



## **ROLE of STREET COORDINATORS**

Coordinators are vital to the operation of Neighbourhood Watch and every street needs 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 Coordinators. Our Coordinators understand the needs of their neighbours and are aware of what happens in their streets and are the backbone of Neighbourhood Watch.

Street Coordinators (SC's) are members willing to act as a Point of Contact, who can be approached for information or assistance by the Neighbourhood Watch Ward Coordinator (WC) or the police Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT).

In representing the interests of their neighbours they can raise concerns/issues with the WC or SNT as appropriate.

- As with all members, SC's look out for anything that seems suspicious or unusual and report it to the police.
- SC's also forward any reports they receive to the WC and SNT, checking if they have been reported to the police on 999 or 101 if appropriate.

SC's may also undertake some or all of the following - the choice is theirs:

- Keep in regular contact with the Ward Coordinator and the ward Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team, keeping them informed of any issues or concerns about the street.
- Let neighbours know of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. how to get in contact and if appropriate invite them to become a member.
- Give crime prevention literature to neighbours.
- Encourage neighbours to be observant at all times and report anything suspicious to the police.
- Encourage neighbours to protect themselves and their properties by being aware of and putting into practice crime prevention measures, such as property marking and security.
- Identify and keep an eye on any vulnerable neighbours and report any concerns if the support they are being given appears to be inadequate.
- Occasionally deliver newsletters to members and or residents as appropriate.
- Attend the occasional Neighbourhood Watch meeting.