

**PLEASE READ THIS MESSAGE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT OUR  
FUTURE**

Neighbourhood Watch, since its introduction in the 1980s, has grown to become the U.K.'s largest voluntary organisation.

The scheme was originally known as 'Home Watch' and still is in some parts of the U.K.

In 2007, its work and positive impact on neighbourhoods and communities was recognised by the government and, with support from the Home Office, the National representative body known as, 'Neighbourhood and Home Watch Association (England and Wales)', was born.

Regional associations such as our own Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Association supported Lancashire schemes and represented their interests at National level.

Recently, Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch (LNHW) evolved into the 'Lancashire Combined Watch Forum' (LCWF). This was to take into account the various other voluntary 'Watch Schemes' so that they would be represented and receive support from the Government, the Home Office and the Police.

Members of LCWF work tirelessly on behalf of the organisation negotiating with the National and Regional Bodies, the Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Behind the scenes negotiations are underway between LCWF and Lancashire Police in an effort to achieve greater support from them and the Commissioner's Office.

At present, many Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch groups have no contact with the County organisation, LCWF.

This is a great shame because these schemes are missing out on support. LCWF is currently working on a Service Level Agreement with Lancashire Police so that **YOU** might benefit from greater support in the future. LCWF is also negotiating with the National Association and the County Police and Crime Commissioner's office for funding for such things as projects and signs/stickers.

The LCWF **needs your help and support** in its efforts to achieve all this. At the present time, three Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators, who are also on the NHW Executive Committee, have volunteered to support LCWF. Please lend your voice and contact Keith Warren MBE by forwarding him an email. Mr. Warren can also answer any queries you may have with regard to Neighbourhood Watch.

Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch has historically led the way in relation to innovative practice and procedure.

In the last decade, the relationship between Neighbourhood Watch and the Police has slipped and support, declined.

We want to get back to a level of partnership with the Police as was present in the 1990s.

We want **YOU** to receive as much help, support, advice and information as possible and we want Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch to have a strong voice when it comes to negotiation.

This will only be possible if we **ALL join together** and become one voice.

In the past Neighbourhood Watch has been hampered by red tape with regard to information sharing with the Police and other organisations.

We need to address this so that Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and members miss out on nothing.

If you want to change things for the better, I am suggesting that you contact LCWF and register YOUR support.

**All you have to do is contact the Executive Officer, Keith Warren MBE at [lcwf@sky.com](mailto:lcwf@sky.com)**

Your support will be registered and you will receive information and updates during this critical stage of negotiations.

If you would like to have a role in the work of LCWF, particularly in relation to the on-going negotiations with the Police, please let Keith know.

**Thank you so much for all the effort you make on behalf of others.**