

What is Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a method of developing close liaison between households in a neighbourhood and the Police.

The aims are to help residents protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, fast and accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and by fostering community spirit.

What Does the Neighbourhood Watch Association Do?

The Association has the full support of Avon and Somerset Constabulary at all levels.

The Association acts as an umbrella for any related initiative, to advertise, explain and obtain updates on progress.

“Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares”

We maintain a comprehensive email database and can communicate promptly and efficiently with alternatives for those without email. This information can be crime-related and also be

general community matters such as forthcoming events and activities in the town. Together as a membership we can make a difference and have more influence as a group than as individuals to improve the ethos of our community.

What is the History of Neighbourhood Watch Association?

Neighbourhood Watch was set up in 1996 and became an association of a number of schemes in 2005. Today over 100 households in Shepton are members of the scheme.

We have developed over time from the image of “curtain twitchers” to what is now a community led organisation backed by Police and one which networks with other community groups in the town.

Find Out More

We have a posting on the Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club website at

<http://www.smbtc.org.uk>

We have a Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/neighbourhoodshepton/

Why Have a Scheme

- We need to be pro-active nowadays to foster a community spirit
- It is one of the most successful crime prevention initiatives ever, helping to protect individuals and property and reduce the fear of crime.
- You can feel more secure knowing that neighbours are looking out for the unexpected.
- Through a scheme a particular problem can be targeted such as vandalism or anti-social behaviour.
- To create an awareness of crime and the crime prevention ideas available to all.

No Cold Calling Zones

No Cold Calling Zones are identified areas within the town. The principal objective is to deter bogus callers and whilst not illegal to knock on doors, subject to resources the police will respond to calls to make it known to the cold caller that they are not welcome and ask them to move on.

Community Watch

- Helps the Community to help itself
- Reduce the opportunity for crime
- Work closely with the local police
- Work with other community groups
- Report problems

Partners and Communities Together

The association participates in PACT together with town and district councillors and other agencies. It is the process used by the partners to engage communities to identify and solve local issues that are affecting community safety and quality of life.

Next Steps

If you are interested in joining or getting more information on the

- No Cold Calling Zones
- Community Watch or
- Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

please contact the Secretary on

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or telephone 01749 823012



**POLICE AND
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STANDARDS
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