



OUR NEWS

Neighbourhood Watch Hide Tower Scheme (NWHT)

Promoting Good Citizenship, Neighbourliness & Crime Reduction

Summer 2016

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is about being part of a community team whose members work to protect each other from crime and anti-social behaviour, to improve the quality of life in their area and to ensure everyone in their community can feel safe. NHW promotes community safety by increasing crime prevention awareness, greater vigilance, opportunities for crime and fear of crime by enhancing good citizenship, neighbourliness and community spirit particularly among the more vulnerable, elderly and young members of the community.

Our Patch

Households and businesses in Carey Place, Chapter Street, Esterbrooke Street, Hide Place, Page Street, Regency Street, Vincent Street, a youth club, one activity centre and two churches.

AGM & London Fire Brigade

On **Saturday 18 June 2016**, you're invited to SouthWestFest Parade and Festival Day from **12:00PM–6:00PM** in St George's Square, Pimlico. An informal annual general meeting will be held to discuss current, future projects and any issues. You can meet Firefighters and discuss fire safety. Last year 10,000 people enjoyed an action-packed day. For more information and getting involved, please contact us.

@NWHTScheme

In January 2016, we created [@NWHTScheme](#) on Twitter enabling us to send and read short messages. It has proved successful in communicating with and keeping the patch informed. You're welcome to tweet or follow us.

Keep your home safe

It is essential that your home feels safe and secure. Lock your front door even when you're in and close and lock your front door and windows even if you are going out for a few minutes. Always put keys in a safe place away from the front/back door and windows. A burglar only needs a few minutes to get in and out. Property marking your property is a quick and effective way of protecting your property. www.immobilise.com for free private & secure portfolio of all your personal

property. More at <http://content.met.police.uk/>

Your Call Counts

Being alert, vigilant and calling in to the Police any incidents or suspicious activity, is all our responsibility. When you notice something unusual, no matter how trivial you think it may seem, phone it in. Your action will help reduce criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in our community.

1. Emergencies: **999**

To report an emergency: immediate threat to life or property or a crime happening right now.

2. Non-emergencies: **101**

To report a crime that has already happened, seek crime prevention advice or make Police aware of any policing issues.

3. To provide information and intelligence about local community issues, contact the Vincent Square Safer Neighbourhoods Police team
Main Number: **020 8721 2876**

Email: VincentSquare.snt@met.police.uk

4. Crimestoppers: **0800 555 111**

Call anonymously with information about crime.

5. Confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline: **0800 789 321**
If you suspect it report it.

Chess Clubs

Come along and join us! We have successfully implemented chess clubs at Pimlico Library and St Andrew's Junior Club, thirty to thirty-eight 5-9's attend the latter each week. We are looking for a chess tutor at Victoria Library. If you are a chess player or know someone who is that has a little time to be its chess tutor, please contact Imaan J. Williams, NWHT Scheme on details below. Chess in Schools & Communities will provide training and support.

London Fire Brigade

Together with the LFB, we are working with three property management to bring a fire safety discussion to their residents. We have successfully held one discussion in 2016 for a vulnerable property which had a fire safety issue. If your residents would like a fire safety discussion or if

you would like a free home fire safety visit, please do contact us. Firefighters stress every home should have at least one working smoke alarm per floor. Working smoke alarms are essential as they provide vital early warning and allow extra time to escape if there is a fire in your home. Test your smoke alarm every week. Change the battery when the low battery warning operates, however, never disconnect or take the batteries out of your alarm if it goes off by mistake. Do not try to remove batteries in 10 year smoke alarms as they cannot be removed or replaced.

Know your fire plan. Find out if you should be [#StayingIn](#) or [#GoingOut](#) if there is a fire in the building where you live. Visit <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/> for more details.

Celebrating 150 years (1866-2016)

Throughout 2016, there will be numerous events where the public can join in the celebrations including fire station based anniversary parties, which will be taking place in every London borough. Keep an eye on their website to see what's coming up.

London Fire Brigade

Your Fire Safety: <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/>

Home Fire Safety Visit: <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/>

In an emergency dial 999 and ask for the London Fire Brigade.



Safer Neighbourhoods Police team

Safer Neighbourhoods is a truly local policing style: local people working with local police and partners to identify and tackle issues of concern in our neighbourhood. If you have concerns about day-to-day crime and disorder issues in the ward, please contact the Vincent Square Safer Neighbourhoods team, our local police team, on 020 8721 2876 or email VincentSquare.snt@met.police.uk They also hold drop-in surgeries a few times each month. They are not a 24-hour response team, so if it's an emergency always call 999. If you feel uncomfortable, please contact Imaan J. Williams, on details below, and she will assist you. For more information, visit <http://content.met.police.uk/>

Fridge Magnets

If you would like a free Your Call Counts fridge magnet, which includes the emergency numbers, please contact us. Feedback tells us our fridge magnet makes people feel safe.

Keep Informed - Here to help

In addition to reading this newsletter, you can keep up-to-date with breaking news on safety, security and community events by visiting our website www.nwht.btck.co.uk and [@NWHTScheme](#). If you would like to be kept informed by email, please email us at nwht@talktalk.net. All contact details are kept strictly confidential.

Dog Ownership

It is now a legal requirement to have your dog microchipped. If you haven't had your dog microchipped, you may be liable to a fine or prosecution. Westminster Animal Wardens can microchip your dog for free; to book a free visit, email awarden@westminster.gov.uk. Alternatively, a licensed vet or charitable organisation such as Dog's Trust can microchip your dog for a minimal fee. The process is quick, painless and an effective method of linking pets to owners. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home regularly runs responsible ownership events (for cats also) providing free microchipping and behaviour advice. Call 0843 509 4444 to book an appointment.

Young Westminster

Advice and support for young people aged 16-24 in Westminster. Visit westminster.gov.uk/young-westminster for information on education, employment or training [#YoungWestminster](#)

Your Feedback

If you are a young person, we would like to hear from you. What crime or issues are happening to young people? What would you do. Please send your feedback to nwht@talktalk.net.

Noise Complaints

There have been numerous noise complaints made to NWHT Scheme. We remind residents and visitors to be mindful of your neighbours especially after 11:00PM and before 9:00AM. If you are being disturbed by noise happening now, call Westminster 24 hours Noise Team 020 7641 2000. If you would like help and advice about noise or to report a noise that is not happening now, please report the problem online.

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/>

Page Street

We are working with residents in Page Street, now part of the Watch. From this partnering, Neighbourhood Watch Hide Tower Scheme has a presence in these properties offering further safety and security to residents. It also provides a link to the Vincent Square Safer Neighbourhoods Police team, the London Fire Brigade and Crime Reduction Officers that can provide safety, crime prevention and fire safety advice.

What is the next step

What would you like to see as the next step for NWHT Scheme? What is still lacking in the community? How can NWHT Scheme improve as a Neighbourhood Watch? Would you like to be more involved with the Scheme? We would like to hear from you.

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