

OUR NEWS



FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS ACROSS ENGLAND & WALES



Hello and welcome to the March issue.

We have now launched our new burglary campaign, with our sponsors ERA, and we are in the thick of planning the events and resources for

our 40th Anniversary year. Both are covered in this month's edition with details of how to download our 40 YEARS, 40 ACTIONS pack.

A reminder that nominations for our Volunteer Recognition Awards 2022 close on 13th

March. We have received lots of nominations so far but if you know of anyone (including yourself) who has been a volunteer for 5 years or more, please fill in the form and let us know so we can celebrate together. More on page 4.

Stay safe,

John Hayward-Cripps,
CEO, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK

THINK WIDE(N) to prevent burglary

PICKING UP THE KIDS?
THINK WIDE(N)

LOCK YOUR WINDOWS

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prevention campaign (1st-31st March), highlighting the simple evidence-based WIDE measures which can be taken in any home on a variety of budgets.

At Neighbourhood Watch, we also believe neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is key to reducing burglary, so we've extended the WIDE acronym to WIDE(N):

- **W: WINDOWS:** Keep your windows locked
- **I: INTERIOR:** Put inside lights on a timer/ smart bulb
- **D: DOORS:** Double or deadlock your doors
- **E: EXTERIOR:** Put outside lights on a sensor
- **(N): NEIGHBOURS:** Keep an eye out for your neighbours

Learn more about WIDE(N) and burglary prevention

ourwatch.org.uk/thinkwiden

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Think WIDE(N) to prevent burglary

WORRIED ABOUT BURGLARY? THINK WIDE(N)

- 👁️ **WINDOWS** LOCKED
- 👁️ **INTERIOR** LIGHTS ON A TIMER
- 👁️ **DOORS** DOUBLE OR DEADLOCKED
- 👁️ **EXTERIOR** LIGHTS ON A SENSOR
- 👁️ **(NEIGHBOURS)** KEEP AN EYE OUT



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John Hayward-Cripps, our CEO, said *'It is not okay for two-thirds of people to fear being burgled. More needs to be done to help people be and feel safer, and when it comes to burglary, prevention is always better than cure.'*

John continued, *'We know that by securing your home's windows, interior, doors, exterior and keeping an eye out for neighbours, we can all give ourselves the best chance of not being burgled.'*

For the campaign we have joined forces with our longstanding primary smart security partner, ERA Home Security. With over 180 years of experience securing homes, ERA is proud to offer expert advice on how to best protect your home.

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Throughout March, ERA are sharing their knowledge of home security and taking part in joint events to increase the awareness of simple changes that could vastly improve the security of your home.

On 10th March, ERA's smart security expert, Sumier Foster-Shah, will discuss what smart security means for your home in a virtual chat with Neighbourhood Watch CEO, John Hayward-Cripps, followed by a Q&A session. Secure your place at the free webinar [here](#).

Then on 16th March, ERA will be taking over Neighbourhood Watch's Facebook and Twitter channels, giving you the chance to ask your burning home security questions to ERA experts and gain useful home security tips along the way.

As a long-time partner to Neighbourhood Watch, ERA has selected a range of products to complement the WIDE(N) research and further strengthen the security of your home.

To help our supporters start your smart security journey, ERA is offering a 10% discount on their most popular smart alarm systems.

[Visit ERA's website](#)

Celebrating 40 years with 40 actions

We are thrilled to share 40 Actions to inspire you to engage with your community in celebration of Neighbourhood Watch's 40th Anniversary year.

These activities can be done at any point in the year, but we'd love you to plan one or two to take place during Neighbourhood Watch Week, 30th May – 5th June.

Our 40 YEARS, 40 ACTIONS Pack can be downloaded now, and more information on each activity can be found by clicking on the activity within the pack.

Pick and choose the actions that work for you and your community.

The 40 Actions range from easy to hard, free to expense required, and online to face-to-face. All the actions are designed to support you to:

- raise crime prevention awareness
- build more inclusive local networks
- develop community cohesion
- improve community environment and wellbeing

Each activity has information or linked resources to support you to get started, and we will add to these over the coming months.



RECORDING YOUR ACTIVITY

If you plan to do one, two or more of the actions, we encourage you to let us know by emailing enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk.

Remember to take photos and videos of your activities and we'd love you to share those with us! As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations, we will share stories, pictures and videos that show the inspirational, wide range of things our volunteers and supporters do to help raise crime prevention awareness and support communities throughout England and Wales.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD 40 YEARS, 40 ACTIONS PACK](#)

Neighbourhood Watch Community Grants Fund now OPEN

Applications for our Spring funding round are now open, closing on 31st March.

We want to help you kickstart, improve or expand your community work as part of Neighbourhood Watch.

For this round, 100% of available funds will go towards activities or one-off development projects that help your group or association promote and support Neighbourhood Watch's 40th Anniversary.

