



Dear Neighbour,

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

### **Safety and Security at Home**

Everyone in the Community would like the vicinity in which they live to be a safe and secure environment. We, at Thames Valley Police, Milton Keynes, are committed to NHW schemes that can assist in achieving this desire. With residents and the police working together, the opportunities for crime to occur can be greatly reduced.

#### **Aims of Neighbourhood Watch**

- *To reduce opportunities for crime, deterring would-be thieves and vandals*
- *To establish a spirit of co-operation and communication by the fact that you are looking out for each other and working together to resolve problems.*
- *To tell the police and Police Community Support Officers about suspicious incidents in your neighbourhood; know what to report and how to report them*
- *To look at improving the neighbourhood, (fixing street lighting, potholes, overgrown bushes etc)*

#### **Benefits**

- *Receipt of Ringmaster messages informing you about burglaries and crime trends taking place in your area*
- *NHW signage and stickers act as a deterrent*
- *A reduced one-off cost for SmartWater - £20 for Coordinators and Members*
- *Basic Crime Reduction/Prevention Advice given at a setup meeting including leaflets*
- *Some insurers offer a discount if you are a member of a NHW scheme*
- *You will get to know who your local police officers and local PCSO's are and work with them to address local issues*

Are you interested in being a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for your street? **Or if you are unable to become a Coordinator why not join as a Member to receive Ringmaster messages?**

You can register to receive messages about burglaries and crime trends in your area at [www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org](http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org) – click on apply.

OR please contact Helen Sharratt for further information on 01908 324626 or email her at [helen.sharratt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:helen.sharratt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)