



West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Watch

Overview of the partnership that West Yorkshire Police have with Neighbourhood Watch schemes within the community

- Neighbourhood Watch groups are community-led and supported by the police, but they are not run by the police. These are YOUR groups.
- Members should report suspicious activities to the police and while we want our communities to be vigilant, we do not want you to put yourself in harm's way
- We will share crime data that directly impacts your watch location; however, this will be in line with GDPR guidelines and will only contain information that can be openly shared with the public i.e. no offender names or identifiable addresses for victims
- Community Building: It helps neighbours get to know each other, creating a sense of community and mutual support.
- Safety Awareness: Members share information about safety tips, emergency preparedness, and local issues. (This is the reason we share information)
- Supporting Vulnerable Residents: Look out for elderly or vulnerable neighbours, ensuring they are safe and well.
- Environmental Initiatives: Some groups get involved in activities like litter picking and improving local green spaces.

West Yorkshire Police are one of the few Forces in the country to still financially invest in NHW Officers

- They are here to promote NHW, recruit new schemes and help existing schemes to reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing advice to act upon to help prevent themselves and their communities from becoming victims of crime.
- They can provide advice to schemes on fraud, personal safety and general crime prevention.
- They work within communities to promote the value of neighbourliness, community cohesion and resilience and ways to support the vulnerable.
- They are not a police officer and cannot take reports of crime or investigate them.
- They cannot become involved in neighbour disputes. but can signpost to other areas of policing and give advice as to where to get help.
- They do not take complaints about the police and are not in a position to answer questions such as "When are you putting more police on the streets" If you have a question or enquiry they will always try and guide you to the most appropriate department/organisation to get help.

Finally, West Yorkshire Police will not tolerate verbal abuse against out NHW or malicious communication via email, text etc. Any abuse against WYP staff may result in removal from communication systems.



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