

Who runs Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch?

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch is funded by the London Borough of Hillingdon, and is run by unpaid volunteers based at the address below.

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@hillingtonnhw.co.uk

Visit

Manor Farm House, Manor Farm Complex,
Eastcote Road, Ruislip, HA4 8BD
Fridays between 10.00 and 13.00

Please email the office first on the above email address 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 – they will alert others who may have heard or seen something important, and who may be willing to come forward and help.

Our website has a wealth of crime prevention advice, Police contact detail, Police Twitter feeds and CCTV advice:

www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk

HILLINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

*An introduction for
Watch 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.

An active partnership between Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (HNW) 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
- The above can be achieved by all members signing up to **OWL**



How do I join Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch?

There are two ways to join Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (HNW):

- The easiest way is to register on **OWL**, after which you will start to receive alerts and crime prevention messages from the Police and HNW by email.
- You can also contact the HNW Office (see details on the back of this leaflet) who will be pleased to assist.

The HNW Office produces a regular electronic Newsletter for distribution to all members of HNW.

How do I join a Watch?

A group of residents within a road can join together to form a **Watch** and appoint a **Coordinator** who runs the Watch as they see fit, in line with the Objectives. Coordinators should get to know their local Policing team and, if possible, Coordinators in adjoining roads. This increase in communication and neighbourliness will help everyone to work together to **REDUCE CRIME**.

How do I become a Watch Coordinator?

If your Watch does not have a Coordinator, you can volunteer for the role, along with a Deputy if possible. You will be registered with the HNW Office and be given a photographic ID and a Handbook. Each member will be provided with a window sticker, and a sign can be erected on a lamp-post within the Watch area.



What is OWL?

OWL (Online Watch Link) forms an integral part of HNW and is the communications system used by both the Police and HNW to send out local crime alerts, crime prevention advice and good news stories directly to residents by email. **OWL** is the only secure communications system in the UK that is Police approved under the "Secured by Design" scheme. When you join, you can also sign up to **CCTV Watch** to indicate to the Police that you have a domestic CCTV system that may be of use to them if a crime takes place near you. To register on **OWL** simply visit:

www.owl.co.uk