



# Newsletter

> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the OCTOBER edition of our newsletter.

The dust has settled from the AGM, and the newly elected committee held their first Executive meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. A number of tasks being dealt with include engagement with the PCC and Constabulary regarding actions from our AGM, as well as some follow up with members that raised issues through the member questionnaire survey that we sent out in June 2023.

As always, please remember to check our “news” page on our website for updated news in between newsletter editions, and if you use social media, why not visit our [Facebook page](#), follow us and give us a “like”.

*The Executive Committee*

## Suffolk Trading Standards



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

citizens  
advice

**REPORT IT, HELP OTHERS! #RogueFreeSuffolk**

If you see a scam, an unsafe product, OR a Rogue Trader, report it via **0808 223 1133**.

To find out about scams across Suffolk, [you can sign up to the Trading Standards email alert](#) on their website. Trading Standards can investigate and take court action against scammers.

By becoming a Consumer Champion you can help protect and build resilience within your local community against rogue traders and scams; and make Suffolk a safer place to live

You can also find out about [common financial scams](#) on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.



## Suffolk Constabulary and PCC: Changes to local policing



### PCC & Chief Constable host meetings to discuss community policing in Suffolk

The way local policing is delivered in Suffolk is changing and a new county policing model goes live in December 2023.

In advance of the changes, the Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore and Chief Constable Rachel Kearton hosted a series of meetings to talk through the plans with local communities.

The face to face meetings have now concluded, but there is one final chance to join in the discussion by means of an on-line meeting.

This meeting takes place on Tuesday November 7 2023 at 6pm via Microsoft Teams.

Please email [spcc@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:spcc@suffolk.police.uk) to register and an invite will be sent through via email in advance of the meeting.



## Suffolk Constabulary and PCC: Clocks go back

As British Summer time ends and the clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, we will see the daylight hours get even shorter,

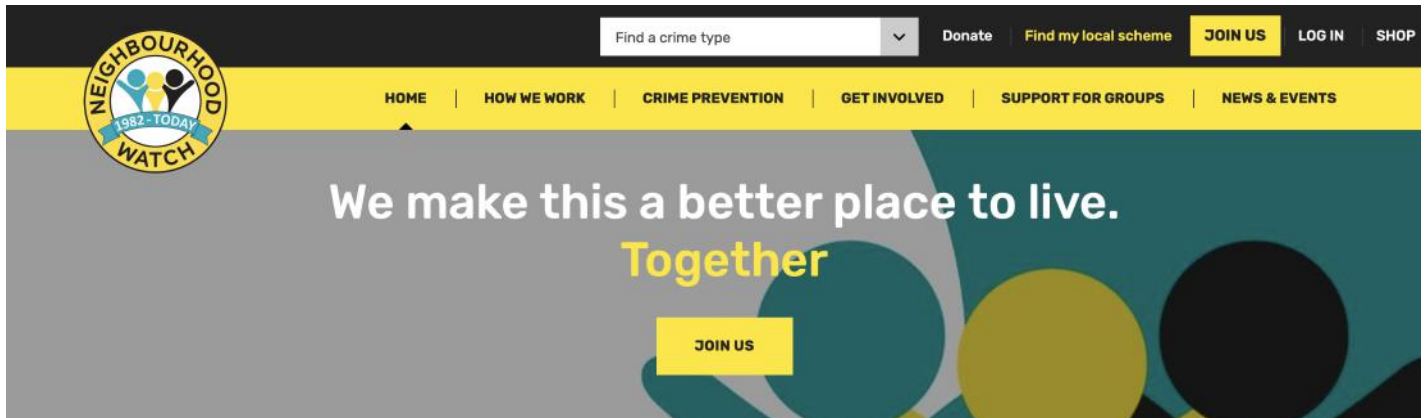
It's a timely reminder for us all to increase our vigilance and awareness around our homes and our vehicles



To prevent the seasonal increase in burglaries and theft from motor vehicles, Suffolk Constabulary is encouraging householders and motorists to follow some simple crime prevention advice to keep their property safe. Residents should avoid leaving their homes unlit in the evenings for example, as a house in darkness is more likely to attract the attentions of burglars. Vehicles should also ideally be parked in a well-lit and secure place. Police advise you to do the following four simple things: shut your windows, lock your doors and check your outbuildings and in terms of vehicles ensure no valuables are left on display.



