel isolating - reaching out to say hello to your neighbour, especially if you know they live alone or are vulnerable, may make all the difference to them.



Neighbourhood Watch Association: Local Councils Conference 2023

Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association welcomed the opportunity to exhibit at the Suffolk Association of Local Council (SALC) Conference 2023, held at the Hold, in Ipswich, on the 29th November. As an exhibitor, we were able to meet with a number of local town and parish council members and fellow exhibitors, including:

- Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Council
- East Suffolk District Council
- Suffolk County Council
- West Suffolk Council
- Community Action Suffolk
- Rural Coffee Caravan
- Suffolk Community Foundation

We had some good conversations with the 80/90 attending delegates, with those we met primarily starting with “Not sure if NW exists in our parish any more?”... for which we were able to provide answers through using our scheme membership database.

With over 400 Town/Parish Councils, SALC provides us with the opportunity to explore further engagement with councils across the county.



Neighbourhood Watch Association: Don't drop your guard this Xmas

Remember the criminals don't stop for Christmas!

Unsure about a caller? Hang up and call the organisation that they say they're from back using a trusted number, such as the one on the back of your card if calling your bank.

Criminals can 'spoof' numbers to make it look like you're being called by someone you trust, however it's safer if you make contact with your bank or any other organisation directly.



Neighbourhood Watch today is still a grassroots charitable movement, with local schemes run by volunteers throughout England and Wales.

[Join the movement here](#)



Neighbourhood Watch in Suffolk: Rushmere St Andrews NW



NW IN ACTION

The network scheme for Rushmere St Andrew recently held a community event at the local Village Hall to reinforce the benefits of looking out for each other, and how crime prevention can help the community work together to combat criminal activity.

To help raise the profile of NW, and to act as a visual deterrent, some street signs in the area have been refurbished (before and after pictures below).

The network scheme is also looking refurbish other street signs, and have also carried out a leaflet drop in the area to promote NW.



Have you got a story you would like to share?

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:
comms@suffolknwa.co.uk



Thank you to all the schemes that send us their newsletters. You can send yours to comms@suffolknwa.co.uk

If you would like them uploaded to our website, just let us know!

