



Newsletter

Welcome to the MAY/JUNE edition of our newsletter.

Apologies for the lack of newsletters for the past couple of months. There is a lot going on for the team at the moment, preparing for the next AGM and trying to resolve the glitch we have had with the surveys we recently sent out to our members. We will soon be re-issuing the surveys, so thank you for your understanding and patience!

June is a big month for Neighbourhood Watch, with the celebration of NW week 3rd - 9th June. Got anything planned? Let us know your stories!

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

Scheme Coordinators: Registering your scheme on the national database

Following feedback from coordinators, we are in the process of mapping all schemes registered with the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association (SNWA) onto the National NW database. This enables anyone the option to search and apply to join a scheme in their area.

Whilst not mandatory, we encourage Scheme Coordinators to “claim” their scheme by [signing up to the national database](#). Once registered, SNWA then validate coordinators and their scheme. This then enables coordinators to invite neighbours to join their scheme online, and use the built in ALERT message system as a method of engaging with their scheme members.

Registering your members securely online just got easier

You can now add new members, or register existing members, to your scheme by a phone, tablet, or computer in just minutes by following these 3 easy steps:

1. Login to your member area and scroll down to your scheme
2. Click on the member icon and you will see “ADD SOMEONE TO YOUR SCHEME”
3. Complete the form and select “ADD TO SCHEME”

What happens next? You will receive an email to say that someone has been added to your scheme and the new member will receive an email asking them to confirm within 30 days that they wish to join the scheme and consent to hold their data. Registered members will receive a New Member Welcome Pack from NW by email and regular crime prevention advice. They can opt to receive further information from local organisations, such as the police, fire service, etc, and if they move area their account moves with them.

With all your members registered, you can manage your scheme from one central place. When you decide to move on from being a Coordinator, handing this role over to a new person is easy through our membership database. Find out more [here](#).



National Neighbourhood Watch: Insight 2023 Perceptions Report

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

MAKING THIS A BETTER PLACE
TO LIVE. TOGETHER.



INSIGHT SURVEY 2023

This year's Insights Survey was completed in May, with over 20,000 people responding. The survey looked at the perception of Neighbourhood Watch and satisfaction of people's experience with Neighbourhood Watch.

The Perception Report can be found here: [Neighbourhood Watch Insights 2023 Perceptions Report](#)

Over 20,000 responses from members, supporters and members of the public is a fantastic return. There are some great results about what people associate with us and how people feel safer in an area with a visible Neighbourhood Watch presence.



National Neighbourhood Watch: Neighbourhood Watch Week

Getting ready for Neighbourhood Watch Week, 3rd – 9th June

Neighbourhood Watch Week is an annual week of celebration and connection. This year, the focus is on making this a **Better Place to Live**.

There are simple ways you can do this – one is by inviting others to join your scheme. We celebrate the week in June – now known as the Month of Community – so it is a great time to connect with others locally. You may wish to invite your neighbours to a coffee morning to allow everyone to talk about what they like (or would like to improve) about their area. Or you could arrange a litter pick or knock on neighbour's doors to introduce yourself and your scheme. [Find out more ways to make this a Better Place to Live](#)



Eden Project: June is the month of Community

The Month of Community is an opportunity for us all to celebrate everything that makes our communities great, to bring our neighbourhoods closer, give back, and shine a light on the amazing communities we live in. There will be plenty of community events and celebrations across the UK, and opportunities to support a variety of charities and causes.

Holding a Big Lunch is the perfect way to celebrate the Month of Community – a chance to get together and celebrate everything that makes your community great. Your Big Lunch could help to:

- reduce loneliness and isolation
- build community connections
- fundraise for your community
- say thank you to your neighbours or volunteers

A whopping 20 million people took part in June 2022, to say cheers to volunteers, connect with their neighbours, welcome refugees, support carers, raise awareness of loneliness, or simply to say thank you. Our amazing partners have events and initiatives running all throughout the month:

- 1-7 June: Volunteers' Week
- 3-4 June: Have a Grow Day
- 3-9 June: Neighbourhood Watch Week
- 5-11 June: Carers Week
- 10-18 June: Great Big Green Week
- 12-18 June: Loneliness Awareness Week
- 19-23 June: Small Charity Week
- 19-25 June: Refugee Week
- 22 June: Windrush Day
- 23-25 June: The Great Get Together
- 26 June - 2 July: Care Home Open Week
- 2 July: Thank You Day

But you can hold a Big Lunch anytime during the month, or year. The idea is that by starting simple, and bringing people together to share friendship, food and fun with a Big Lunch, all sorts of ideas and projects can follow. It can lead to people doing more within their community and together tackling the issues that matter to them most.