## Scheme Coordinators: Registering your scheme on the national database



if you haven't already done so, we highly recommend all our scheme coordinators and their members to register individually on the national Neighbourhood Watch Network website.

We will continue to process the mapping of all schemes registered with the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association (SNWA) onto the National NW database. This enables the public to search for Neighbourhood Watch schemes on the national website as well as our own website.

Whilst not mandatory, we do encourage Scheme Coordinators registered with us to also register on the national database, which will enable them to "claim" their scheme on the national system.

Scheme Coordinators registered on the national database are approved and validated by the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Once registered, scheme coordinators can invite existing and future neighbours to join their scheme online, and use the built in ALERT message system as a method of engaging with their scheme members.

[Sign up to the national database here.](#)

### Benefits of registering

Scheme coordinators and members can expect to receive a monthly newsletters from both the national organisation, as well as the Suffolk Association. Members can also access a range of training workshops, seminar sessions, and varying forums offered by the national organisation.

When signing up, members can also opt in to receive a range of alert messages from services such as Action Fraud, Get Safe Online, Trading Standards etc.



## Our neighbours

ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN ONLINE AT

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/joinNW>



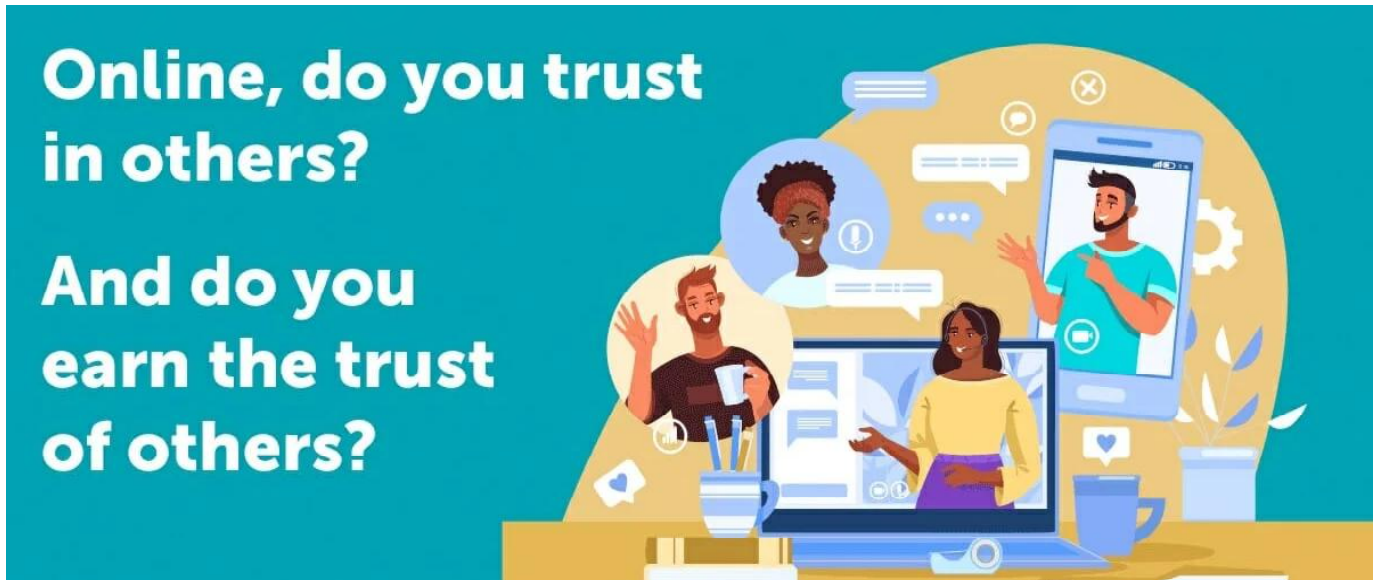
## Get Safe Online: You, the internet and Trust

In order to go online with safety and confidence, it's important to get to know who and what you can trust ... and who and what you can't.

