



Southport HOMEWATCH Association

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RUNNING A HOMEWATCH GROUP

A Homewatch Scheme is set up to encourage a sense of community within a street so that neighbours can share concerns and keep an eye out for each other. Also to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.

Running the Scheme:

You know your local area best and should run the scheme in a way which is suitable for you. (See Homewatch Group Guidelines for things to be aware of.) We strongly recommend creating a WhatsApp, Messenger or Facebook group. It makes communication quick and simple.

- Keep a list of members and speak to them when possible.
- Keep members' personal information secure and confidential. Don't pass it on without their permission.
- Pass on information we provide for you (preferably by email or social media). You will receive a monthly newsletter which is only available in digital format. You will also receive an annual invitation to our AGM for you and your group members.
- Ask new residents if they would like to join.
- Where possible, reach out to neighbours without access to social media or digital technology.
- Give us an alternative point of contact in case we are unable to get in touch with you.

Encourage members to:

- Keep an eye out for each other (especially if there are isolated, elderly or vulnerable people) and help out if necessary
- Take simple security precautions to protect their property
- Be wary of cold callers and display the No Cold Callers stickers we provide
- Share local news about incidents
- Report suspicious behaviour to the Police as appropriate (see our website: <https://www.southporthomewatch.org.uk/how-to-contact-the-police>)

Don't become involved in disputes between members or involving other groups.

We are supported by Merseyside Police but we are not part of the Police and we do not share information / contact details with them (unless by agreement). We partner with Neighbourhood Watch and you may choose to register your group with them. However, there is no obligation to do this. More information is available at www.ourwatch.org.uk