Find out more here: <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/month-of-community>

LET'S CELEBRATE EVERYTHING THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITIES GREAT!



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Join in at [MonthofCommunity.com](https://www.monthofcommunity.com)



Get Safe Online: Your Digital Footprint

Every time you use visit a website, send or receive a message or email, buy or book anything online, comment on a post, upload a photo or find directions on your phone, you're adding to your digital footprint.

The internet provides many positive experiences, but we could probably all benefit from thinking more about the trail we leave online. Your digital footprint is part of your online history and can potentially be seen by other people, or tracked and held in multiple databases, however careful you are with your privacy settings.

This month the Get Safe Online campaign considers what might happen as a result of your digital footprint, and provides tips and advice on what you can do to protect your digital trail.

[Find out more here.](#)



Suffolk Trading Standards



REPORT IT, HELP OTHERS! #RogueFreeSuffolk

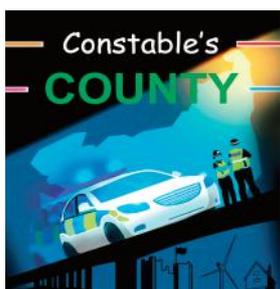
If you see a scam, an unsafe product, OR a Rogue Trader, report it via **0808 223 1133**.

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.

Suffolk Constabulary: Latest Newsletter



The latest newsletter edition of "Constables County" is now available, with updates from Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the East, West and South of Suffolk. [Find it here](#)



Suffolk Crimestoppers: Campaigns

Organised crime gangs and Cannabis Cultivation

This campaign is aimed to raise awareness and inform the public about the harms and dangers associated with organised crime gangs and cannabis cultivation.

In 2022, Crimestoppers received more than 14,000 anonymous reports from concerned members of the public about cannabis being illegally grown in their community.

This illegal drug activity not only has a detrimental effect on local communities, but also on vulnerable people who are coerced or exploited into carrying out illegal activities. The campaign aims to educate the public, and encourage those with information to speak up, 100% anonymously, to Crimestoppers.

Cannabis cultivation is harming your community

Criminals don't care who they exploit, or about the violence and damage they bring to our communities.

They destroy lives whilst pursuing vast profits.

CrimeStoppers.
0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.
crimestoppers-uk.org

You can speak up and remain 100% anonymous. Always.

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Crime gangs force victims of human trafficking into labour as modern slavery

Many of these vulnerable individuals are forced to work in cash businesses such as car washes, nail bars, takeaways, cleaning or building work.

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Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Crimestoppers has also launched a new campaign that aims to inform the public on the harms and dangers associated with organised crime gangs with regard to human trafficking and modern slavery.

Last year, UK reports concerning modern slavery increased by a third compared to the previous twelve months. Criminal gangs can make vast amounts of money from bringing people illegally into the country using boats, small planes and lorries. Once these individuals arrive, they are often exploited by criminals and can be forced to work for little or no money, often in poor conditions, and often being made to take part in criminal activity such as **money laundering, cannabis cultivation, begging and shoplifting** gangs and the **sex industry**.

We encourage everyone to learn how to spot the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking, and speak up, 100% anonymously to Crimestoppers, as a national charity, independent of the police.



Changes to Crime Recording Rules - Minister for Policing Announcement 13th April 2023

Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire, The Rt Hon Chris Philp MP, gave a speech on measures being taken to reduce unnecessary red tape and free up police time.

We are grateful to the Bury St Edmunds Area B Coordinator Andy Tucker, who has provided a summary of the main points as per the statement already released to the public

In summary: Changes to be implemented as soon as possible to the crime recording rules to cut bureaucracy, free up 443,000 policing hours, and provide a clearer picture to the public of actual levels of reported crimes.



