

# Chelmsford Group of Neighbourhood Watches



[www.chelmsfordneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk](http://www.chelmsfordneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk)

*Contacting Essex Police*

**Emergency? ALWAYS use 999**



For non-emergencies, call 101, or do it on-line:

[www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online](http://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online)

**W**elcome to Neighbourhood Watch across the district of Chelmsford. There are many local watches across our area—the same area as that covered by Chelmsford City Council.

This leaflet is aimed at

- introducing Neighbourhood Watch
- giving advice on setting up a local Watch for your own street or neighbourhood, and
- pointing to various sources of support and contact in relation to personal safety, home security, and crime.

Please read on ...

**Call anonymously  
to report crime**



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**NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
[www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

# WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

**A** Neighbourhood Watch is a local group of people living in a neighbourhood of houses or apartments, part of a street, a whole street, a neighbourhood of streets, or a parish, where they look out for one-another in mutual support. The ways people may look out for one-another might include:-

- Sharing information and advice about
  - keeping homes safe and secure
  - personal safety
  - using the Internet safely
  - being aware of scams and fraud
- Being aware of vulnerable neighbours and watching out for them
- Looking out for any suspicious activities in the area and sharing with neighbours and the authorities
- Looking out for neighbours' properties when they may be away, on holiday for example

Anyone can set up a Neighbourhood Watch: it might be based on simply you and your neighbours; or your street; your apartment block, or your parish—whatever suits your locality best. You just need a bit of

time to work through the steps outlined on the next page. Keep in touch and we all can work together to share and help our neighbourhoods be safer for all of us.

## IS THERE A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN MY AREA?

You can check if you have a local Neighbourhood Watch on our website, or by checking with **Our Watch** if it is registered with them. Are there Neighbourhood Watch signs in the street or stickers in windows?

If in doubt, please contact us:  
[chelmsfordneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk](http://chelmsfordneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk)

If there's no sign of activity, then why not set one up your-self? We can give you advice to help you get going.



# SETTING UP AND RUNNING A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you want to set up a local Neighbourhood Watch here are some suggestions for you to follow:

1. Chat to your neighbours about the idea—perhaps using this leaflet as a basis. Knock on doors and say who you are and what you want to do.
2. Get in touch with us with an idea of the numbers you may be involving—we can then help with some information leaflets and window stickers.
3. Arrange a meeting—in a local pub, someone's front room, a local community centre—and we'll come and join you for a discussion about how to move forward.
4. If you're setting up a larger group, involving two or three—or several streets or locations—you'll need to have local street co-ordinators working with you.
5. Be clear about communication and information sharing: by paper, by email, or social media, by telephone—or combinations of any of these.
6. Make sure you're linked with the Chelmsford Group so we can get information to you and you can share information with us. Contact us via our website.

Sign up to the Police's information sharing system: *Essex Community Messaging*, and check out their Facebook and Twitter pages.

[www.essex.police.uk/contact-us/essex-community-messaging](http://www.essex.police.uk/contact-us/essex-community-messaging)

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## RESOURCES FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you're setting up a Watch or need further advice and information, then check out our website. This leaflet



produced by *Our Watch* provides comprehensive advice and guidance—you can read it in full on our website and paper copies are available.

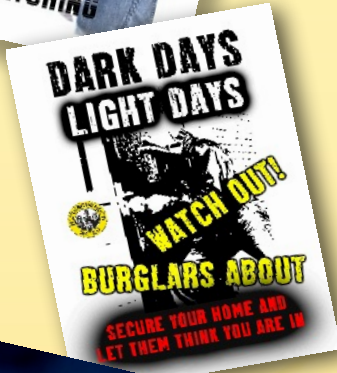
HERE ARE SOME POSTERS & OTHER RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE, (SEE OUR WEB-SITE) PLUS POINTS OF CONTACT FOR SUPPORT AND REPORTING CRIMES, INCIDENTS, AND OTHER CONCERNS.



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101 for non-emergency calls  
[www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)



[www.communityagentsessex.org.uk](http://www.communityagentsessex.org.uk)



[www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)  
01245 606606

**Anti-terrorist hotline**

IF YOU SUSPECT IT REPORT IT  
**CALL 0800 789 321**  
CONFIDENTIAL ANTI-TERRORIST HOTLINE

[www.gov.uk/report-terrorism](http://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism)

**STOP HATE CRIME...**

[www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)



[thecrimepreventionwebsite.com](http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com)

**ActionFraud**

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre  
**0300 123 2040**

[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)