And it's vital that everybody who uses the internet can do so with safety and confidence – regardless of gender, ability, appearance, background or beliefs – by being able to trust others' behaviour and behave responsibly themselves.

For more information about the internet and trust please read our latest advice here: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/trust/>

The internet's unequalled choice, 24/7 convenience and flexibility are benefits that suit people of all ages, wherever they live or work and whatever their circumstances. Others, however, prefer to carry on doing things the traditional, offline way for many reasons, a major one being trust. We've all either experienced at first hand or heard about negative experiences including online fraud or abuse which are, unfortunately, all too commonplace.



## Neighbourhood Watch Network: New Charity Partner

The Neighbourhood Watch Network are excited to team up with SimpliSafe as their first ever charity partner. The partnership brings many benefits for neighbourhood watch members, including exclusive discounts on their smart home security products, and expert advice on burglary prevention and home security.



Protecting over 4 million people across the US and UK, SimpliSafe delivers advanced, yet affordable security solutions including sensors for every window, room and door, indoor and outdoor HD security cameras and hazard detectors to guard against fires, floods and burst pipes. All powered by 24/7 professional monitoring with no long-term contracts. Suitable for both homeowners and renters alike, additional components can be added to the system at any time, and can also be taken with you if you decide to move.

**An exclusive Neighbourhood Watch member discount code will be announced soon!**



**Crimestoppers: Rural Crime Campaign**

**The protection of wildlife has an affect on rural communities**

The issue of rural crime takes a toll on both the lives and livelihoods of farming families, with many feeling vulnerable knowing that their homes and workplaces are under surveillance by criminals.

Crimestoppers are working to help raise the profile of rural crime, and they want people to know what it is, why it's a problem, and what people can do to help stop it. [Read more](#)

# Speak up to stop rural crime.

Criminal gangs exploit our local wildlife, environment and communities.

Your voice can make a difference.

Speak up to our charity.  
100% anonymous.  
Always.

**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555 111**

100% anonymous. Always.  
[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)



## Crimestoppers: PortSafe



# Help keep our ports secure.

Have information about a crime in or around a UK port or port facility?

If you're suspicious speak up now through the PortSafe Hotline or online form.

You'll stay 100% anonymous. Always.

**No one will ask your name.**

**0800 141 2927**  
Portsafe.co.uk

**PORTSAFE**  
Powered by  
Crimestoppers.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our ports and people safe and secure. PortSafe schemes are being implemented across the UK in commercial maritime ports and port facilities to encourage people to identify and report suspicious activity, 100% anonymously.

PortSafe is powered by Crimestoppers and they are encouraging everyone to learn the signs to spot so if you do see something you can speak up and tell us what you know.

[Read more here](#)

# PORTSAFE

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## Crimestoppers: Fake Goods

### Don't short-circuit safety for a bargain. It's never a good deal.

This campaign is taking a comprehensive approach to raise awareness and drive reporting on crimes associated with counterfeit fraud, as well as working with partners to signpost to support avenues available for victims.

[Read more](#) to see what pushes people to buy fake toys and electronics, as well as information about how to spot them before and after purchasing.



**FAKE. REPLICA. SCAM.**

## Don't put your child at risk.

Fake toys are often made of toxic, hazardous, and flammable materials.

**Crimestoppers.**  
**0800 555111**  
100% anonymous. Always.



## Neighbourhood Watch in Suffolk: Halloween respect for all



### Not into Halloween?

Not everyone is happy to participate.

You can always download a poster to make doorstep callers aware.

Click on either to download and print.



### Have you got a story you would like to share?

Sharing your stories help give other schemes ideas that can help communities engage more. It's not always about crime and policing - but it's always about togetherness.

Send us your story via email to the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association Comms team: [comms@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:comms@suffolknwa.co.uk)



Thank you to all the schemes that send us their newsletters. You can send yours to [comms@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:comms@suffolknwa.co.uk)

If you would like them uploaded to our website, just let us know!

