



# Newsletter

> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the MARCH edition of our newsletter.

The committee continue to focus on the objectives set by the local engagement plan, which has seen a number of online meetings with our Area Coordinators. The next part of the plan is to make contact with all the registered schemes on our database, to make sure the data we hold is still relevant, and to check that schemes are still active. So you will no doubt receive a telephone call from your area coordinator, or possibly from a member of the executive committee in this regard. There is still a number of areas across Suffolk that do not have a representative Area Coordinator, so if you are interested in becoming an Area Network Coordinator, you can find out more on our website [here](#).

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are pleased to report that more coordinators of schemes who previously were not registered on the national database have now joined, and we continue to encourage all of our schemes to register through the national website ([ourwatch.org.uk](http://ourwatch.org.uk)) as this helps raise awareness of their existence to visitors to the website. There is an article with more information within this newsletter.

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*



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

[Join the movement here](#)



Have you got a story you would like to share?

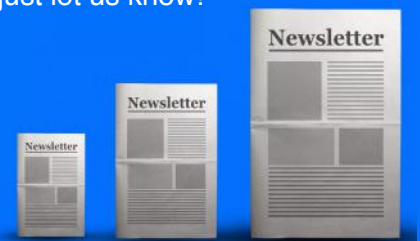
Sharing your stories help give other schemes ideas that can help communities engage more. It's not always about crime and policing - but it's always about togetherness.

Send us your story via email to the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association Comms team: [comms@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:comms@suffolknwa.co.uk)



Thank you to all the schemes that send us their newsletters. You can send yours to [comms@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:comms@suffolknwa.co.uk)

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



## National Neighbourhood Watch Network: Latest news



The latest edition of the national “**OUR NEWS**” newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales is now available. Read it [here](#)

Here are some highlights in the March edition:

- **ERA** offers expert tips on home security when renovating - so don't miss out on their Easter competition!
- You could be eligible to join the SP Energy Network's Priority Services register
- The Rt Hon Chris Philp MP reflects on the Government's recent ASB Action Plan

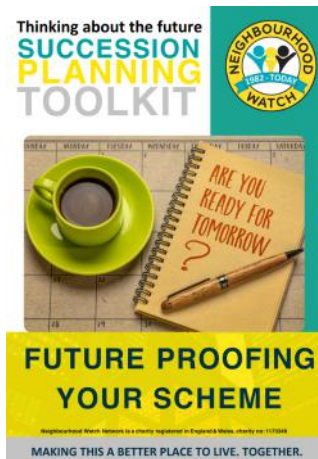
### Crime and Community webinars

This spring, the national organisation are bringing to you a series of webinars which focus on some of the most commonly occurring crimes in the country (such as burglary and antisocial behaviour), as well as community wellbeing topics such as isolation.

Please see the full list of webinars below. Recordings will be available to watch after the webinars have taken place.

- **Taking your home security to the next level (burglary trends and technology)** with SimpliSafe: Monday 18th March, 4.30pm. [Register HERE](#).
- **Heritage crime – not just an issue for rural communities** with Historic England: Tuesday 19th March, 4.30pm. [Register HERE](#).
- **Top tips from policing’s tactical lead for vehicle crime** with Merseyside Police: Wednesday 20th March, 4.30pm. [Register HERE](#).
- **Understanding the role of isolation & loneliness in scams** with Re-engage: Thursday 21st March, 4.30pm. [Register HERE](#).
- **Stalking and female personal safety** with Suzy Lamplugh Trust: Friday 22nd March, 4.30pm. [Register HERE](#).

### Succession Planning: Toolkit



This toolkit is intended to help schemes to have a plan for when faced with circumstances that may find scheme Coordinators unable to continue in their role. Things such as sickness, or being on holiday, as well as the usual moving away or retiring can result in a scheme folding, as there is nobody available to take over the coordinator role.

By coordinators helping with this plan, a scheme can confidently continue to thrive.

The toolkit has a number of digital links within the document itself, so is best digitally shared rather than printed.

