

ACTING WITH YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The Neighbourhood Watch principle is not meant to be intrusive, quite the opposite. It is meant to be reciprocal and is at its most effective when neighbours are not available to safeguard their own property themselves.

Get into the habit of letting your neighbour know where you can be contacted should any emergency arise. This should sharpen your neighbour's perception of any unusual activity associated with your property and will give you peace of mind of knowing that someone is keeping a "weather eye" on things for you whilst you are away. Each neighbour benefits in turn and eliminates the lapses that might otherwise arise in the security of their own property through absence.

Whatever arrangement you come to, do not be tempted to volunteer information about the comings and goings of your neighbour or yourself to a total stranger. It is phrases like "it is no use knocking there, they are out at work all day" – that invite trouble.

The essence of neighbourly co-operation is knowing where to draw the line between interfering and concern.

Dog owners are in a prime position to look out for anything unusual or suspicious when they walk their dog especially early in the morning or late at night.

Be a good neighbour and make your walk that little bit more interesting by always being on the lookout for the unusual and please do not be afraid to telephone the police:

Non-Urgent 101 or Urgent 999 if you see anything suspicious.

Being involved in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is the easiest way to protect your property.

If you would like to find out more about setting up a Scheme just email us at [info@ hsnhwa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsnhwa.org.uk)

or

Phone 101 and ask to speak to a police officer from your local **Safer Neighbourhood Team**.

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY