



We are delighted to announce that Levington and Stratton Hall have joined a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. To become a member of the scheme is simple just follow this link and fill in your details.

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/joinNW> this link will also be added to the WhatsApp Group

This will give you alerts and if you are concerned about any anti social behaviour or strange activities then this can be reported to Sarah Adams (Gregory) via the Levington WhatsApp group and a message will be sent via the Neighbourhood Hood watch portal.

Enclosed is a window sticker which we would encourage all residents to display in a prominent window. There will be new signage displayed in the village.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a community-led, volunteer-based movement in the UK (and globally) where residents work together with police to prevent crime, reduce fear, and build safer, more resilient neighbourhoods by sharing information and looking out for each other. It fosters closer communities by promoting good citizenship and tackling issues like burglary, antisocial behaviour, and cybercrime through shared vigilance and communication, often using social media, emails, or local meetings.

## Key Aspects:

- **Community-Driven:** Schemes are owned and run by local volunteers, adapting to their specific community's needs, from a few houses to entire estates.
- **Police Partnership:** NHW supports police efforts by increasing community awareness and intelligence flow, acting as an extra link between residents and law enforcement.
- **Crime Prevention:** Members look out for suspicious activity, share crime prevention advice (e.g., home security, online safety), and report concerns, deterring criminals.
- **Community Building:** Beyond crime, it improves neighbourly trust, reduces isolation, and encourages people to help each other, creating stronger social fabric.
- **Structure:** While national organisations provide support, local groups are managed by volunteer coordinators, sometimes with area/ward coordinators for larger areas.

## How it Works:

1. **Identify a Need:** Residents notice crime or safety issues in their area.
2. **Form a Group:** They connect with neighbours, often via a local coordinator or by setting up a scheme through the national network.
3. **Communicate:** Members share alerts and advice via various channels (email, WhatsApp, meetings).
4. **Collaborate:** They work with local police and authorities to address problems.

## Goals:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime.
- Increase public participation in safety.
- Promote good citizenship and awareness.
- Improve police-community liaison.