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Our new partnership with FPEP

We have teamed up with Future Proof Estate Planning to offer an **exclusive discount** for Neighbourhood Watch members.

Estate planning is the process of deciding what happens to your assets when you pass away, or suffer serious illness. Future-Proof Estate Planning Limited are committed to providing expert estate planning advice that is simple, effective and affordable. Find out more on page 6.

Minister meets NW members

We were delighted to have a meeting with Dame Diana Johnson DBE, Minister for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention at the Neighbourhood Watch central support office.



She came to hear about the work we are doing and to speak to volunteer members; Jan Forbes, Jacob Short, Imaan Williams, Winston Gordon, Paul Voden and Zak Hussein. The conversation covered the Home Office's commitment to community policing, particularly the introduction of the Crime and Policing Bill.

Neighbourhood Watch members shared details of local initiatives and discussed their concerns around anti-social behaviour and harassment. As well as an opportunity to showcase the work volunteers are doing at community level, we also talked about national projects. Including our youth council, bystander training, our new organisational strategy and the Community Safety Charter.



Join our Youth Council

Are you aged 16-24? Do you want to make your area safer for young people?

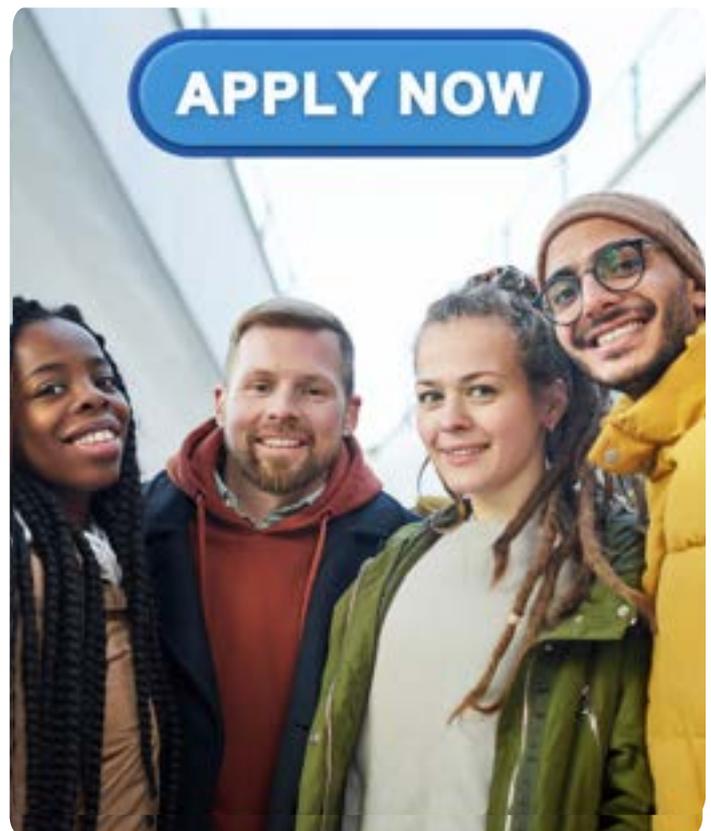
Neighbourhood Watch Youth Council is recruiting new members

Young people's opinions on how their communities could be improved often go unheard. We want to change that.

After the amazing success of our first youth council, we are now accepting applications for our next council membership.

The council is made up of between 15-20 young people from across England and Wales.

Their role is to give young people a voice in their community. With the aim of creating safer, and happier spaces to live, study and socialise.



If you, or someone you know, is aged between 16-24 and interested in setting the agenda for young people's safety, community and wellbeing, this is a great opportunity.

The council meets regularly and is fully supported. As well as shaping the conversation around community, you'll learn new skills, build your experience for your CV, and meet people who share your interests.

Find out more about the Youth Council

Neighbourhood Watch Week

Celebrate 40 years of Neighbourhood Watch week by going back to the 80s.



If you're lucky enough to remember 1985, you'll probably recall some cultural watersheds; the Live Aid concert, the launch of CD players, the release of Back to the Future.

Ok, maybe the last one is a bit of a stretch. But it is also the year that the very first Neighbourhood Watch Week was launched.

We want everyone to get involved. There are several ways you can celebrate:

- Host a Big Lunch to bring your your local community together
- Invite people to join a local scheme
- Celebrate your volunteers through the volunteer recognition awards. Nominations open on 3 June.

Neighbourhood Watch Week takes place 1-7 June, as part of the Month of Community. It is an opportunity to bring our neighbourhoods closer, give back, and shine a light on our amazing work our members do.

We're excited to see a host of events and celebrations across the UK, as we get together to honour 40 years of friendships, fun and supporting our communities. Find out more.

**Keeping your
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ERA has a legacy of keeping Britain's communities safe, designing and manufacturing innovative home security solutions for over 185 years.

