

# Neighbourhood Watch



## What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a means of developing close liaison between households in a neighbourhood, the police and the local authority. Its **aim** is to help people protect themselves and their properties, to reduce the likelihood and fear of crime, and to improve their local environment. **RUNWAY** (The Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Watch Association) is the Association representing Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Rushcliffe.

## Benefits of Neighbourhood Watch

- Discourages criminals from your patch
- Seventeen times less chance of being burgled (insurance statistics)
- Meetings to share best practice with other schemes and experts
- Greater collective security and peace of mind
- Reduces fear of crime
- Monthly crime sheet from police, with date, location and type of all recorded offences
- Discounts on house insurance (subject to security levels)
- Large discounts on purchase of security devices
- Free coding of equipment such as bicycles, mowers, etc
- No cost to residents
- Easy to start and easy to run
- Raises overall level of awareness and crime prevention practice.

## Way Forward

- Intending co-ordinators in Rushcliffe should first ascertain informally the general level of interest among their neighbours – as a rough guide not less than 70% of households should be in favour starting a scheme
- The co-ordinator should then contact **Nigel Turner**, Crime Reduction Manager, on **0115 844 5069**, advising the number of households in the proposed scheme
- You will be sent a set of single-sided A4 questionnaires to distribute one per household to ascertain the level of interest in starting a scheme
- Given evidence of residents' support, Nigel will launch the new scheme at a meeting of the residents arranged in consultation with the co-ordinator and will supply booklets, leaflets, window stickers and advice on the conduct of the scheme.

## More Information

Any householder wanting more information on starting or running a Neighbourhood Watch scheme may also contact **RUNWAY** (The Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Watch Association) on **0115 844 6938**, where experienced co-ordinators are available to answer your queries. The office is staffed three mornings per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but an answerphone is available at other times and calls will be returned as soon as possible. Copies of a leaflet explaining **Rushcliffe Community Watch** are also available to co-ordinators and deputies.