The size of grant you can apply for in the Spring round is between £100 - £250.

Groups can only hold one grant at a time and only hold one grant in each financial year. The grant will need to be spent by the year end of 2022.

Groups are defined as: schemes, areas, districts or associations, e.g. several schemes can hold grants within an association, and that association can also hold its own grant, but all projects or applications must be clearly defined and separate from each other.

Find out the full criteria, guidelines and how to apply here: ourwatch.org.uk/communitygrants.

Neighbourhood Watch's 40th Anniversary

Volunteer Recognition Awards nominations close on Sunday 13th March

You still have time to tell us about someone that has volunteered for Neighbourhood Watch for 5 years or more! We have received over an incredible 1,000 nominations so far! Don't miss out - visit ourwatch.org.uk/volunteerawards to find out more and enter your nominations before Sunday 13th March. You can nominate yourself or others. There is no limit to the amount of people you can nominate.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS 2022



To nominate yourself or someone else,
please visit:

ourwatch.org.uk/volunteerawards



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Planning a street party?

Are you holding a street party to celebrate two amazing events, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our Neighbourhood Watch Week in our 40th Anniversary year? Download our [How to Organise a Street Party](#) guide to support you and your community to plan it.

Just a gentle reminder that now is the time to apply for a street closure with your council. Many councils are allowing this without charge, but please check when you are putting in your application.

What about insurance?

We are pleased to say that you are covered by Neighbourhood Watch's Public Liability Insurance, as long as you are holding the street party on behalf of your Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

See our [Public Liability Insurance](#) section to find out more, including a risk assessment template which we strongly encourage you to complete.



Cyberhood Watch programme

Avast and Neighbourhood Watch are pleased to announce that Avast will continue to support the Cyberhood Watch programme in communities throughout England and Wales until at least May 2022.

With over a third of Neighbourhood Watch members believing that cybercrime is more of a threat today than physical crime, the initiative plays an important role in preventing cybercriminals from exploiting unsuspecting people with scams and malicious campaigns to commit fraud, steal personal information and spread online viruses throughout our local communities in the UK.

Working in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch, Avast delivers accredited training and the latest threat information to a team of highly dedicated Cyberhood Watch Ambassadors across the country.

Ambassadors act as the local point of contact for cybersecurity questions and concerns, sharing the latest information on threat insights and preventative cyber safety content for members to arm themselves against online harms.

Avast is proud to continue to support this initiative and enable Ambassadors to deliver this increasingly vital service to their local communities.

NCSC WORKSHOPS WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) ran two workshops with Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and members. The first was with general members and the second with Cyberhood Watch Ambassadors.



The workshops were well-received and NCSC want to continue working with our members as a way of testing, trialling and helping focus their work and resources for communities.

NCSC are very keen and focused on increasing the knowledge and conversations in communities about cybersecurity and cyber risks - an area of criminal activity increasing at huge rates. This aligns perfectly with our Cyberhood Watch initiative, and we have been working closely with NCSC on this for over 2 years. The work, skills and knowledge of our Cyberhood Watch Ambassadors will be a huge boost to this work. There are many great examples of Associations and Coordinators supporting and working closely with Ambassadors to enhance and improve Neighbourhood Watch's work and support to local communities.

If you think you'd be a good fit for the Cyberhood Watch Ambassador volunteer role, email amy.mawby@ourwatch.org.uk for more information.



Dog Theft Awareness Day, 14th March

Dog Theft Awareness Day takes place on 14th March 2022. It is an annual event, organised by the Stolen and Missing Pets Alliance (SAMPA), to alert pet owners about the worrying number of dogs that are stolen every year.

To keep your dog safe see our [top tips on our website](#) on how to keep your dog **SECURE, IN SIGHT AND SEARCHABLE**. To help raise awareness about dog theft download our useful [PROTECT YOUR POOCH Pack](#).

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PROTECT YOUR POOCH 

Keep them:

- 1. SECURE
- 2. IN SIGHT
- 3. SEARCHABLE

AND HELP MAKE PET THEFT A SPECIFIC OFFENCE

Find out more on ourwatch.org.uk/ProtectYourPooch

Regional Neighbour of the Year Awards winners

With thousands of heart-warming nominations shared with us for this year's awards, our judges had a tricky time choosing overall winners in the three main categories of Neighbour of the Year, Young Neighbour of the Year and Community of the Year.

So, it was an honour to award regional winners right across the UK with commendation for their incredible neighbourly efforts!

From Andy Hoang in South London who is uniting his community to help fight food waste, to Stoke sisters Megan and Lucie who have raised over £7,000 for local charities, to Morecambe's Community Runners, who are battling mental health issues one step at a time – it's clear that Brits all over the country are doing amazing things, day in, day out, to help those that live and work in their communities.

