

Sutton Neighbourhood Watch
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



London Borough of Sutton
Neighbourhood Watch Association
Registered Charity No. 1120448



TO JOIN, go online to:

www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk

OR send this form to:

Sutton Neighbourhood Watch, c/o Sutton Police Station,
6 Carshalton Road, Sutton SM1 4RF

I apply to become a member of the London Borough of Sutton Neighbourhood Watch Association and undertake to give whatever support I am able to achieve its' objectives.

I am 18 years of age or older and to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018, I give permission for my details to be held on the understanding that the information will only be used to achieve the objectives of Sutton Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with the Metropolitan Police and will not be disclosed to third parties.

I agree to respect and preserve the confidentiality of any information used by me in any activities I undertake on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

Please complete in CAPITAL LETTERS

DO NOT DETACH

Title: _____ First Name: _____
Mr/Mrs/etc

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Please print your e-mail address in CAPITAL (UPPER CASE) letters
E-MAIL:

* Email is indispensable as our primary method of communicating with our members, but you will not be deluged with messages.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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DATE ACCEPTED INTO
MEMBERSHIP: _____

looking after each other

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is an alliance of people coming together to make their communities safer and better places to live. It aims to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and by fostering a community spirit.

The Police can't deal with the problems and issues arising from crime and anti-social behaviour alone; they need the help of the whole community. Neighbourhood Watch provides a way for local people to play an important part in making it happen.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community initiative, supported by the police, not run by them, so success depends on what the members make of it. Although independent, we work in partnership with the police, residents' associations, local authorities and other agencies to reduce crime and disorder. Originally the basic purpose was to reduce household burglary, but we are now tackling other things that affect people's quality of life such as, scammers, rogue traders and anti-social behaviour.

Sutton Neighbourhood Watch is evolving to meet the needs of the 21st century. Whilst the basic aim is the same, the way we tackle issues and the way we involve people and do our business is changing. This is reflected in the demographics of the membership. Our membership is not only growing rapidly, but most people joining now are of a younger age group and different ethnic origins, so that increasingly the membership more accurately reflects the population of the borough.

How it works

Some people can spare more time than others to help. Some are only able to spare a little time to support Neighbourhood Watch as a member or newsletter deliverer.

Every member is valuable and important in making the community safer - as long as they care for their community and enthusiastic about getting things done.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



AND



Membership

Being a member means being a good neighbour and caring about the local area. It needn't cost anything, except a little common sense and being aware. It doesn't mean interfering in other people's business; just your neighbours looking out for you, your family, your home and your street or estate, and you doing the same for them.

Members do whatever they can to make their neighbourhood safer and support their coordinator as they are able.

Members are asked to report anything that seems suspicious or unusual to the police. Some things you see may help the police solve or prevent a crime - and so stop someone becoming a victim. So, if you are suspicious about something, note what you have seen and pass the information to the police. Contact your Safer Neighbourhoods Team, call 101, or in an emergency dial 999 in the usual way.

Let the police check it out and NEVER challenge someone who is behaving suspiciously or put yourself at risk. You will never be criticised for making a 999 call in good faith.

Coordinators

Because our aim is to help people to protect themselves and their properties, to reduce the fear of crime and to promote community spirit and neighbourliness, this is best provided through our network of Ward, Area and Street Coordinators, who understand the needs of their neighbours, are aware of what happens in their streets and are the backbone of Neighbourhood Watch.

Primarily Coordinators are members willing to act as a Point of Contact, who can be approached for information or assistance by the Neighbourhood Watch Ward Coordinator or the police Safer Neighbourhoods Team. Passing on information and keeping an eye out for vulnerable neighbours and encouraging neighbours to report anything suspicious and to protect themselves and their properties

The role of Coordinator need not take up very much time or be difficult or demanding . . . **the choice is yours.**

Street Coordinators are vital to the operation of Neighbourhood Watch and every street needs a Coordinator. Due to retirement or moving house, there are a number of streets without Coordinators.

Our Website

Visit our website for Crime Prevention advice, Crime Reporting, Crime Information and statistics plus a lot more detailed information about us, how we operate and various roles within the association.

www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk

Join us in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour

Please don't wait until you are a victim of crime before joining Neighbourhood Watch. Take action and become a member today.

Although crime in Sutton has been steadily falling, from time to time it does increase. How much is due to economic trends or to the impact of crime prevention measures by the police and home owners is difficult to quantify. What is clear is that we cannot afford to be complacent. Crime in Sutton will not continue to fall unless we take action.

It's unfortunate that many people don't take crime seriously until after they become a victim.

Although it is the job of the police to fight crime, we can all help to bring crime down. Most crime is against property, not people, and not many crimes are carefully planned. But you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by taking sensible precautions and joining Neighbourhood Watch.

This will help the police, by giving them more time to tackle serious crime. That's good for you and your family - because it helps to make Sutton a safer and better place to live, work and raise our children.

Neighbourhood Watch needs your help

to bring the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to every street in Sutton.

Unfortunately, some people assume that because they live in a "Neighbourhood Watch Area" they are "automatically" members.

Because we can't assume that everyone wishes to be a member, if you haven't done so already, please enrol to become a member.

Membership of Neighbourhood Watch Is free, and as most insurance companies give a discount to members, don't forget to tell your home insurer when you join.

To become a member, go to:

www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk

or complete the form overleaf.

For Information or Advice:

Web: www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk

Contact: enquiries@SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk



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