



# Newsletter

> THE E-NEWSLETTER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORTERS IN SUFFOLK

Welcome to the NOVEMBER edition of our newsletter.

This month sees the Association attending a conference organised by the Suffolk Association for Local Councils, where we will be looking to engage with representatives of parish councils, specifically to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch and the benefits that it can bring to their communities.

Following the series of roadshow events by the PCC and Chief Constable, the new framework for the Suffolk policing model which comes in to operation on the 4<sup>th</sup> December has now been announced and you can read the overview document linked from our newsletter.

Please don't forget to register your scheme onto the national website ([ourwatch.org.uk](https://ourwatch.org.uk)) as this will offer you additional news and information, as well as help attract new members to join your scheme. Details can be found in the following pages.

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*



**Neighbourhood Watch today is still a grassroots charitable movement, with local schemes run by volunteers throughout England and Wales.**

[Join the movement here](#)



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

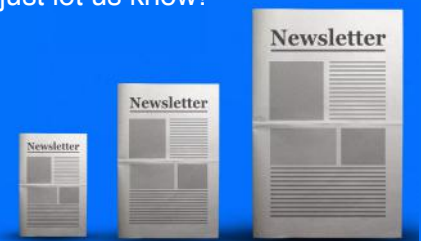
Sharing your stories help give other schemes ideas that can help communities engage more. It's not always about crime and policing - but it's always about togetherness.

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!



## Suffolk Constabulary and PCC: Changes to local policing

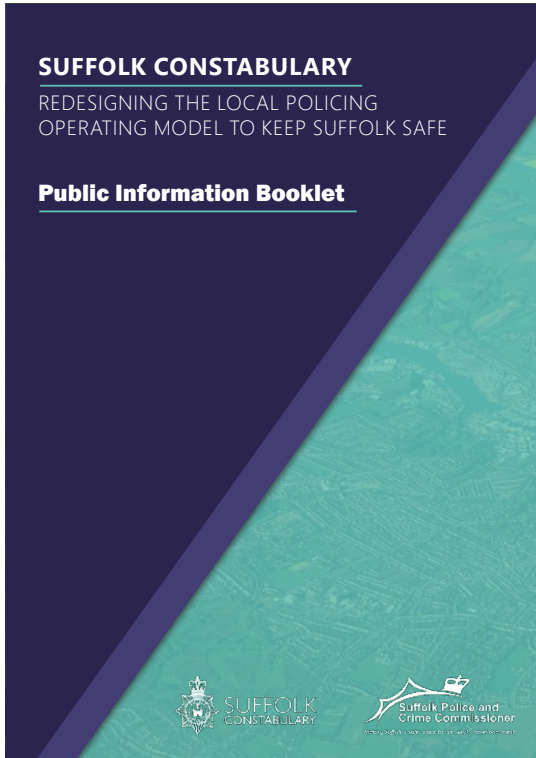


Suffolk Constabulary will be changing its local policing model from December 2023 aimed at providing the best possible service for the public.

This reshaping of the local policing structure will enhance the way the constabulary respond to emergencies, deal with other incidents, investigate offences, prevent crime, and interact with communities across Suffolk.

The new model will be comprised of three parts: Community Policing Teams, Response Investigation Teams, and a County Partnership and Prevention Hub.

[Read more here.](#)



## White Ribbon Day 2023: 25<sup>th</sup> November



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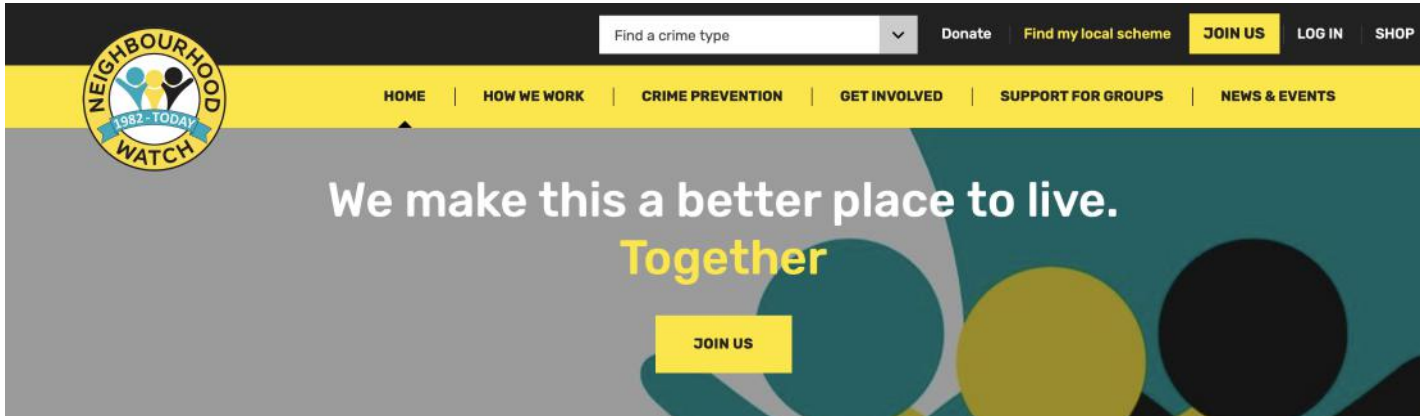
### White Ribbon Day is on Saturday 25th November