Head over to [Co-op Insurance's media centre](#) where you can read first-hand these wonderful tales of everyday heroism – you never know, they might be living on your doorstep!



Andy Hoang, South West London's Neighbour of the Year 2021



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Exploitation can happen anywhere.

Any child can be exploited. Exploitation happens everywhere. It happens in public spaces like hotels, train stations and shopping

centres, but it happens online too.

Learn the signs and symptoms - visit [The Children's Society website](#).

Call the police to report exploitation or abuse

Text British Transport Police

when on a train to report exploitation or abuse

Call Crimestoppers

to anonymously report exploitation or abuse

Call the NSPCC

for advice and support if you're concerned about a child

**The
Children's
Society**

THE LOOKOUT student magazine - Issue 2 out now

We are excited to share **ISSUE 2** of our popular student safety magazine **THE LOOKOUT**.

THE LOOKOUT is created by Student Watch – a student safety initiative by students, for students - in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch and Co-op Insurance.

Do you have a student in your house, street or neighbourhood?

Why not share the magazine with them by sharing this link ourwatch.org.uk/lookout/

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Neighbourhood Watch
Celebrating 40 years of Neighbourhood Watch
Neighbourhood Watch can support you to make your campus safer and improve community wellbeing.
To find out more about the biggest voluntary movement in the UK visit:

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STUDENT WATCH

WHEN ACTIVISM MEETS STUDENT SAFETY
Reclaim Campus and The 97% of student groups formed to fight assault and harassment

HOW TO COMBAT STUDENT LONELINESS

PROTECTING YOUR NUDES
SIMPLE STEPS TO PREVENT THIEVES STEALING YOUR STUFF
HOW TO TALK TO A FRIEND YOU SUSPECT OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR
WHEN ACTIVISM MEETS STUDENT SAFETY

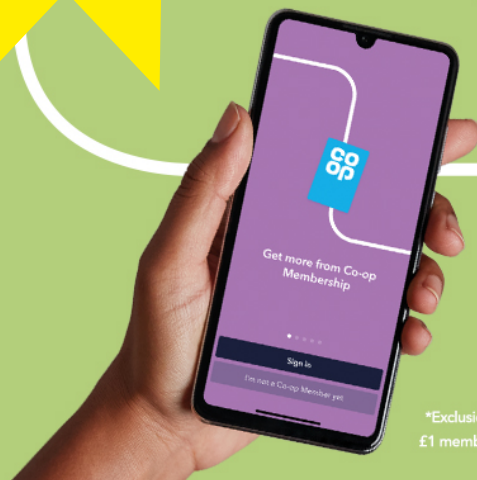
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Co-op Insurance

Become a Co-op member via the Co-op app between 23rd March – 19th April and get £3 off when you spend £10

£3 OFF

when you download the Co-op App, sign up & spend £10*



*Exclusions and T&Cs apply, see coop.co.uk/terms. Available 23 March - 19 April. £1 membership joining fee applies. Alcohol excluded. Valid in Co-op Group Stores.

Our new Young People Engagement and Development Manager

Simeon Earnshaw joins the Central Support Team at Neighbourhood Watch Network as Young People Engagement and Development Manager.

Simeon has more than 20 years of professional experience in the youth sector, and the heart of his work has always been to engage and enable young people to achieve their full potential.

The Young People Engagement and Development Manager post will be informed and led by young people. Simeon will collaborate with a diverse group of young people (16-24 years old), involving them in pilot project design and delivery wherever possible.

During his 12 month role, he will run focus groups and build relationships with young people and youth organisations in three pilot locations: Birmingham, London and Wales.

The project aims to better understand young people's safety concerns and involvement in local communities, and how we can help amplify their voices in decision-making and solutions.



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International Women's Day, 8th March

We are supporting International Women's Day (IWD) on Tuesday 8th March 2022.

The theme this year is Break the Bias. To get involved share our post or visit [International Women's Day website](#) to find out how you can get involved and help to #BreakTheBias.

Individually, we're all responsible
for our own thoughts and actions

But together we can break the
gender bias in our communities

on International Women's Day (IWD)
and beyond.

#BreakTheBias
#IWD2022



International Women's Day

#IWD2022 #BreakTheBias

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Managing Members' Data Guidance

In response to requests from Coordinators, we have created guidance on managing members' data.

The guidance provides Coordinators with clarity on their responsibilities for:

- protecting the data and privacy of their members and
- when to report a data breach to the Information Commissioners' Office.

[Click here to see the Managing Members' Data Guidance](#)

Knowledge Hub volunteer support platform

The Knowledge Hub provides Coordinators, Associations and other Neighbourhood Watch volunteers with:

- specific volunteer role support
- opportunity to connect with other volunteers on forums
- a range of resources, including crime prevention campaign materials
- access to training to support your role
- early access to events such as webinars
- unique volunteer offers

[Click here to join the Knowledge Hub](#)

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