It is widely acknowledged that the Police UK crime recording format ('owned' by the Home office and comprising 14 defined crime categories used by all 43 Police Forces across England and Wales) has its limitations and the reporting system is excessively bureaucratic. The police are required to record incidents, whether crime or non-crime, in a consistent and accurate manner, following the Home Office guidance set out in the National Standard for Incident Recording (NSIR) counting rules.

On 13th April 2023 the Minister for Policing (The Rt. Hon. Chris Philp MP) announced changes to the Home Office Counting Rules. The full transcript of the announcement is available here: [Cutting red tape to free up police time to focus on solving crimes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/cutting-red-tape-to-free-up-police-time-to-focus-on-solving-crimes) and following a review of the counting rules the following recommendations have been accepted and the Minister wants implemented as soon as possible:

1. Cease the requirement for police to create separate crime records when there is more than one crime in a particular report or account that a victim has passed to the police.
2. Cease the requirement to record minor public order offences where no victim has been identified or when the police turn up, there is nothing to see.
3. Make clear that frivolous allegations of criminal offences should not be recorded as a criminal offence unless a criminal threshold has clearly been met.

By adopting the recommendations, the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) have calculated that 443,000 hours of police time each year will be freed up from filling in forms and bureaucracy and be spent catching criminals and supporting victims.

Furthermore, there will be a second phase to the work including a review of the NSIR and the way that the outcomes of investigations are recorded.

From a Neighbourhood Watch perspective, it is hoped that the recommendations once implemented will provide a clearer picture to the public of the actual levels of crime that are being reported.



Immobilise: Celebrating 20 years

If you haven't already come across [Immobilise.com](https://www.immobilise.com), it's a free and invaluable tool against property crime. With close links to police and other law enforcement agencies, officers will routinely check the database to try to match recovered lost or stolen items with their rightful owners.

Founded in 2003, it's been 20 years since the site launched and it's now the world's largest free register of possession ownership details. Over 25 million users worldwide have registered over 35 million items of property in that time.

By logging your possessions, you can increase your chances of them being returned to you if they are recovered. Any updates you make – such as flagging an item as lost or stolen – are immediately available to police nationally and keeping a detailed log of your valuables can help to simplify insurance claims and police reports.

The Immobilise register is also linked with [CheckMEND](https://www.checkmend.com), the second-hand stolen property database, which can help detect stolen items and prevent them from being traded.

Marking the 20th anniversary, Les Gray, one of the founders of Immobilise, took a moment to reflect on the platform's success.

“When we first launched Immobilise, we knew its potential. To watch it flourish over the years and become the critical tool against crime that we knew it could be, has been really quite special,” Les commented.

“We've achieved a lot in the past 20 years, but there's still so much more we can do. We're excited about the future of Immobilise and the role it can play in making our communities safer.”



Any item with a unique identifier can be registered on Immobilise – from mobile phones and laptops to bikes, jewellery and musical instruments. If your item doesn't have a serial number, or anything else that might help to identify it, using a marking product like a UV pen or asset label could prove useful.

Adding a touch of uniqueness will help to match the item back to you as the owner. A number of marking products are sold through the Immobilise online shop, but the system will accept any identifiers, from any third party.

Visibly marking items as being registered – through labels or window stickers for your home, for example – can even help to deter thieves.

“The online service is totally free and is quick and easy to use. Items marked as being registered with Immobilise are less likely to be stolen, and households displaying Immobilise stickers are less likely to be targeted by burglars.”

Register your items now



Neighbourhood Watch Charter: One year on

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CHARTER CELEBRATES 1,320 SIGN UPS IN YEAR ONE, INCLUDING ITS FIRST CORPORATE PARTNER, ERA

One year on, the Community Safety Charter is now established as a core element of Neighbourhood Watch's work tackling antisocial behaviour and crimes in public spaces.

The Charter reflects widespread public concerns at a time when 64%* of people are worried about experiencing fly-tipping in the coming year and 59%* are worried about experiencing other antisocial behaviours.

With the support of local volunteers, along with the use of central resources, the Community Safety Charter helps communities to tackle local crimes in public spaces, such as harassment, hate crime, and antisocial behaviour.

Over 1,320 individuals and organisations have signed up to the Charter since its launch and are receiving tailored information, support, and tools to help recognise and report crime and support those affected.

