



## Neighbourhood and Home Watch

Looking out for the community

### WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

Neighbourhood Watch (in some areas known as Home Watch), is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention schemes ever. It is based on simple ideas and values that are shared by many people around the country:

**'Getting together with your neighbours to reduce local crime and disorder in the bid to make your neighbourhood a safe and better place to live, work and play'.**

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing crime – it is about building community spirit and good relations. It brings local people closer together with common goals; to tackle crime and disorder and to keep an eye on each other's property.

There are also other benefits of joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. For example, you can learn more about crime prevention and home security which will help keep your home and belongings safe. You might also get a discount on your home insurance.

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch schemes are:

- To reduce the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour to occur in your neighbourhood by deterring would-be burglars and vandals.
- To build a community spirit so that all residents can contribute towards the protection of their property through co-operation and communication.

Members of Watch schemes are not vigilantes. Patrolling the streets is a job for the police; they will act upon the information supplied by residents. Watch schemes are not police-run groups. However, in order to be effective in tackling crime, Watch schemes have to work in partnership with the police (and other agencies).

By letting the police know of anything suspicious that you see or hear, you are helping to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur. The more difficult it can be made for the criminal, the more likely it is that crime can be reduced.

### HOW DO I SET UP A SCHEME IN MY AREA?

If you are interested in setting up a scheme the next step is to contact your local police staff liaison officer (i.e. your local Police Constable or Police Community Support Officer). The closer the links with the police, the more effective a scheme will be.

Contact Details for Stockport Area Policing Teams:

#### **Central Neighbourhood Policing Team**

(covering Alexandra Park, Cheadle Heath, Edgeley, Hillgate & Heavily, Peel Centre, Shaw Heath, Town Centre, Woodbank)

**Tel: 0161 856 5902      Email: [stockport.centralNPT@gmp.police.uk](mailto:stockport.centralNPT@gmp.police.uk)**

#### **North Neighbourhood Policing Team**

(covering the areas of Heaton, North Reddish, South Reddish, Reddish, Brinnington)

**Tel: 0161 856 9786      Email: [stockport.northNPT@gmp.police.uk](mailto:stockport.northNPT@gmp.police.uk)**

#### **East Neighbourhood Policing Team**

(covering the areas of Marple & High Lane, Offerton, Stepping Hill & Davenport, Werneth)

**Tel: 0161 856 9973      Email: [stockporteastNPT@gmp.police.uk](mailto:stockporteastNPT@gmp.police.uk)**

#### **West Neighbourhood Policing Team**

(covering the areas of Adswold & Bridgehall, Bramhall South & Woodord, Cheadle, Heald Green, Gatley)

**Tel: 0161 856 9770      Email: [stockportwestNPT@gmp.police.uk](mailto:stockportwestNPT@gmp.police.uk)**

Your local police liaison officer can advise you on the local crime picture, on personal safety and property security, and local initiatives. It is also useful to establish a contact with whom you can report suspicious characters and incidents.

Alternatively please feel free to contact the **Community Safety Unit** on **Tel: 0161 474 3143** or email [communitysafetyunit@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyunit@stockport.gov.uk).