



# Southport Homewatch Association Newsletter



## Invitation to Annual General Meeting

All Scheme Leaders, Deputies and Members are invited to our Annual General Meeting.

### PLEASE NOTE VENUE

**7pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

**Church Hall, Liverpool Road Methodist Church, Birkdale, PR8 4PD**

**Doors open 6:30pm. Car Parking on-site and adjacent streets.**

**10mins walk from Hillside Station, Bus routes 49 and X2.**

Guest Speakers: Southport Local Policing Team – Home Security / Burglary Prevention. Please submit questions in advance where possible.

There will be an opportunity for some ad hoc discussion on the night.

## Hello Scheme Members

You are receiving this newsletter because your home is part of a Southport Homewatch Scheme.

## What's New ?

We have updated the advice on our website on How To Contact The Police. New content includes:

- How to find out who is on your local Neighbourhood Police team
- How to find out where and when your local Police drop in sessions are
- The Merseyside Police QR code for quick access to the reporting page

Plus

- How to make Silent 999 calls
- CCTV / video submission portal and more.

Have you seen our monthly newsletters? We have started sending a monthly newsletter to our Scheme Leaders. This includes relevant news / tips and a regular update on household and vehicle crime. There is usually advice about current scams. You can see an example newsletter here :

<https://www.southporthomewatch.org.uk/monthly-email>

Newsletter topics in 2025 included:

- The top 5 most convincing scams
- Tips for staying safe at Halloween
- Advice on the switchover to digital voice
- Impact of the 3G switch off on mobile phones

Crime updates cover the previous month and include household and vehicle crimes eg.

- Xxxxx Road - attempt to enter via patio doors overnight
- xxxxx Drive - mobile phone stolen from insecure vehicle

NB. Example only. The newsletter contains the actual location

Our monthly newsletter is available for distribution to members but is only available digitally. If you want to receive the newsletter, please ask your Scheme Leader to send it to you via email, WhatsApp or similar.

## What is a Homewatch Scheme for ?

A Homewatch Scheme brings together a group of neighbours who want to:

- Reduce the likelihood of becoming victims of crime
- Get to know their neighbours better
- Help to build a safer, stronger, more active local community
- Help to combat isolation and support vulnerable households in their street

## What does being a member of a Scheme do for me ?

- You receive an invitation every year to our AGM. This year we have a presentation from Southport Police about how to keep yourself safe from burglary. It is also an opportunity to ask questions of a Southport Police representative. (Voting on matters affecting the Association is limited to Scheme Leaders and Deputies.)
- One of the best ways to protect your home is to have good neighbours. Neighbours who will keep an eye on your house when you are away, take the bins in, clear junk mail from the porch can help eliminate the signs that a house is unattended and so reduce the likelihood of burglary.
- If you have a Homewatch street sign (in good condition) there is evidence to show that reduces the incidence of crime

## What can I do ?

- Say hello to your neighbours! Get to know the people who live closest to you. Talk to them about things you are worried about.
- Keep an eye out for neighbours who might be vulnerable... perhaps elderly or living on their own.
- Keep an eye on our website [www.southporthomewatch.org.uk](http://www.southporthomewatch.org.uk). Check out what you can find in **Security Resources** or **General Resources**.
- Find out about your local Neighbourhood Police team and let them know about concerns that you have. The Police react to issues that are raised. If they don't hear anything they won't act.
- Please encourage your family and friends to consider starting a group in their road. If they have an existing WhatsApp group they've done the hard work already.

## Southport Homewatch Association:

We currently have a total of 150+ active groups, potentially covering over 4,000 households. Don't hesitate to get in touch with any concerns or comments. Speak to any member of the committee or contact us at [contact@southporthomewatch.org.uk](mailto:contact@southporthomewatch.org.uk).



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