

Welcome to the new Fareham Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

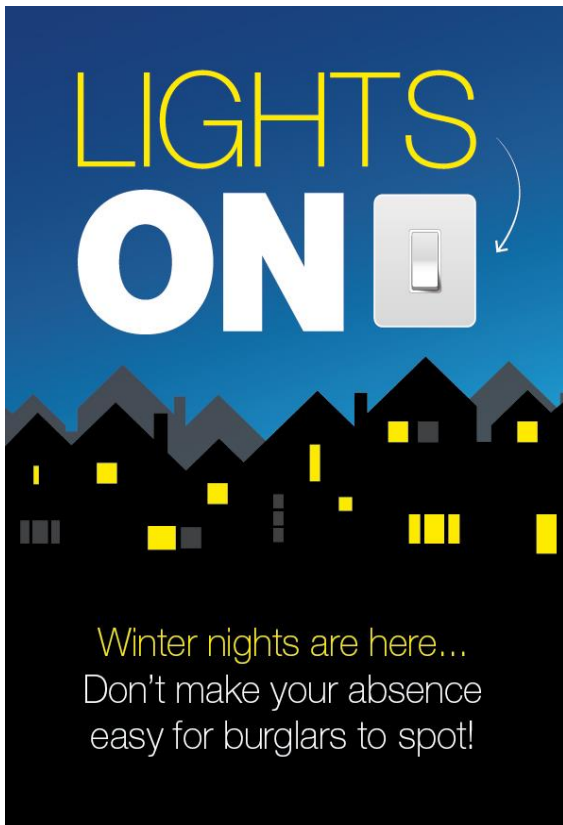
Neighbourhood Watch is one of the most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea and a central value shared by millions of people around the country, that getting together with your neighbours to take action will reduce crime and disorder.

Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in making their area a better and safer place in which to live.

We all know that the police are there to fight crime, but they need our help to do an effective job. Indeed, some problems just *can't* be solved by the police alone.

Some need a joint approach by the police, the community, the local authority and perhaps other agencies too.

Neighbourhood Watch Groups don't just tackle crime issues. Many of our groups involve themselves in a whole host of community and environmental projects in order to improve the place where they live and the quality of life of their families.



With this time of year, darker evenings bring their own issues often increasing opportunities for homes to be left in darkness during the late afternoon and early mornings whilst householders are still at work. See below for some useful tips and advice:

- Use timer switches (available from most D.I.Y stores) to switch on lights, radios while you are away from the home to make it look and sound occupied.
- Ensure you shut and lock windows and doors when you return home and settle down for the evening.
- Ensure you have used padlocks on the side gates to deny access to the rear of the property.
- Ensure your outside lighting is in working order (consider low level ambient light on a dusk to dawn sensor) this will activate even when you are not at home.
- After the summer, secure your garden tools and garden equipment in a locked and alarmed shed or garage for the winter so that they cannot be used to gain entry to your home.
- Property mark belongings with your house number and postcode, keep a list of any makes, models and serial numbers. Take photos of jewellery. Register your items for free at www.immobilise.com. Using this service will assist the police in returning property to the rightful owner should it be stolen.
- This is a good time to address your security, fit extra door and window locks. If you are feeling vulnerable or are elderly, ask for a free home safety and security survey by the Bobby Scheme (see link) or call 0300 777 0157 for an appointment. https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/Bobby_Scheme/

This winter is 'Your Time to Shine' to be safe on Hampshire's roads

Be Bright Be Seen on the roads is the message to children and adults from Hampshire County Council as the winter days draw in and a new campaign is launched to let people know that winter is Your Time to Shine.

Hampshire County Council is advising all cyclists and pedestrians walking or cycling near traffic at night that reflective clothing is needed, as this reflects light from car and bike headlamps, and to make sure bike lights are clean and in good working order.

'Be Bright Be Seen' - find out more here - <http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/be-bright.php>





NEW – Neighbourhood Watch Members' Guide has been released.

This 32 page guide contains a number of hints and tips about preventing crime and keeping our communities and yourself safe. If you would like a copy it can be seen online at: <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Members-Guide-PDF-2016.pdf>

If you would like a 'hard copy' or number of copies for your scheme, please contact the Fareham NHW office where we have a limited supply.

Message from PC Sam Couchman, Fareham Neighbourhood Watch Police Lead.

Fareham Neighbourhood Policing team currently work at 2 locations, with Fareham West working out of Park Gate Station and Fareham East working out of Fareham Station. Both teams will join together and be working out of Fareham Station by the end of the year and will move into Fareham Borough Council's building in Civic Way early next year. This is all part of Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioners estates program.

One task I would like you to do, is to advise the NHW team what you would like to see in future newsletters? We are already planning for spring 2017, so please email or contact the office on the below number with your suggestions. Let's work together in making Fareham an even safer place to live and work. You are our eyes and ears out across the borough.

Message from Carol Allington – NHW Chair

I am very pleased to announce that we will be soon be launching the new Fareham Borough Neighbourhood Watch website along with Facebook and Twitter. We realise that we needed to keep up with the modern way of communicating with members. The committee have decided that we will stop with the hand delivery of these newsletters, as it is very time consuming for all those involved. The newsletters will now be available electronically via email, and available on the new website. We understand that a number of members would still like a printed copy, so a supply will be available at Libraries and Community Centres across the borough along with Fareham Police Station and Fareham Borough Council offices in Civic Way.

Lastly can I thank you for your help and support over the past year and I look forward to working with you in 2017. Happy Christmas.



PC 23488 Sam Couchman
Fareham Neighbourhood
Policing team



Does your Neighbourhood Watch sign need a revamp for 2017?

We have a few NHW sign overlays which we can send you to rejuvenate your existing sign. Just give us a call or email and we will send one straight out to you.



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