

Community safety series - article 10

### **Play your part by finding out what's going on in your neighbourhood**

Watching out for our neighbours helps to keep our communities secure, but modern lifestyles make it harder to keep in touch with what's going on locally.

Over 95,000 households in Suffolk are covered by Neighbourhood Watch schemes - bringing residents together help to prevent and detect crimes, and to make them feel safe - working alongside the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Now, the county's Police Direct high tech messaging service provided by Suffolk Constabulary can bring you the latest information about crime and policing issues in your area.

The free service will send you alerts via email, text or phone giving:

- Latest information on local crime
- Warnings about bogus callers
- Crime reduction advice
- Updates from your Safer Neighbourhood Team
- News on major traffic disruptions

You can choose how you want to receive messages and register up to three postcodes, to cover where you live, where you work and maybe where a relative lives.

To register, go to [www.policedirect.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.policedirect.suffolk.police.uk) or telephone 01473 613997. You will be asked for information about yourself. You do not have to answer all of the questions, but it helps to ensure that you receive relevant information.

To join an existing Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area, or get help setting one up, contact Suffolk Constabulary 01473 613500 and ask for your local community watch liaison officer.

You can find out more and register for a Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch newsletter at [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch/](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch/)

To read the latest version of the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association newsletter, please click on the following: [Spring 2008 Newsletter - this opens in a new window - 1,963kb \(pdf\)](#)

For more information visit the official Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch website at the following: [Neighbourhood Watch website](#) - opens in a new window.