

## The Way Ahead for Neighbourhood Watch

The 'Way Ahead for Neighbourhood Watch' conference was held in Birmingham on 3rd December 2015.

The purpose of the event was to bring together key Neighbourhood Watch contacts with senior and influential police colleagues and Police & Crime Commissioners. Its aim was to showcase the new tools, infrastructure and direction for Neighbourhood Watch, which National NHW is beginning to implement in line with the new Strategic Plan 2015/20.

The event was fully funded by the sponsors VISAV Ltd. and Checkatrade and was at no cost to National NHW.

The LCWF was represented by Jim Proctor, Vice Chair and Colm Flaherty, Treasurer.

They considered the event to have been very successful and had provided a greater insight into the aims and objectives of NHW at a National level. In their opinions the proposed way ahead would be beneficial to LCWF and NHW in general and recommended that LCWF supported the initiatives and provided any assistance deemed necessary in their implementation.

Points of particular interest were:

- **National NHW Register:** National NHW are currently working towards developing a register of all NHW coordinators and associations. All parties would be requested to provide their contact details and provide details of the watch areas covered. The availability of the register should alleviate a number of the current issues associated with data availability, integrity, ownership and protection.
- **Branding:** NHW rebranding together with the launch of a new logo is well underway. The new logo has been agreed and was presented to the conference. The formal launch of the new logo will take place in January.
- **Website:** One of the companies sponsoring NHW have developed a model website which can be used free of charge by NHW association, they have also offered support in setting the websites up.