

Neighbourhood Watch

What does it mean to you?



Traditional Schemes

Mainly promoted in leafy suburbs
and villages.



'Curtain Twitchers'

Sometimes helpful but
not relevant to
modern day crime.

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Building a Caring Community

Caring Connected Communities

Inclusive and Diverse

Relevant and Ambitious

Successful Co-production

Traditional NHW Working Model (NottsWatch)

- City & County associations merged and became a registered charity.
- Volunteer representation on Board from committed individuals with NHW experience.
- 2014 emphasis on rolling out Crime Prevention training to coordinators in conjunction with the Police's Pre Crime Team.
- 2015/16 emphasis on Review - working with Notts Police & County Council.
- Plus developing NottsWatch policies, partnership agreements and Constitution.

A lot of good work to provide strong foundations to achieve our basic aim to:

- Promote, develop and strengthen the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) movement throughout Nottinghamshire.
- Help prevent and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of them, through self-help and collaboration with partners.

Obstacles/Delays

Lack of volunteer resource:

- Vastly decreasing numbers willing & able to support NottsWatch (Traditionally retired volunteers – retirement age risen, ill health etc.)
- Lack of diverse skills on NottsWatch Board

Change in Professional Roles:

- Notts Police restructure – soon to be 4 CI Leads in as many years.
- Work commenced (as requested by one CI) to enable role out of police commitments to partnership agreement but not carried forward by next CI – severe police resource issues.

Embracing New Working Model

2017 priorities:

- Working with Engagement Director from Neighbourhood Watch Network, to be more inclusive. Learning more of community groups with similar agendas to promote community cohesion.
- Invited diverse range of guests to Board meetings – without the expectation they would join regularly – to share best practice.
- Joined Community Organisers – networked – met & invited Nottingham Together Officer to join Board – positive involvement from City Council for first time! Met Notts County Council Age Friendly Team.
- Researched and devised “Join Us” campaign to attract new volunteers.

2018 Results

- Hosted successful Conference – Connect 2 Protect – explained & demonstrated co-production working.
- Restructured Meetings: Four quarterly KPI/Project reviews plus theme dedicated Executive meetings, rather than Ad-hoc, cover all meetings.
- Recruitment: Join Us campaign – specific roles – promoted via charity recruitment agencies – put together excellent Comms Team (four volunteers).

See www.nottswatch.co.uk/joinus

- Listening Skills (Community Organisers) training 2 October for coordinators.
- Created a new website to be less of a “digital filing cabinet” to a more user friendly version, to promote NHW & NottsWatch.
- Updating partnership contracts – currently SLA (Service Level Agreement with Notts Police) and MoU (Memorandum of Understanding with Notts County Council) to a collaborative MoU with all parties.

2018 Projects

Co-Production Working on clearly defined projects:

Student Watch - Bespoke service promoting safety & wellbeing.

Tech & Tea - informal tech surgeries matching students & older coaches to elderly guests with specific technical issues.

Robin Hood project – working collaboratively with county & city councils on the Connect 2 Protect and neighbourliness agenda.

Dragon's Den project to share OPCC funding with smaller community groups to address current police priorities, particularly in the city where NHW is under represented.

Whilst continuing to support and promote traditional Neighbourhood Watch

“To provide effective communication to support communities, reduce crime and improve community cohesion.”

NottsWatch believe effective communication is fundamental to keeping our communities safe and well. We are delighted to have Mike Douglas join us, as a trustee, since our June 2018 AGM. Working with VISAV, we:

- Created a new and improved, mobile optimised website.
- Currently are reviewing Neighbourhood Alert to be simpler at the point of registration followed by a welcome survey to promote interest groups and identify people wanting to engage with their community.
- Demonstrated success to Notts Police in assisting Hucknall PS in finding volunteers for police training – preventing cancellation.
- Surveyed Public Perception - 1,879 responses in 2 weeks, giving valuable insight/evidence to demonstrate public's satisfaction with police & how crime effects their lives. Download the survey [here](#).

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