

## Signing up to the Neighbourhood Alert system

- ✓ The Neighbourhood Alert system allows registered members to receive FREE email alerts relative to crime, community safety issues and resilience matters, in a local and targeted manner.
- ✓ Current information providers include Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Local Authorities and Get Safe Online.
- ✓ Alerts provide the recipient with information to take a course of action, provide advice, provide information and include a point of contact for reporting.
- ✓ It is easy to sign-up to receive these. Simply log onto the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland website (or scan the following QR code) and select 'Sign up for Alerts'!



## Join your local Watch :

- 1 Once registered for Neighbourhood Alert, under 'What to do Next' you can select 'Join or Apply to Create a New Scheme'. Your local Watches will appear here and you can select to join your local Watch (details of which can be found on the "Benefits of being a member" page).

If you do not have access to a computer or mobile phone, you can have a relative or neighbour register on your behalf.

- 2 Alternatively if you do not wish to register on Neighbourhood Alert please contact your Coordinator, details noted on the "Benefits of being a member" page, and explain what method of contact suits you best.

**If you require any assistance, please phone the NWS office on 01786 463 732.**

## Reporting suspicious or anti-social activity

For a NW to be successful it is important that members look out for each another, are vigilant and report any suspicious activity, vehicles etc. to the Police by calling 101 if a non-emergency, or if you wish to remain anonymous by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

The smallest piece of information may be the missing piece of the jigsaw which could enable the Police to take action - they want to hear from you.

**Remember - in an emergency you should always use 999.**

## Contact Details/Support

[info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

[www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

**Tel: 01786 463 732**

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## Join your local Neighbourhood Watch

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## Welcome

A Neighbourhood Watch (NW) is now active in your area. Details of your local Watch and the volunteer coordinator are noted on the "Benefits of being a member" page.

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland (NWS) is a registered charity. Neighbourhood Watch is a community led initiative that strives to bring local people together to address crime, along with other community safety concerns, and build community resilience. We aspire to keep everyone safe and generate community cohesion.

## Our Values

**NWS has an ethos that simply allows you to coordinate your scheme, your way! We call it:**

## Your Watch, Your Way

In this introductory leaflet you will learn about how we can help support a successful NW to thrive in your area.

By participating as a member in a NW you will be helping to create community spirit and build a resilient, safer community in the area in which you live, using trusted information from key services.

NWS provides access to sources of support and help through its many partners that include Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Trading Standards Scotland and community groups. Where possible, NWS will help connect you with local services and Community Police groups.

## Being a member of a Watch - Be connected and feel secure

- ✓ Everyone within a NW scheme plays an important part in making their neighbourhood a friendly and pleasant place to live, while reducing crime. Its members, irrespective of age or background, are vital to its success. We all want to make our communities safer, and being part of a NW scheme can help contribute to this, whilst ensuring the elderly, vulnerable and young are made to feel secure.
- ✓ NWS offers advice and guidance to those who need it, encouraging those in communities to feel empowered, confident and supported... we are all part of the same adventure!
- ✓ Your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator will be your main point of contact and has volunteered to take on the responsibility to help keep its members informed. Communication with members can be made in a range of different ways. Examples include:
  - having meetings (in person or online);
  - using WhatsApp, Facebook or Twitter;
  - by Email;
  - newsletter or Alert posted through letterbox;
  - phone call or home visits.Some coordinators use a mix of these and your coordinator will let you know their preferred methods. They will also be able to assist you to access information should you require further support to do this.
- ✓ Engagement with the Watch is on your terms - and you can be as active as you like. The key aspect is to participate and support your community in a way that suits you.
- ✓ Crucially, sharing and following crime prevention advice and looking out for each other will help lower the potential for crime in your neighbourhood, while creating a friendly environment where neighbours feel safe and connected.

## Benefits of being a member



## Your Watch details:

Name of Watch/area/street(s) covered

Coordinator details

