



Newsletter

> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the JUNE edition of our newsletter.

The month of June 2024 is being celebrated as “The month of Community” and the annual Neighbourhood Watch week theme this year was based upon “Local Efforts, Big Impact” which focuses on the positive impact of activities undertaken by local communities. Neighbourhood Watch week has flown by, and we are keen to know of your stories on how you might have celebrated the week in your community.

The lack of a newsletter last month is a result of the extensive work that the committee have been undertaking with the scheme data cleanse exercise, as mentioned in the April edition. We are now approximately 80% complete, and we hope to conclude by the end of June.

There are 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 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



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!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS

Members and Annual General Meeting 2024 - 2nd JULY 2024

The 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd July, 7pm**, at the **Coddenham Centre, Mary Day Close, Coddenham, near Ipswich, IP6 9SR**.

Our guest speakers include Tim Passmore, Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner and Inspector Ben Richards of Suffolk Constabulary.

If you have any specific topics you would like our speakers to address, please let us know by the 19th June by sending us an email to: 2024AGM@suffolknwa.co.uk



Come
join us!



REGISTER TO ATTEND

To help us with our preparations, please register your intention to attend via the button above. We really want you to attend so that you can have your say in how your Association operates.

There are ample parking spaces at the venue, and refreshments will be available.

Our friends from the Four Counties Crime Prevention Team will display products available for purchase before 7pm and during the refreshment break.

Doors open at 6.40pm ready for a meeting start at 7.00pm.

AGM Protocol

2024 Current Agenda:

- Apologies for absence
- Review of Minutes of previous AGM and any matters arising
- Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report and account
- Election of Officers
- Changes to Constitution
- Any other Business
- Date of next meeting

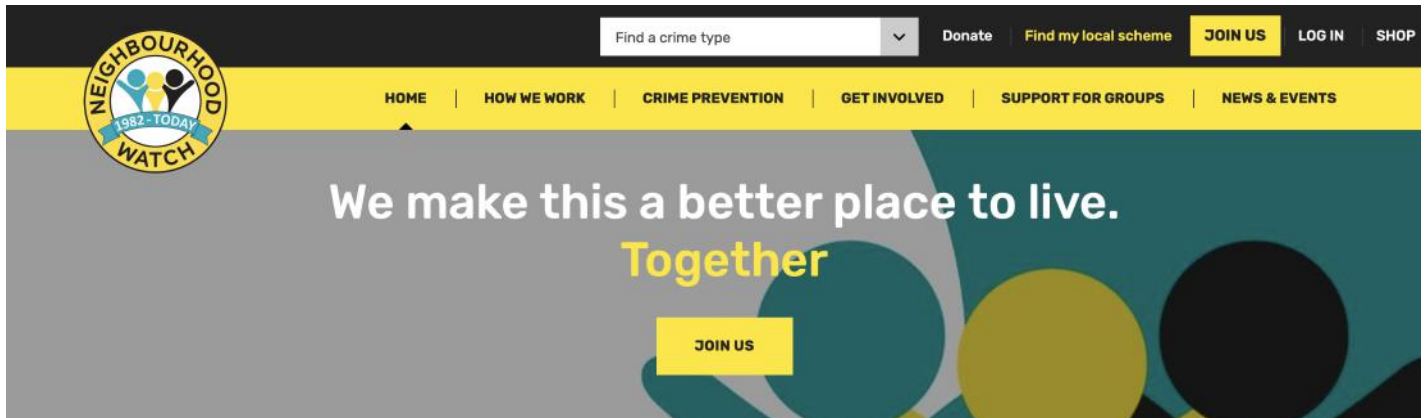
Documentation

All the documentation pertaining to the AGM can be found on our website at <https://suffolknwa.co.uk/2024-agm.html>.

We are always keen to receive any nominations from members wishing to join the executive team, either to support an existing role, or to take on a vacant role on the Executive Committee. Noticeably, the Association is still looking for a chairperson, a role that is well supported by members of the executive committee.



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>



Succession Planning: Toolkit for schemes



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](#)

Crimestoppers National Campaign: Modern slavery in plain sight



Modern slavery is happening in our communities, in plain sight, and is deeply intertwined with our lives, without us realising it. People are being coerced and forced into exploitative situations which they can't refuse or leave, every single day. With this campaign, Crimestoppers is asking people to speak up and not remain silent when the criminals are known to them, or if they suspect someone is a victim of modern slavery.

The campaign focuses on three strands:

- Modern slavery on highstreets
- Victims hidden in plain sight
- Exploitative recruitment practices

Anyone who uses the vital service will always remain 100% anonymous.

[Read More here](#)

Crimestoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.



PCC Election Result

Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association congratulates the newly re-elected Police & Crime Commissioner



The Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association congratulates Tim Passmore on his re-election as Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk.

The Committee wishes to show their appreciation for the support and relationship developed with Mr Passmore in his previous term of office but look forward to improving and growing this further.

Neighbourhood Watch has over ... thousand volunteer members across the county. The main focus of our work in the last 6 months is how best our leaders and members can respond to the New Suffolk Policing Model, which was launched in December last year.

“This new model is an important milestone for our members and communities to rebuild and really develop the relationship between the PCC, the Police and Neighbourhood Watch at local levels”, says Nick King, one of the Committee members of the Association. “A key plank of the model is improving engagement with communities: that’s very much what we want to see! We know Neighbourhood Watch can play an incredibly valuable part in that and, following our discussions with the Police, they now have secure access to our database of nearly 500 scheme leaders all over the county to help them with local intelligence and local priorities”.

As the PCC writes his new Suffolk Police and Crime Plan, the Association hopes and expects this same strategy to be mirrored. Clearly there are many dedicated Neighbourhood Watch volunteers out there: they and their members want to make a difference and now must be the time for the PCC and Police to forge even closer relationships.



Action Fraud: WhatsApp

WhatsApp group chat members are being warned they could be targeted by criminals, as Action Fraud reveals it has received 636 reports from victims of the messaging app this year.

The fraud often begins when a member of the group receives a WhatsApp audio call from the fraudster, pretending or claiming to be another member of the group. This is done to gain the individual's trust, and often the scammer will use a false profile picture and/or display name, so at first glance it would appear to be a genuine member of the group.



The fraudster will tell the victim they are sending them a one-time passcode which will allow them to join an upcoming video call for group members. The criminal then asks the victim to share this passcode with them so they can be “registered” for the video call.

In reality, the criminal is asking for a registration code to register the victim's WhatsApp account to a new device so they can take over their account.

Once the fraudster has access to the victim's WhatsApp account, they will enable two-step verification which makes it impossible for the victim to regain access their account. Other members of the group, or friends and family in the victim's contacts, will then be messaged asking them to transfer money urgently as they are in desperate need of help.

How to secure your WhatsApp account:

Set up two-step verification (2SV) to give an extra layer of protection to your account. Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.

CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person outside of WhatsApp to confirm their identity.

Report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

If you live in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Action Fraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
0300 123 2040



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.

Neighbourhood Watch Benefits

PATLOCK ARE OFFERING AN EXTRA NW MEMBER DISCOUNT TO CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF COMMUNITY, FROM 24TH - 30TH JUNE!

[CLICK HERE](#) to enjoy a member's only extra 12% discount, bringing the price down to £37.40 during that week!

OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE FROM 24TH – 30TH JUNE

