



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SOMERSET

THE AIMS OF SCHEMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **Cut crime and the opportunities for crime**
- **Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime**
- **Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities**
- **Tell the police and your neighbours about suspicious incidents in your neighbourhood**

These basic aims are the same for all types of scheme.



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WHAT CAN IT BRING TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

- **Messages forwarded to co-ordinators to inform them of crime trends, public information, crime reduction information**
- **Newsletters**
- **Special Offers on security equipment such as personal alarms, vehicle security, shed alarms etc**
- **Discounts on house insurance – available from most insurance companies for members of schemes registered with the police**
- **Most active Watch areas see a reduction in crime and increase in the sense of community spirit and well being**



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HOW DO I SET UP A SCHEME?

Setting up a scheme is easy, simply contact Lindsey Stone in the Watch Schemes Office, Bridgwater Police Centre, Phone 01278-644799 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8.00am-4.00pm) or Email on: lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Lindsey will be able to give you pack of information about Neighbourhood Watch which you can read at your leisure.

The pack will ask you to complete a survey of your immediate area to see if there is sufficient interest to start a scheme. The recommended size of a scheme is 10-20 properties.

If there is sufficient interest, then arrangements are made with local beat staff to meet with you and your neighbours.

The volunteer co-ordinator(s)/deputy complete the necessary registration forms and when returned to the office records are completed and the scheme formally registered.