

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GREAT CHART with SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Firstly, the most important question of all

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is the largest voluntary crime prevention organisation in the country. Formed in the early 80s, NHW has been successfully operating in Kent since 1991 and is a recognised and successful crime-fighting initiative. NHW is a partnership where like-minded people come together to prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime and increase community cohesion. It involves the Police, Community Safety departments of local authorities, parish councils and other voluntary organisations and, above all, individuals and families who want to make their neighbourhoods better places to live.

There is a very strong and active Neighbourhood Watch in the Great Chart and Singleton area, supported by the Parish Council.

It is important that the Police and the Community work in partnership to prevent and detect crime. The aim is to help communities protect themselves and their homes, reduce the fear of crime and improve their local environment. Essentially it is about neighbours looking out for one another.

Information and Crime prevention can be forwarded on to all members in the scheme. In turn, members are asked to pass any information they have back to the Police. This will help the Police gather intelligence, which is crucial in protecting your area.

The success of a scheme depends on the time and effort put in by local people and their willingness to get involved. The benefits include residents getting to know and helping to protect each other, particularly the more vulnerable in their communities.

All members of a scheme can take steps to help prevent crime, improve safety and thus reduce the fear of crime.

An active Neighbourhood Watch can therefore:

Reduce crime and the opportunities for crime.

Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime.

Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities, especially with all the new developments being built all around Ashford.

Help improve the local environment.

Some insurance companies offer discounts on their home insurance contents if you belong to an active NHW scheme.



Please join us to help ourselves and the community.

Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant. Thank you for your support.

Peter