



## **ROLE of WARD COORDINATORS**

Although they may undertake other tasks, the primary purpose of Ward Coordinators (WC's) as part of the Association Committee is to represent the interests of their members and to raise concerns/issues on their behalf.

Therefore, on behalf of their members, to work with Committee members and Officers to achieve the wider objectives of NHW and to encourage the association to grow and strengthen so that it remains relevant and at the heart of our community.

As the Neighbourhood Watch ward lead, the WC coordinates all NHW activities in the ward, working with the police, councillors, residents' groups, Area and Street Coordinators.

The position of WC provides structure and cohesion to the association.

In helping Sutton Neighbourhood Watch achieve its objectives, simply put, the WC's responsibilities are:

- to help reduce the incidence and opportunity for crime by encouraging residents to improve security, increase vigilance, and help create and foster a caring community.
- to increase crime prevention awareness within their respective Ward.
- to help the police to detect crime by promoting effective communication and the prompt reporting of suspicious and criminal activity.
- to help improve police/community liaison by encouraging/facilitating effective communication via email, local reporting and regular meetings.
- to act as a full committee member of the Association, supporting the overall objectives of the Association and working with officers on the committee to strive to achieve them as far as possible.

Whilst WC's have a primary responsibility to our members, they also care for all residents of their ward in encouraging the prevention of crime and anti social behaviour.

In caring for the Ward, WC's need to be familiar with the areas and roads within the ward and the needs of the residents in those areas with regard to preventing crime and anti social behaviour.