This year, the theme is to encourage individuals and organisations to make consistent choices and actions to **#ChangeTheStory** for women and girls, so that they may live their lives free from the fear of violence.

[Read more here](#)



## 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>



## Take Five to Stop Fraud: Trust your instincts

**Scams and fraud can affect everyone** – there are several ways you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of these crimes, and it is important to follow new and emerging advice as these crimes become more sophisticated and harder to spot.

We encourage you to trust your instincts. If something feels wrong, or you receive an unexpected message – trust your instincts and double-check. We want to raise awareness of the tactics scammers use to lure you in, and to help you spot if something doesn't look, feel, sound or seem right.

Action Fraud and UK Finance have shared their Take Five to Stop Fraud campaign, with three simple steps to help you avoid becoming a victim of scams...

**STOP:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

**CHALLENGE:** Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

**PROTECT:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.



## Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

0300 123 2040

Visit the national NWN website for more guidance on recognising, avoiding and reporting scams.



## Suffolk Trading Standards



**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.





# Report fraud and cyber crime to



**actionfraud.police.uk**

#### CHOOSE THE RIGHT SERVICE FOR YOUR SITUATION:

Action Fraud is not an emergency service; in an emergency you should dial 999.

If the crime involves your bank account or credit card, always contact your provider first.

Face-to-face crime which involves a local suspect, can be dealt with by your local police by dialling 101.

#### WHEN TO CONTACT ACTION FRAUD:

Action Fraud makes it easy and quick to report non-emergency fraud and cyber crime.

You can also tell us about a suspicious call, letter, text or email even if you haven't lost any money.

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



# Neighbourhood Watch Network Winter 2023 Community Grant Fund applications are now open!

The Neighbourhood Watch Network organisation (NWN) is proud that much of the work undertaken by local schemes is delivered by dedicated and passionate volunteers, donating their time, skills and experience to help make their communities safer, more connected and vibrant.

There are a number of routes that schemes can take locally to seek and secure funding, but when these have been exhausted or may not be relevant, the NWN offer a Community Grants Fund.



The NWN focus is to help schemes kickstart, improve or expand their community work.

The Trustees of Neighbourhood Watch Network set aside funds for this scheme, and this latest round opened on **Wednesday 1st November 2023**. Applications for this round will close on **1st January 2024** and be paid out in February 2024.

In the previous grant cycle, all funds were allocated to activities or one-time development initiatives that aid Neighbourhood Watch volunteers in reaching out to and interacting with vulnerable populations in their communities.

Only Neighbourhood Watch members who represent a registered and approved Neighbourhood Watch programme, group, Area, or Association in England and Wales are eligible for our funding.

For the full list of terms and conditions, and to read the Community Grants Fund FAQs, please visit the [NWN website](#)



## Hidden Crimes: Webinar Series

Over a four day period from Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd November, the national (NWN) organisation invite you to join the conversation with them and ask questions of some independent experts in a series of special online webinars

**Hidden crimes** affect our neighbours, our friends, and our family, and we often do not recognise the signs in our communities.

The webinars cover a selection of topics that are often not addressed and spoken about, but we feel that you should be aware of. All webinars will be held on Zoom.



### Overview of Webinars

*Monday 20th November, 12.30pm - 1.30pm*

**Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery** – a topic which affects the most vulnerable in our society.

*Tuesday 21st November, 4pm – 5pm*

**Domestic Violence and Abuse** - an objective look at how we can spot the signs and what we can do to help.

*Wednesday 22nd November, 2pm*

**Crimes affecting young people: Radicalisation** - often a crime that does not get talked about until something happens.

*Thursday 23rd November., 5pm – 6pm*

**Controlling and Coercive behaviour** – another form of abuse that controls how a partner in a relationship behaves.

Details of guest speakers and links to book your choice of webinars can be [found here](#).

## Ask For Angela: For those that may feel vulnerable when out

DID YOU KNOW?

Ask For Angela is the national scheme that helps anyone who is feeling vulnerable on a night out to get the support they need.

This could be on a night out, on a date, meeting friends and many other situations.

Ask for Angela is needed because 97% of women aged 18-24 and 80% of all women said they had been sexually harassed in public spaces in the UK.

[Find out more](#)

