



OLD SARUM & LONGHEDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

To All residents of Old Sarum & Longhedge.

I wrote to you some months ago about our scheme, since then a number of you have signed up to join our scheme, using the online registration. Since then we now have nearly 40 households using the online registration process. We still have about 95 households who are directly registered with the coordinator, so numbers are growing from last year.

It would be great if we could encourage more neighbours to sign up as it is better for all of us.

There is no cost and very little time commitment, just looking out for your friends next door, making sure all is well out there. This is already happening but joining NW strengthens that for all.

I have added below how to sign up, please consider taking up this offer.

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HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL OLD SARUM & LONGHEDGE NW SCHEME AND WHAT DOES BEING A MEMBER INVOLVE?

Being a member of Neighbourhood Watch means being a good neighbour and caring about the local area. It doesn't cost anything more than a little common sense and being aware. It doesn't mean interfering in other people's business; just that your neighbours will look out for you, your family, your home and your street or estate, and you will do the same for them.

In undertaking to give whatever support they can to help Neighbourhood Watch achieve its objectives, all members do whatever they can to make their neighbourhood safer and more secure, as well as giving support and help as they are able, to the local coordinator.

Being alert to and reporting suspicious activity.

One of the most important roles of members is to look out for anything that seems suspicious or unusual, and report it to the police. Some things you see may help the police solve or prevent a crime – and so stop someone becoming a victim. So, if you are suspicious about something, make a note of who and what you have seen and pass the information to the police and your local coordinator.

Keeping an eye out for elderly and vulnerable neighbours.

Many neighbourhoods will have residents who are elderly and frail, or vulnerable in other ways. Perhaps they are just lonely. Once you have identified these neighbours the scheme members should look out for them, maybe by nominating someone to check on them regularly and see if they need anything. There are some useful tips for doing this in the Loneliness and Vulnerability toolkit.

Hopefully be able to attend NW meetings and engage with communications from the coordinator.

NW schemes only work when the scheme members engage with it – it has to be a community initiative. The coordinator can't be expected to do everything. If nobody turns up to meetings or responds to emails or social media posts, the scheme will fizzle out. So – join in, ask what you can do



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to support your coordinator, and be an active member of your community. You will be surprised at how fulfilling it can be!

How do residents become members of our local scheme?

Following this step-by-step guide will help people to join our existing Old Sarum & Longhedge NW scheme as a member:

1. Go to www.ourwatch.org.uk
2. Put in your postcode or a postcode nearby (like the postcode of a local shop). Double-click on the scheme that covers your neighbourhood. Go to the bottom of the screen and click **Apply to join scheme**
3. Register your details online and then click on **JOIN** (please note this goes to the national scheme, you are not yet registering on your local scheme).

Once this is done, go onto your email and verify your email address. The first stage of registration is now complete.

In order to be added to Old Sarum & Longhedge Neighbourhood Watch scheme you will need to do the following:

1. Go back into your new account and navigate to the scheme admin area
2. Search for your local scheme in the **Schemes near you** drop-down box on this page
3. Join this scheme as a member



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Your local co-ordinator will then receive an email requesting their approval for you to join the scheme. Once they approve this, you will receive an email telling you that your application to join the scheme has been accepted.

If you have any problems signing up, contact the Neighbourhood Watch Network Enquiries Desk on Enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk and they will be able to help.