

## Who runs Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch?

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch is funded by the London Borough of Hillingdon, and is run by unpaid volunteers based at Ruislip Police Station.

We have a small committee that meets quarterly to discuss how we can further support Watches across the Borough. Your suggestions are welcome and you can contact us as follows:

e-mail

**all@hillingdonnhw.co.uk**

Telephone

**0208 246 1869**

Visit

Ruislip Police Station, 5 The Oaks Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 7LE  
Fridays between 10.00 and 13.00

Please telephone first to confirm that we are open,  
and to arrange a convenient time to call.

## REMEMBER!

If you are a victim of crime, or wish to report a crime, you should contact the POLICE:

**CRIME IN PROGRESS 999**

**REPORTING A CRIME 101**

Once you have alerted the Police, remember to contact the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for your road – he/she will alert others who may have heard or seen something important, and who may be willing to come forward and help.

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# HILLINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## *An introduction for Coordinators and Watch members*



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## What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the largest and most successful voluntary crime prevention initiatives currently in existence countrywide. At its most basic level, Neighbourhood Watch consists of a group of like-minded neighbours getting together to help reduce crime where they live, and therefore make their community safer.

### Membership is FREE!

Membership of Neighbourhood Watch is free – there is no subscription. Members act as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of their local community.

### Look Out for your Neighbours

Neighbourhood Watch is all about looking out for each other. Neighbours uniting and acting together means that dozens of eyes and ears are able to pick up on anything happening in the neighbourhood that could cause worry or concern. It is not about being nosy or interfering, it is about being a good neighbour, caring for your community, and reporting crime and potential problems.

Everyone knows that the Police are there to prevent and fight crime, but they need your help. As Robert Peel said, “The Police are the public and the public are the Police”. An active partnership between Neighbourhood Watch and the Police can reduce the opportunity for others to commit crime, or help solve a crime that has happened.

### Objectives

The objectives of Neighbourhood Watch are to:

- Prevent crime by increasing awareness
- Encourage the reporting of crime and suspicious activity
- Improve the quality of information passed to the Police
- Reduce the fear of crime within the community
- Encourage the improvement of home security
- Promote awareness of personal security and safety
- Encourage the marking of property to discourage theft
- Encourage the registration of property to assist its recovery

## How do I join a Watch?

The first step is to find out whether your road already has a Watch. You can do that by contacting the HNW Office at Ruislip Police Station (see details on the back of this leaflet). If a Watch exists we can pass your name to the Watch Coordinator, who will then make contact with you.

### How do I start a Watch?

If a Watch does not exist then it is easy to start one. You will need someone to volunteer as Watch Coordinator for your road, along with a Deputy if possible, who will register with the HNW Office and be given a photographic identity card and a Coordinator Handbook. The Watch can then be launched, each member can be provided with a window sticker, and a sign can be erected on a lamp-post within the Watch area. All residents are automatically members of the Watch unless they specifically wish to opt out.

A variety of free literature is available to Watches from the HNW Office, subject to availability, plus a limited number of anti-theft lanyards, personal alarms, UV pens and similar items.

### How does a Watch work?

The Watch Coordinator can run the Watch as they see fit, in line with the objectives listed opposite. The HNW Office produces a regular Newsletter, and this can be collected and distributed to all Watch members. The Watch Coordinator can maintain a register of Watch members who wish to provide their contact details, and they can use these details to send appropriate alerts to members. Coordinators should get to know their local Policing team and, if possible, the Coordinators in adjoining roads. This increase in communication and neighbourliness will help everyone to work together to REDUCE CRIME.

