



# Stanway

## Parish Council

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

#### Would Stanway Parish Council consider promoting the organisation?

Stanway Neighbourhood Watch was established in 2017. Its aim is to share crime prevention tips and help to keep Stanway a safe place to live. There has been no on-line activity for a year so it may have disbanded: [https://www.facebook.com/StanwayNhW/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/StanwayNhW/?ref=page_internal)

Grahame Stehle represents Colchester Neighbourhood Watch.

- There are 93 local schemes within Colchester.
- Membership is currently 3,300 which is down from December 2019. It is a membership organisation and records are kept of members. This information is not shared but sometimes the police need information from them to enable them to approach members, for example as witnesses.
- Only 10% of homes are members.
- Only 9 District Councillors out of 51 are members.
- 10 Council Workers on list and this is a good area to expand.
- Only 8 Parishes out of 31 are members.
- Crime numbers are down 52% on same time in 2019 but people may not be thinking about how they can protect themselves so there could potentially be a surge waiting to happen.
- Scams are currently high priority, so important to ensure crime prevention messages are being publicised.
- A new scheme has been launched in Wivenhoe and has grown quickly. Town Council helped them to achieve this. Marks Tey relaunched their scheme and all previous members re-joined.
- Many people access the NW website and their crime prevention information.
- The workload to coordinate a new scheme can take as little as 15 mins work per week.
- NW funding is readily available for parishes to use for things like signage.
- CBC zone wardens are key to helping to increase the promotion and memberships.
- NW would like help with local promotion through support of Parish Councils.
- CBC Community Services confirmed that they can help with promotion of schemes.
- It would be helpful for Parishes to be involved as the first point of contact. Communities need to come together to assist this scheme.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Stanway Parish Council to investigate supporting and promoting Neighbourhood Watch together with the benefits it brings to a community, through SPC's modes of community communications and councillor representation with the local group, or if necessary, assist with establishing a new group in Stanway.