

# OUR STORY

28-year-old Kitty Genovese was stabbed in New York outside her home. Two weeks later, it was rumoured that 38 witnesses saw or heard the attack. None of them called the police or came to her aid. This prompted inquiries into what became known as the 'bystander effect'. Her murder motivated a community response, and the very first Neighbourhood Watch group was set up.

18 years later, the first groups began in the UK in response to spates of local burglaries. From 1982, we grew from strength to strength as more volunteers across England and Wales formed local, county, and regional groups.

Today we are an independent charity and the largest volunteer crime prevention movement across England and Wales. **We help to reduce the opportunity for and fear of crime.**

**Members are more connected within their community, feel a greater belonging to their area, and less isolated or lonely.**

77%

Of members think that people who live in their area trust each other

67%

Of members hardly ever or never feel isolated or lonely

54%

Of members think that local people will challenge people's behaviour

Data from Crime and Community Survey 2022, +25k responses

**Joining is as easy as 1, 2, 3!**



1

Visit [ourwatch.org.uk/join](https://ourwatch.org.uk/join)

2

Join our charity as a member

3

Log in to join, or apply to start, a group



**JOIN US IN MAKING THIS A  
BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.  
TOGETHER.**

**Your local Neighbourhood  
Watch group contact details:**

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# INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

An Individual Member is anyone wishing to be part of the biggest voluntary crime prevention movement in England and Wales. Once you are a registered member of Neighbourhood Watch you may be invited to, or request to, join a local Neighbourhood Watch group; or choose to volunteer for Neighbourhood Watch. Individual Members can continue their membership even if they move areas or change groups.

## BENEFITS

- Feel and be safer
- Receive expert, easy-to-follow local and national crime prevention advice
- Be invited to crime prevention webinars
- Be consulted on your crime and community opinions
- Manage your membership options and opt-in to police and other updates
- Receive discounts in our shop ([nwnshop.myshopify.com](http://nwnshop.myshopify.com)) and partner product offers
- Request to, or be invited to, join a Scheme or start a new Scheme
- Remain an Individual Member even if you move home

# GROUP (OR SCHEME) MEMBER

A Scheme Member is someone who joins their local Scheme, headed by a volunteer Coordinator. We have over 90,000 Coordinators leading Schemes across England and Wales.

Schemes can be physical Schemes covering your home, or virtual Schemes such as a Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group. Scheme Members can belong to one or more Schemes.

## BENEFITS

### All of the Individual Member benefits PLUS

- Look out for your neighbours
- Resolve local issues with others in your Neighbourhood Watch group
- Join in with local activities
- Feel a greater sense of belonging and connection to a tighter-knit community
- Feel increased pride and satisfaction with where you live
- Improve your relationship with local police and partners
- Free Public Liability Insurance for registered groups

# AFFILIATED MEMBER

Community groups, faith groups, organisations or businesses can join as an Affiliated Member.

An Affiliated Member does not run a Neighbourhood Watch group but instead shares the information received as an Individual Member with their group, organisation or business, without everyone joining individually.

## BENEFITS

### All of the Individual Member benefits PLUS

- Look out for your community
- Receive and share crime prevention information with your group
- Increase your networking by engaging in regional discussions and activities
- Feel a greater sense of belonging and connection to a tighter-knit community
- Feel increased pride and satisfaction with where you live or work
- Free Public Liability Insurance for registered groups when running Neighbourhood Watch activities

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