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Neighbourhood Watch

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people around the county:

Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime.

Everyone knows that the Police are there to fight crime, but they need your help to do an effective job.

Neighbourhood Watch (or Home Watch as it is known in some areas) is all about an active partnership with the Police. Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities

A better place to live, work and play
Neighbourhood Watch is not just about

reducing burglary figures – it's about creating communities who care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives. The activity of Watch members can foster a



new community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems. At the same time, you feel secure, knowing your neighbours are keeping an eye on your property.

There are other benefits to Neighbourhood Watch schemes too. You will become familiar with crime prevention ideas which will help keep your home and belongings safe. And the extra security which belonging to a Neighbourhood Watch

scheme offers might even mean you get a premium discount from your insurance company.

How schemes work
Neighbourhood Watch schemes can be large, covering, for example most of the households on an estate or they might involve just half a dozen houses. It depends on the area and what people living there want.

A scheme is generally led by a co-ordinator whose job it is to get people working together and make sure things get done. As well as the co-ordinator, there is usually a committee. Committees meet regularly to plan which problems to target and what action to take. Schemes keep in close touch with the local police to share information and advice.

What about Silloth?
There are a number of schemes already set up in the town but there are locations where they are not. If you would be interested in getting involved in the Neighbourhood Watch



scheme then please contact the Town Clerk, 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth Tel: 016973 31128. We can then arrange a meeting with John Thornthwaite, the NHW Development Officer for West Cumbria, who is more than happy to come and speak with those interested in taking things further.

You have an important role to play in creating a safer local community. You live or work in the area, you probably know those people who are the most vulnerable and you know the specific problems in your neighbourhood. Creating a safer neighbourhood and reducing crime is all about being a good neighbour and responsible citizen – so go on get involved!

Abbeytown Bowling Club

Fourteen members of Abbeytown Bowling Club went to Bolton Low Houses for a friendly match.

The first half saw Abbeytown playing very well and the score was Abbeytown 28 Bolton 14. A delicious buffet was enjoyed but fortunes were reversed with Bolton playing better during the second half ending with the score at 40 all.

A drawing was held with lots of prizes, Abbeytown members Joyce Wilson, Audrey Harrison, Elsie Donald and Sylvia Asbridge being among the lucky winners.

Silloth Luncheon Club

Every Monday at 11:30am a group of people gather at the Community Centre. They are picked up by the Community Bus or make there own way there. The oldest is 96 years and the youngest is 65

years.

Their lunch is cooked by the junior school and served by the senior school pupils. The kitchen is staffed by volunteers mainly from the Golf Club.

The meal costs £2,

the companionship and gossip are free. If you are retired, lonely or hungry for a gossip then you will be welcome, just give David Pigeon a ring on Silloth 31295 and he will arrange for you to be picked up.

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