



Newsletter

> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the NOVEMBER edition of our newsletter.

The month of November sees a lot of focus on various campaigns, all with a central theme of community safety and engagement. You can find out more as you read through our newsletter.

We continue to call on volunteers to help support the rollout of the BT digital changeover initiative, especially now as we fast approach the launch of the first event in Beccles.

You will find a summary of our recent Western Area Command event, and thank you to those who came along in support.

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”.

In between our newsletters you can always check the news page on our website where you will find other stories and useful information updates.

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!



Area Command Meetings: Western Event

Working together for Safer Communities



The Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association hosted an unique partnership event with a focus on building safer communities across West Suffolk.

The meeting in Chedburgh on 23rd October brought together Locality Police Inspectors, as well as West Suffolk Council's Team Leader for Families & Communities to join representatives from Neighbourhood Watch.

An overview of the meeting, together with presentation slides and meeting notes can be found [here](#).

Eastern Command Area: Community Safety Event



Community Safety Event Kirkley Monday, 21 October 2024

East Suffolk Council held a Community Safety event at The Kirkley Centre on Monday 21st October to enable the public to visit and raise any concerns they may have about the Kirkley area, or whether they might need specific support in their community.

Alongside representatives from the Council Community Safety team, the housing department, the community help hub, and the police, Neighbourhood Watch were also present to engage with visitors.

Our thanks to Brian and Diane Sivyer and Ian Crocker, members of the Lowestoft Neighbourhood Watch area, for supporting this valuable community event.

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Make this a better place to live. Together.



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ourwatch.org.uk





ASB Awareness Week 2024 runs from 18th - 24th November.

During the week, Resolve is holding a series of [5 webinars](#) relating to some of the daily themes from ASB Awareness Week. All webinars are completely free to attend and will feature a selection of sector-leading experts. [Registration required.](#)

Everybody has a right to feel safe where they live, and we all have a part to play. Resolve's mission is to "Make Communities Safer".

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) can have serious impact on some people, and therefore it is important that people can learn about how to recognise and report ASB.

Data shows that over half of victims and witnesses don't report anti-social behaviour. Some of the reasons cited for not reporting include "Didn't think it was serious enough", "Didn't know how/where to make a report", "Didn't think anything would be done if I did make a report", "Made a report before and was unsatisfied with the response".

Despite this, it is crucial that we all report ASB when we see it, as ASB can be a precursor to serious crime and through people reporting incidents, this could initiate an intervention, help that person to get support if they need it, and prevent escalation towards a serious harmful incident.

Working in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch, the following links offer information on how to recognise ASB, and ways in which to report incidents.

Recognising ASB: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/asb>

Reporting ASB: <https://asbhelp.co.uk/>

#MakeCommunitiesSafer



November Awareness Campaign: White Ribbon Day



White Ribbon Day 2024 | #ItStartsWithMen

IT STARTS WITH MEN

White Ribbon UK is the leading charity engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls. Their work is preventative, and is aimed to prevent men's violence before it can begin.

To support the charity and find out more [visit their website](#)

November Awareness Campaign: Road Safety Week



Road Safety Week 2024 is an annual event dedicated to promoting road safety awareness and advocating for safer roads and responsible driving behaviour. This week-long observance aims to reduce road accidents and save lives by encouraging individuals, communities, and organisations to prioritise road safety measures.

[Read more](#)

Suffolk Police: Speed Watch programme

The Community Speed Watch programme empowers communities to play an active role alongside the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problems of speeding in their neighbourhood.

If you are interested in setting up a speed watch scheme, or for further information, please take a look at the [guidance document](#) from the police.



Neighbourhood Watch Network: November Webinars

This November, the National Neighbourhood Watch Network are staging a series of webinars during Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week (18th - 24th).

The webinars will focus on a variety of crime prevention and safety themes, and are free to join.

Please see the full list of webinars below. [Registration links can be found here.](#)

Schedule

Monday 18th November: 1pm

Community Safety: integrating an enforcement approach, and how partnerships can be maximised
Sean McDermid, Director of Community Safety, London Borough of Newham

Tuesday 19th November

Young people and ASB.

Led by a member of the National NW Youth Council. Details coming soon - [Youth Council link](#)

Wednesday 20th November: 12pm

"Let's Talk ASB" Day: Co-hosted by Resolve and Neighbourhood Watch, bringing together frontline practitioners, Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and the general public.

Rebecca Bryant, Resolve, and **John Hayward-Cripps**, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch

Thursday 21st November: 4pm

Stand up Against Harassment: hosted by The Suzy Lamplugh Trust

Neighbourhood Watch Network: Community Charter



WANT TO HELP STOP THIS?



