



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



Joining your local Neighbourhood Watch offers the benefit of a safer community. But what does it mean for your home insurance?

As you live in the Alresford area you are almost certainly a member of the Neighbourhood Watch already. You have hopefully heard of the scheme, or seen the round sticker or street signs.

But joining Neighbourhood Watch can be about more than a sticker or a sign. It's about creating a community where its members can feel safe and what most people don't realise, is that it could also reduce your home insurance premiums.

The aim is to reduce the fear of crime in the area through better home security measures; the reporting of crime and suspicious behaviour and good old-fashioned community spirit. But more than that, Neighbourhood Watch forms an integral part of the Home Office's crime-reduction strategy. It's also considered to be the biggest and most successful crime-prevention initiative ever released.

So, what does Neighbourhood Watch do?

The aim is to provide a support network for communities to:

- Step up the security of their property through shared advice.
- Increase vigilance, and build a network of crime reporting and 'human home alarms' in order to keep the local area more secure.
- Provide a network for the police, to pass information to communities regarding crime trends or possible issues in their area.
- Generally build a greater feeling of community in local areas.

If you're looking for more information, the Neighbourhood Watch website is a really useful resource. It can be found at <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

They've got loads of useful packs and information on there, such as:

- When and how to make a call to the emergency services
- How to spot and deal with bogus callers
- Tackling distraction burglary
- Protecting your home from fire

They also cover topics such as making your community a safer place to live, and the importance of mobile and internet safety.

So, being a member of your local Neighbourhood Watch group could reduce the price you pay for your home insurance. Most home insurance companies will ask if the policy holder is a part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. This could mean that insurance companies will view you as someone who is less likely to become a victim of crime. Not all insurers will provide a significant discount for members. But many do as you're seen to be taking active steps to keep yourself and your home safe and your insurer is likely to take this into account.

If you would like to know more about your local Neighbourhood Watch, or would like to become the Co-ordinator for either the Bridge Road or Chiltern Court areas, where we currently have vacancies, please contact us at contact.adnwa@gmail.com.

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