



Are you interested in setting up or joining a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

There are over 2,600 registered Neighbourhood Watch schemes across Somerset covering 60,000+ households.

As part of a recognised Neighbourhood Watch you will find there is a heightened awareness of what is going on in and around your area. Schemes have the following aims:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Tell the police and your neighbours about suspicious incidents in your neighbourhood

Schemes can bring the following to your community:

- Messages forwarded to co-ordinators to inform them of crime trends, public information, crime reduction information
- Information Bulletins published regularly
- Discounts on house insurance – available from many insurance companies for members of schemes registered with the police
- Most active Watch areas see a reduction in crime and increase in the sense of community spirit and well being

To find out more:

Simply contact Lindsey Stone in the Watch Schemes Office, Bridgwater Police Centre, Express Park, Bridgwater, Phone 01278-644799 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8.00am-4.00pm) or Email on: lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Lindsey will be able to give you pack of information about Neighbourhood Watch which you can read at your leisure. The pack will ask you to complete a survey of your immediate area (usually around 10-20 properties) to see if there is sufficient interest to start a scheme and advises on the next step to take once the survey is complete.