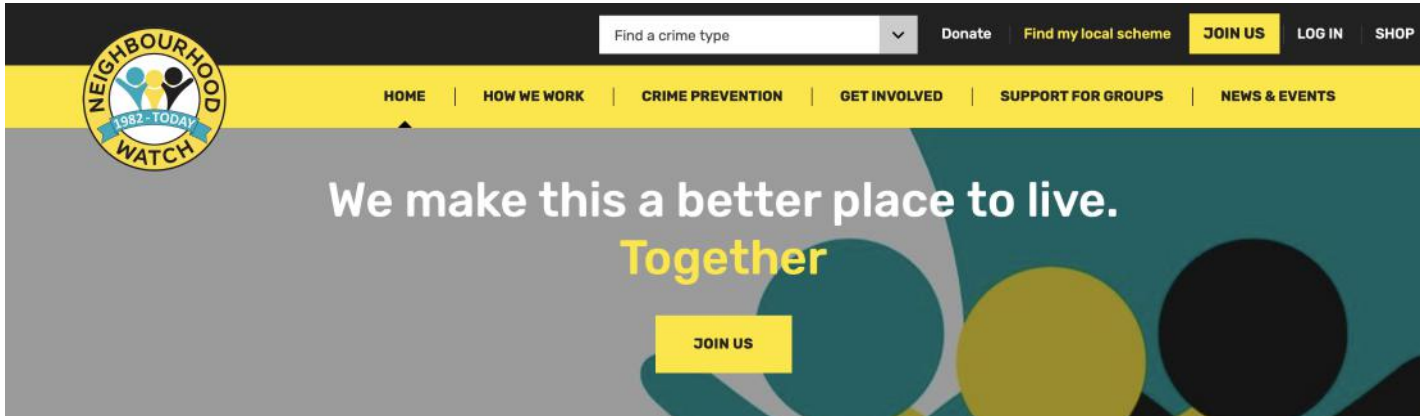
[You can access the toolkit here](#).

Although schemes in Suffolk are registered on a local database, some are yet to register on the national organisation database.

Unfortunately we cannot do this on a schemes behalf, as it requires coordinators to send a confirmation email response to complete the registration. We highly recommend scheme coordinators to register on the national system. Read [more](#)



## 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>





# Young People's Hub

**Statistics show that young people (aged 16 - 24) are disproportionately more likely to be victims of crime.**

The national organisation offer a dedicated resource for young people who are concerned about crime, isolation, loneliness or who just want to make their communities a better place. A selection of links below offer some insight into what the young people's hub can offer.

Neighbourhood Watch resources can provide Schools, youth organisations, Universities, and many other groups an opportunity to involve young people, to help themselves and to help contribute to the support of local communities.

Some good case studies of groups working together can be found [here](#).

## Student Magazine



The Lookout termly magazine is full of incredible stories written by students for students. It features stories of students across the country who are doing amazing things to bring their campus and local community together, as well as advice on safety and wellbeing, including how to get involved with local volunteering opportunities.

## Young people's hub

Youth Council

Student magazine The Lookout

How crime affects students

7 steps to a safe student night out

A student's guide to safe solo travel

Focusing on your wellbeing at university

How to help someone who's had their drink spiked

If they can't hear you, make them!

Night out SOS: a student's first aid kit

Protecting your nudes: essential cybersecurity tips

Drugs Know More





# Password Management & Security

## Why password security is important

In a digital world, your passwords are like your keys. If someone finds one of your passwords, they effectively have a copy of your key.

Just like a key, if a password is strong and kept secure, it shouldn't really ever need to be changed. And just as you don't use the same key for your house and car, you shouldn't use the same password for different websites.

See the excellent guidance for **password management and security** [here](#).

[The South West Grid for Learning Trust](#) is a not for profit charity ensuring everyone can benefit from technology free from harm. Forming one third of the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#), their experts advise schools, public bodies and industry on appropriate actions to take in regards to safeguarding and advancing positive online safety policies.

## Suffolk Trading Standards



[www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)



### 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.





## Crimestoppers National Campaign: Serious Violent Crime



**Your information can reduce violent crime and lead to a safer community**

Criminals use violence, exploitation, and intimidation to control people, and profit from the sale of drugs and other illegal activities. With this campaign, Crimestoppers is asking people to speak up and not remain silent when violent criminals are known to them.

[Read more here](#)

Any piece of information could help prevent genuine harm and injury.

**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555 111**

100% anonymous. Always.

## Action Fraud: Look out for the vulnerable



**Fraudsters deliberately target older and vulnerable people**

**Do people know the caller IS who they say they are?**

**ActionFraud**  
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre  
0300 123 2040

NEVER ASSUME A PHONE CALL IS AUTHENTIC JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE KNOWS THEIR BASIC DETAILS SUCH AS NAME AND ADDRESS.