When it comes to creating cohesive communities, being an active participant in local life, and being a good neighbour are equally as important.

Pledge partners

ERA and Neighbourhood Watch have a long history of working together to build safer, more secure communities, having been in partnership for almost a decade. In fact, ERA was the first official corporate sponsor of the Neighbourhood Watch Safety Charter, in which members, businesses and organisations pledge to do whatever they can to create safer communities.

Secure homes make for safer communities

By ensuring your home is properly protected with a smart alarm system, you'll not only keep your home, belongings, and family safe, but you could improve your community's safety too.

ERA's state-of-the-art alarm systems provide alerts through the ERA Smart Home App, allowing you to immediately update your neighbours if there are any incidents. Choose a system including a live siren; this will provide a visual deterrent for potential thieves, who may think twice about targeting your neighbourhood.

Everybody needs good neighbours

When it comes to modern life, modern solutions are needed; that's where ERA's Universal Smart Handle comes in. This keyless smart lock allows you to let trusted neighbours in to water your plants or feed your cat while you're on holiday – simply program in their fingerprint before you go, and they'll be able to enter your home.

Learn more about ERA's range of home security solutions. 

YOUR HOME IS PROTECTED, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?



FUTURE-PROOF
ESTATE PLANNING

As Neighbourhood Watch members, we understand the importance of being prepared. We take steps to secure our homes, watch out for each other, and ensure our community stays safe. But have you ever stopped to think about how you're preparing for the unexpected when it comes to your future? Having a Will in place is an important first step.

But, what would happen if, tomorrow, you became unable to make decisions for yourself? A sudden illness, a fall, or an accident could leave you unable to manage your affairs. Would your loved ones know what to do? This is where a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) comes in.

An LPA is a legal document that allows you to choose someone you trust to make decisions on your behalf if you're unable to do so. It's not just about protecting your financial interests; it's about securing your health, wellbeing, and peace of mind for the future.



PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND WELFARE

With a Health and Welfare LPA, you can appoint someone to make decisions about your medical treatment, and living arrangements, if you're unable to make those choices yourself. This could be decisions about where you live, what care you receive, and even what you eat or wear.

Without an LPA, your loved ones might struggle to make these decisions for you, and they could face long delays while trying to navigate legal procedures.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY AND FINANCES

A Property and Finance LPA ensures that your finances and assets are managed according to your wishes. If you become incapacitated, someone you trust can pay bills, manage your bank accounts, and make decisions about your home.

Without this legal protection, your financial world could become chaotic, and someone else may be appointed to take control, potentially someone who doesn't know your preferences or values.

EXCLUSIVE 20% OFFER

To make this process even easier, Future-Proof Estate Planning is offering Neighbourhood Watch members an **exclusive 20% discount on your estate planning documents** - [click here](#). Their online HoneyPro system allows you to create your Will and LPAs from the comfort of your own home.

Should you need assistance, telephone support is available to guide you through every step, ensuring the process is as simple and stress-free as possible.

Planning ahead isn't about expecting the worst, it's about being ready for whatever life brings.

Aldeburgh & Fearon Streets Neighbourhood Watch

Had a good litter pick in the sunshine with their caring corporate neighbour **IKEA**.

They are looking forward to having councillor David Llewellyn Gardner join them next time.

Thanks to all who came, and all who were with them in spirit.



South West police day

Steph Good, our Devon and Cornwall project manager worked with Police Problem Solver Vashti Pearce, and Karen MacDonald from Crimestoppers, to share a stand and spend the day networking.

They talked to Neighbourhood Policing Teams right across the South West about our organisations and identifying opportunities to integrate and work together. Vashti calls them a mini a Community Safety Coalition!



Protect Your Belongings with the AlarmID

Exclusive offer for Neighbourhood Watch members

What is the AlarmID?

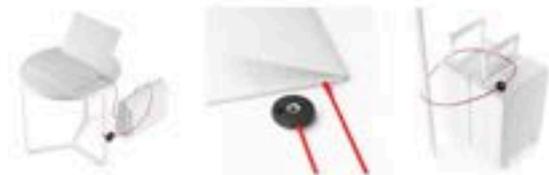
A portable security tamper alarm that guards your backpack, laptop, or luggage. If someone tries to walk off with your things, the AlarmID cable will need to be unplugged or cut, triggering a loud siren alerting you and everyone around to the theft.

Key Features:

- 100 decibel tamper alarm
- Arm/Disarm with your fingerprint
- 2 metre cable to easily secure items
- Lightweight and discreet
- Trusted by 1000s of happy customers worldwide

Don't be an easy target for thieves. You can't always have your eye on your things so AlarmID adds an instant layer of protection, and peace of mind.

Perfect for securing your belongings whilst travelling, at university, in cafes, restaurants and bars.



Smart security for everyday life.

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