Our Community Safety Charter **EMPOWERS YOU**
(as an individual, business or community group) to **reduce crimes in public spaces**, such as harassment, hate crime, and antisocial behaviour

SIGN UP TO THE CHARTER
[ourwatch.org.uk/charter](https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/charter)

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In keeping with the community togetherness theme, the NWN Community Safety Charter encourages members to sign up to and pledge support, to help promote a culture that does not tolerate antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation and hostility towards others. To find out more and sign up visit <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/charter>



COMMUNITY CHARTER



Street Meets and Pop Up events: ASB Week 18th – 24th November

The Police (CPPH/CPT), in conjunction with local authority (LA) and some housing providers (Hsng), will be out and about at various street meet/pop ups during ASB week.. Please check media outlets for updates of these events in your area.

18/11 1000 - 1300

Lowestoft - The Kirkley Centre - LA/Hsng/CPT

21/11 1000 - 1300

St Andrews, Roman Hill - CPT/LA/ASB Hsng

21/11 0800 - 0900 & 1700-1800

Carlton Colville – Carlton Meadow - LA/CPT

18/11 1500 - 1630

Kessingland – Field Lane Co-op - LA/Hsng/Parish Council/CPT

20/11 1800 - 1930

Wangford - Youth Club - LA/CPT PC Yeldham

18/11 1800 - 1900

Carlton Colville Guides - LA/CPT

18/11 1000 -1500

Stowmarket, Wilkes Way - CPT

19/11 1000 -1500

Hadleigh, George Street - LA/CPT

20/11 1100 -1400

Mildenhall, St Johns Close - LA/CPT/Victim Support

Ipswich

19/11 1000 -1400 Cornhill - CPT/ LA/ ASB

Brandon, 21/11 1000-1200

Newmarket Hill - CPT

Sudbury

21/11 1000 -1500 Market Hill - LA/CPT

Haverhill

20/11 1500- 1700 – Clements Community Centre -CPT/LA/Hsng

Bury St Edmunds

18/11 All Day – Joint/Hsng visits chosen areas

19/11 TBC Bury St Eds – Myrtlewood Road

20/11 TBC – Newbury Centre - TBC

21/11 Day Heroes day – School/CPT

22/11 Daytime Sybil Andrews School - CPT

Woodbridge

18/11 1300-1500 Library - LA/TBC

Saxmundham

20/11 1100-1230 – Gannon Rooms - LA/Police/Hsng/EP/ SZC/Town Pastors

Leiston

18/11 1020-1230 – United Church - LA/Police/Hsng/EP/ SZC/Town Pastors

Wickham Market

20/11 1100-1300 - Resource Centre - Cllr Noble/CPT PC Thorn

20/11 1400-1500 - Primary School - Cllr Noble/CPT PC Thorn

Yoxford

21/11 1430-1630 - Peasenhall Primary School - Cllr Ewart/CPT PC Henriksen

Framlingham

22/11 1100-1245 - Library, The Old Court House - Cllr Grey/CPT PC Henriksen

Kesgrave

21/11 Evening - Walkabout

21/11 Bell Lane speed complaints nr primary school - CPT PC Matt Finch

22/11 Lunch and before school High School - CPT PC Matt Finch

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

is not welcome in Suffolk

Report crime to the Police, Crimestoppers, or your Council



#SuffolkAgainstASB



Neighbourhood Watch Network: Volunteer Opportunities

BT Digital Voice switchover

Volunteering opportunities Neighbourhood Watch are looking for volunteers to deliver one or more awareness events in Suffolk to provide essential information around the BT Digital Voice switchover that will be happening by end of January 2027.



This will impact anyone that has a BT analogue landline but in particular the elderly, vulnerable, remote/isolated and those with little or no mobile signal/broadband connection.

Volunteers can choose to do one or more events. Two training sessions will be provided over MS Teams by BT and Neighbourhood Watch and volunteers would not be expected to have technical expertise or knowledge. Resources will be provided to support conversations.



A number of events will take place across Suffolk in preparation for the switchover. As Venues and dates are confirmed they will appear on our website at <https://suffolknwa.co.uk/bt-digital-voice.html> where you can also find more details about this volunteering opportunity.

If you have any specific questions or would like to know more, then please contact **Ros Allen**, Digital Voice Coordinator (East of England) at rosslyn.allen@ourwatch.org.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Network: Events

DIGITAL VOICE IS COMING TO YOUR TOWN

As this is a rolling programme, we are still reaching out for volunteers at future events – see above.

