

BUCKDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2022

Buckden had active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for over ten years but suffered of late from a falling membership partly as a result of its low crime rate.

Most streets were covered by Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator can recall sixty-three village residents who made valuable contribution to creating safer community.

OBJECTIVES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

TO PREVENT CRIME

By improving the security of property, increasing vigilance, reducing the opportunities for crime through crime prevention awareness and developing and maintaining a caring community.

TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN THE DETECTION OF CRIME

Through promoting effective communication and the prompt reporting of suspicious incidents and criminal activity.

TO REDUCE UNDUE FEAR OF CRIME

By providing accurate information about risks by promoting a sense of security and community spirit, especially amongst the more vulnerable members of the community, the very young, older people those with a disability.

Try to keep residents up to date on crime matters by regular articles in the Roundabout.

QUESTION FOR THE VILLAGE

Is article in the Buckden Roundabout once per month meeting the objectives of neighbourhood watch.?

There is a national Neighbourhood Watch started in 1982 with website providing crime prevention information also a newsletter for neighbourhood watches supporters across England Wales.

Although the nature of crime has changed it is still important to have knowledgeable Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators to provide assistance and advice

CONTACTING THE POLICE

I appreciate that some of us are nervous about contacting the police but remember that they are on our side and need our assistance when trying to combat crime especially in the local area.

If you call the police if you are witness to a suspicious incident remain calm, try to provide as much information as you can with a brief description of what the call is about description of person involved and the activity of the person involved in the suspicious incident.

If vehicle is involved in suspicious, try to make note of as many of the following details as you can. The vehicle registration number, make of vehicle, model, body style condition other features, towbar stickers, wheel trims etc.

SCAMS

There has been a dramatic increase in criminal cold calls and scams we all need to take great care.

Need to take care to ensure we do not become victim of a scam always check the information you are reading there is always clue this is a scam.

There is need to follow crime prevention advice and be observant and vigilant crime rate is low, but if you have been victim of crime it is difficult experience to come to terms with.

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