



Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter

COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER

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TACKLING CRIMES IN PUBLIC SPACES



Hello

Sign up to our COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER

We are delighted to invite you to sign up to our [COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER](https://ourwatch.org.uk/charter) launched at our Neighbourhood Watch Crime and Community Conference 2022. With our first anniversary quickly approaching, please consider signing up, if you have not already joined.

The **Community Safety Charter** aims to engage with a broader reach of people, businesses and organisations to encourage them to take an active stance against crimes in public spaces, such as **harassment, hate crime, and antisocial behaviour**. The Charter tagline is **#BeTheChange**, focusing on the role of active bystanders in leading the change within their communities. The Charter supports greater understanding about how we recognise and deal with community safety issues and support victims by knowing where to get help, how and who to report to, enabling a more positive, proactive approach by the whole community when witnessing or experiencing confrontation, hostility or harassment.

Do I need to make a pledge?

By signing up to the Community Safety Charter, people, businesses, organisations and groups pledge to four actions:

- **PROMOTE** – promote a culture that does not tolerate harmful language, antisocial behaviour and hostility toward others
- **ENABLE** – enable others to identify and take an active stance to prevent harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation within their community
- **REPORT** - actively encourage and support others to report harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and share intelligence about these crimes with the relevant authorities

- **SUPPORT** – support those affected by harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and refer victims to the appropriate support agency

What will I receive when I sign up?

Those who have signed up to the Charter will receive an information pack on a specific topic or crime in PDF or an interactive format every two months to share with your staff and /or volunteers. The topics covered in the first year are:

- harassment
- hate crime
- antisocial behaviour
- being an active bystander
- dealing with confrontation
- leading the change in our communities

Individual downloadable pledges to share on social media will also be made available, together with a downloadable poster to exhibit in your premises.

Where can I find out more?

To find out more about the Charter, click [here](#) or contact Cheryl Spruce, Head of Membership and Engagement, cheryl.spruce@ourwatch.org.uk.

How do I sign up?

As a valued partner of Neighbourhood Watch, we invite you to sign up to the Charter. Simply complete the online form on ourwatch.org.uk/charter. Once you have signed up, we will be in contact with you within 10 working days to share the first information pack and other resources.

Please share the details of the Charter with your networks and encourage them also to sign up and share it. **#BeTheChange**

What people have said about why they joined the Charter and the resources they receive.

Good idea, well constructed resource packs and content useful

Education, and to potentially make a difference.

Never been one to "just walk pass"

I feel passionate about the Community I reside in, want to make valuable contributions

Over **82%** of those who have signed up to the Charter have found the materials easy to follow and informative.

Please encourage your community groups, councils, businesses and schools to sign up too.

Best wishes

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK, Central Support Team