



# Barton Risinghurst & Sandhills Neighbourhood Watch



FOR HOMES THAT ARE SAFE AS HOUSES



## What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is about building friendlier communities where people know their neighbours and play an active role in sharing information to contribute to a safer more secure society.

Having a group means the Coordinator and members can look out for each other, for example, by keeping an eye on a neighbour's house when they are away or supporting each other with tackling any problems like anti-social behaviour. Also making sure an elderly or vulnerable person is safe.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can: cut crime and the opportunities for crime, help and reassure those who live in the area, encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

The Coordinator welcomes new neighbours and encourages a friendly community spirit. Street Parties are a popular way to celebrate neighbourliness and if you have a scheme you get free liability insurance.

Coordinators can give neighbours advice on who to contact depending on what help is needed e.g. the police or the council. They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police.

## Types of Schemes:

The schemes are all different depending on what works for the Coordinator and their members. Coordinators are volunteers so how much time they give depends on them.

Some Neighbourhood Watch members have regular meetings where there is a talk and advice on how to stay safe from different crime, for example cybercrime. Some Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators organise regular meetings for an interest group. Other members meet twice a year and have a WhatsApp and/or email group to communicate with each other. The Coordinator can use these to send information on keeping safe from crimes like doorstep scams, burglary, and vehicle crime.

The Coordinator can also pass on information about community events.

## **Coop Insurance offers 10% discount on Home Insurance for members of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

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