



Newsletter

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Welcome to our first edition

A Word from our Chair

Welcome to our first Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. We intend to send these out on a regular basis to keep you updated and informed on all things relating to Neighbourhood Watch.

To ensure we cover the things that are important to you, we would really appreciate your feedback and advice on the topics you would like included. We would also welcome any other content you would like to share with the broader Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch community. For feedback or items you would like included please contact Debbie at newsletter@lcwf.co.uk For any general Neighbourhood Watch queries please contact Colm at secretary@lcwf.co.uk On behalf of the Lancashire Combined Watch Forum Committee, may I take this opportunity to wish you, your families and your watch members a;

Very Merry Christmas and Send You Our Best Wishes for the New Year.

Roger.

Roger Baines MBE

Chair, Lancashire Combined Watch Forum,

'The Neighbourhood Watch Association for Lancashire'

LCWF/ NW Meetings

The **Wyre Neighbourhood Watch Association's** Annual General Meeting and regular meeting was held on Monday 3rd December in Garstang.

The meeting was attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, Mr. Clive Grunshaw.

The Commissioner updated the meeting on current initiatives being put in place and on the impact the cutbacks in police funding are having.

He stated that he is fully supportive of Neighbourhood Watch, values the commitment of coordinators and members across the county and thanks them for their invaluable work.

The **Blackpool and Fylde Neighbourhood Watch Executive Committee** meeting took place on Tuesday 4th December 2018, in Blackpool.

Some of the topics currently being worked by the committee are;

Supporting Mental Health Training for young people and local PCSOs,

Closer partnership between Neighbourhood Watch, Local Councils and the Police.

Meeting dates for 2019 are; 5thMarch, 4thJune, 3rdSept. and 3rdDec.

if you would like to be put in touch with either of the above associations, or, have any events you would like included in future newsletters please let us know.



This is YOUR Newsletter

It will be emailed to all the registered coordinators in Lancashire for distribution to our members, if appropriate. Let us know of any LCWF, Neighbourhood Watch or Charity events you want publicising or any relevant dates and information you'd like putting in this newsletter.

WE NEED: **your** news, **your** photo's, **your** stories, **your** ideas & input

(Please try and remember to take any photos of any meetings/ events etc and email them for publication here to: newsletter@lcwf.co.uk, ensuring it's with the consent of those included)

Police Advice this Christmas

Christmas presents on display under the Christmas tree can prove an attractive prospect for thieves. Don't make it easy for criminals - protect your home this winter and don't let thieves steal your Christmas.

- When you go out, always lock doors and close windows.
- Don't leave keys where they can be seen or reached through the letter box - keep them out of sight.
- Leave a light on in a room and remember to draw the curtains when you go out at night.
- Never leave Christmas presents on view.
- Fit burglar alarms and good outside lighting. Test them frequently to make sure they work.
- Mark important and expensive items with your postcode and house number using special security markers. Keep a record of the make, model and serial numbers of all electrical equipment and dispose of packaging carefully.
- Register property at www.immobilise.com
- Make sure any side gates, sheds garages and outbuildings are locked.

Christmas is a high demand period for all the emergency services. Some calls, especially to 999 or 101, could be dealt with better and sometimes quicker elsewhere.

- If crime is taking place or there is risk to life - Always call 999 in an emergency
- To report a crime that has already happened - Ring 101 or [report online](#)
- You have been a victim of fraud (including online fraud) - Report online to [Action Fraud](#) or ring [0300 123 2040](#)
- To report fake goods - Call Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline [03454 04 05 06](#)
- To report animal cruelty to the RSPCA - rspca.org.uk
- You are feeling low and need someone to talk to contact the Samaritans - [116 123](tel:116123) samaritans.org
- Help and support for young victims contact Nest Lancashire - nestlancashire.org [0300 111 0323](tel:03001110323)
- If you or someone you know are a victim of domestic abuse call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)
- To report noise nuisance, contact your local council

Lancashire Combined Watch Forum update

As you are probably aware, the Lancashire Combined Watch Forum assumed responsibility for all things Neighbourhood Watch in Lancashire at the beginning of this year. Until then the Police Watch Liaison Officers acted as the focal points in the four Police Divisions.

The areas we have been working on this year are;

New Watch set up.

This was previously done by the Police Watch Liaison Officers. We have completely revised the process and relaunched it in April this year. Since then we have supported the successful setting up of ten new watches across the county.

Database Management

We now manage and maintain the Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Database. The database is still hosted on the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership website for practical reasons, but it is controlled and looked after by our trained and authorised members.

Recovering 'Lost' Coordinators

During the change over from; Police to Lancashire Volunteer Partnership to the Lancashire Combined Watch Forum a number of coordinators, for various reasons, did not re-register on the new database. Unfortunately, this now means we have no way of contacting them or providing them with support.

You can help us here, if you know any coordinators who did not register or are not receiving any communication from us, please ask them to contact us at secretary@lclf.co.uk

To reiterate the Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Database is now a completely different part of the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership website and is under our control.

Improving Communications

Based on feedback and being coordinators ourselves, we fully understand that lack of communication is an issue.

To do what we can we have:

- I. Set up and maintain our Facebook page.
- II. Completely revised our website www.lclf.co.uk to make it more user friendly and useful.
- III. Distributed monthly Trading Standards updates.

Messages from our Members

Would you like to say thanks, Happy Birthday/ Retirement etc or something you'd like to request help or assistance with?

Let me know for inclusion here (of course nothing too personal or crossing GDPR boundaries)

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- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lancsNHW>
- Any other enquires please contact: secretary@lclf.co.uk
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