We are pleased to announce that the first two delivery events will be held in Beccles and Woodbridge.

Pop along to find out more about how the digital switchover may impact on you.

Digital Voice is coming to your town

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers will be running free information sessions for residents about the BT landline switch over.

Just drop in and find out more:

Beccles Library
Blyburgate
Beccles
NR34 9TB

Thursday 28th November 2024

Drop in anytime between 10am and 2pm

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Woodbridge library
New Street
Woodbridge
IP12 1DT

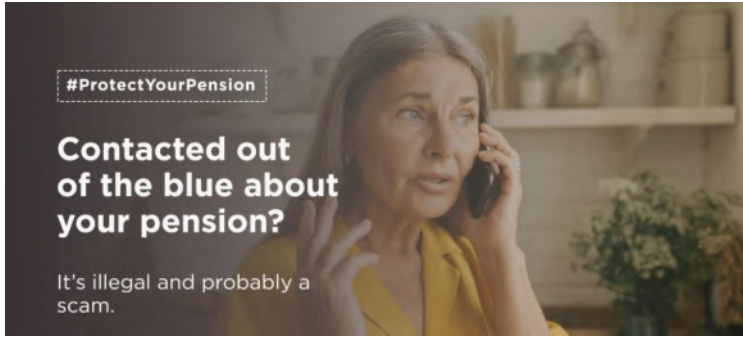
Thursday 5th December 2024

Drop in anytime between 10am and 2pm

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Crimestoppers: Pension Scams



CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

3 ways to protect yourself

1. Unsolicited advice

if you get a 'cold call' or call out of the blue about your pension, the best and safest thing to do is hang up. It is illegal and most likely a fraudster. If you get offers via email or text, these should be ignored also. Action Fraud, the National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre, is reminding people that if they have been contacted out of the blue about their pension, it is probably a scam.

2. Get advice first

If you're considering changing your pension arrangements, you should get financial advice first. If you want to find an adviser, make sure they're authorised by the [Financial Conduct Authority](#) NEVER take advice from the company that contacted you, it could be part of the scam.

3. Investment opportunities

Don't be rushed into making an investment. Remember, if an organisation was legitimate, they would never pressure you into investing on the spot.

**GIVE INFORMATION 100% ANONYMOUSLY – CALL 0800 555 111
OR CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE A FORM ONLINE**

Suffolk Trading Standards



REPORT IT, HELP OTHERS! #RogueFreeSuffolk

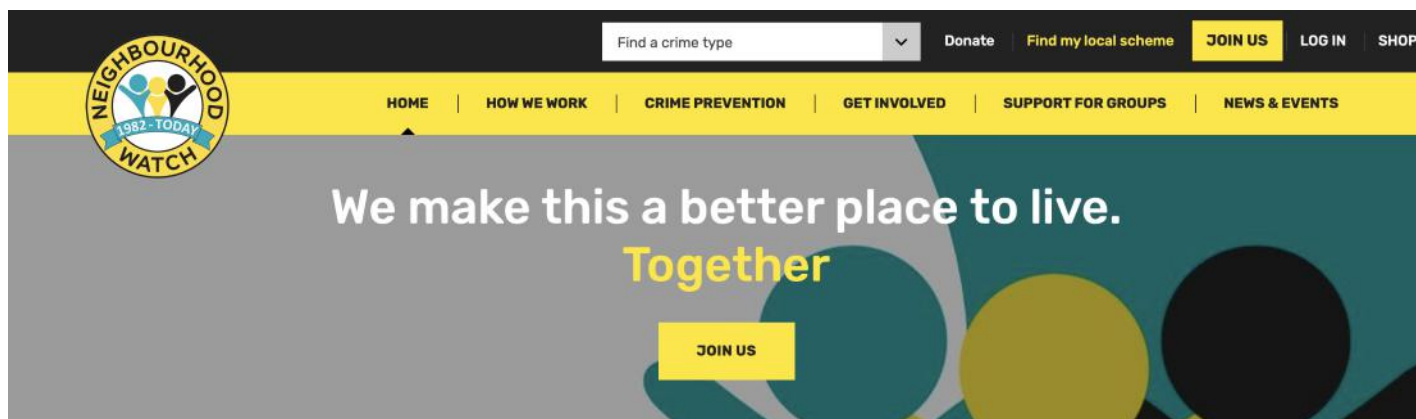
If you see a scam, an unsafe product, OR a Rogue Trader, report it via **0808 223 1133**. To find out about scams across Suffolk, [you can sign up to the Trading Standards email alert](#) on their website. Trading Standards can investigate and take court action against scammers.

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.



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>

