



**Neighbourhood Watch Network**

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**ASSOCIATION LEADS**

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Dear Association Leads,

As I am sure all of you, we in the Central Support Team were deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The laying in state over the past week and the funeral on Monday were deeply touching for us all as individuals and as members of the public. It was a momentous moment in history that moved us all. As you know, we ceased all social media activity and external comms such as our September newsletter and our street harassment campaign as a measure of our respect. We have now resumed our street harassment campaign and merged our September newsletter into our October one, which will be distributed in early October. Please continue to support the street harassment campaign on a local level. We express our condolences to the Royal Family and hope they are enabled to now grieve privately for their loss.

**SUMMER SEMINARS**

The Summer Seminars ran successfully online again this year, with over 200 members participating. The topics were i) Crime in Public Spaces and ii) Supporting You to Improve Your Community (Coordinator Support). Feedback has been very positive, with members particularly enjoying the presentations from Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. The time participants had in the breakout sessions was also very popular. We will ensure these are extended next year so members can talk about and discuss their issues and views more fully. Thank you to everybody who supported and presented at the sessions.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SHOP**

As you will be aware, we have been developing an online shop for the charity, and we are nearing the launch, which we hope will be in early October. The online shop will enable us to sell Neighbourhood Watch items in smaller quantities than ordering direct from manufacturers. As you can imagine, we have been learning on our feet in developing the shop and getting to grips with the 'Shopify' software and the necessary policies. We hope there will not be too many glitches to start with! We will launch with a small range of signs, overlays, and other branded goods. We will enable all members to have a discount for the first month to get the shop going and will review feedback as we go. If the shop is successful, we will introduce additional items that Associations and members have said they would like. We hope the items will offer good value, but we know some areas have relationships with local suppliers and get products at special rates. We will let you know more details before the launch.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR AGM**

We are looking forward to our 2022 AGM, which will be once again held online following the success of last year's event. The AGM will be on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and we hope as many people as possible can attend.

## **IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022**

We are in the latter stages of producing our 2021/2022 Impact Report. Can I thank all the Associations and members who sent us stories and information which has enabled us to highlight the amazing work that has been taking place locally. The report is a great way to showcase the movement, what is possible, and what is happening across England and Wales. Everyone will be emailed a digital copy of the report. **If you would like 2 printed copies posted to you, please email us with your postal address before 30th September.**

## **ASSOCIATION LEADS QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

The next set of Association Leads Meetings is planned for October. Please let me or Cheryl know if there are particular topics or issues you would like discussed or presented on.

Given recent events and the summer holidays, this is a short letter. I will write again in early October. I look forward to visiting some areas and Associations with AGM's etc over the next few weeks. As always, please let us know what you have been doing locally and share this letter with your Coordinators, members, and partners.

Yours faithfully,



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CEO Neighbourhood Watch Network