Those who sign up, including individuals, businesses, organisations, local authorities, parish councils, schools, and Police and Crime Commissioners, are encouraged to safely address public crimes and help make their community more connected and resilient. The free Charter provides bi-monthly modules on issues such as harassment, hate crime, antisocial behaviour, bystander intervention, confrontation, and leading change.

ERA, a long-standing supporter of the Neighbourhood Watch charity, has become the Charter's first official corporate sponsor.

The leading security solutions company has been protecting households across the UK for over 180 years. By developing an extensive selection of smart security solutions including smart alarm and camera systems, as well as mechanical door and window locks.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER

TACKLING CRIMES IN PUBLIC SPACES



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Community Safety Charter: Pledge your support

Crimes and harmful behaviours, such as sexual harassment and hate crime, are significantly under-reported. A key factor for this is the everyday nature of these crimes and incidents, and the fact that they have become deeply ingrained in our culture.

These incidents pervade the lives of those who experience them, no matter the severity, and are also likely to escalate. However people are becoming more aware of these crimes and the long-term implications they have on victims and communities. The tide of acceptance is turning.

We are encouraging people to ask others ‘are you okay?’ if they witness an incident and ultimately it is safe for them to do so. This simple action lets a victim know they are not alone and the perpetrator that you do not condone the harassment.

“If you witness someone being harassed on the street – whether they are being intimidated, shouted at, insulted, honked at, up-skirted, or are having offensive gestures or comments made towards them – when it is safe for you to do so, ask them if they are okay.

This lets them know that you stand by them, empowers the victim to report and sends a message of intolerance towards the crime. In this way we can start to turn that culture of acceptance around.” John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ASK THIS QUESTION?

Street harassment often occurs in residential streets, on the bus, or in local parks and high streets when there are people around who may witness it.

There are many reasons why they won’t intervene, particularly when in large groups. Termed the “bystander effect” this occurs when the presence of others discourages an individual from intervening. The greater the number of bystanders, the less likely it is for any one of them to initiate help for a person in distress.

Disrupting the escalation early by safely intervening makes it more difficult for discrimination, harassment and hate to flourish. Asking “are you okay?” when it is safe to do so is part of a delayed intervention and part of the “5D’s” methodology of bystander intervention.

For more information about the “5Ds” methodology and how to safely intervene and prevent street harassment, visit ourwatch.org.uk/streetharassment.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

**IF YOU SEE STREET HARASSMENT...
DONT WATCH IN SILENCE.**

ASK 'ARE YOU OKAY?'

ourwatch.org.uk/streetharassment

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**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

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Cyberhood Watch Amabassador: Suffolk

Over a third of Neighbourhood Watch members have told us they believe cybercrime is more of a threat today than physical crime, and over half see the threat level as similar. For this reason, the cornerstone of our partnership is cybercrime prevention. To achieve this, Neighbourhood Watch members will be provided with information, advice and practical tips based on Avast's 30+ years of cybersecurity experience - to help protect members and their communities from cyber harm.



To prevent cybercrime from spreading in our communities, Neighbourhood Watch Ambassadors have a vital role to play. They will take the lead in sharing information with members more widely and becoming the point of contact for cybersecurity questions and concerns within communities. They also have the opportunity to be the local Cyberhood Watch spokesperson to help promote local Cyberhood Watch events and activities and raise the profile of the initiative through the press, social media, and other channels.

Together, we have the ability to educate and help people protect themselves, loved ones and communities against the increasing threat of cyber harm.

The local Cyberhood Watch Ambassador for Suffolk has recently been announced, and can be contacted direct:

Simon de Laat - simon.delaat@victimsupport.org.uk

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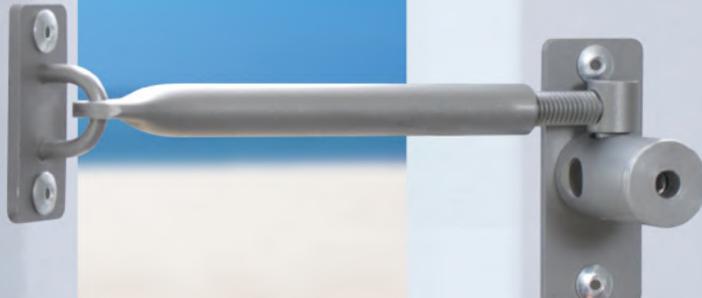
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