

The Avon and Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association (ASNWA) would like to invite you to attend a Neighbourhood Watch Network (NWN) event on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at Police Headquarters, Portishead. The event will run from 9.30am (Registration) then 10am to 4:30pm.

The NWN are holding regional events to showcase new, practical Crime & Vulnerability Toolkits and NW Development Seminars.

In consultation with their principle funder the Home Office they have secured funding to develop a set of 5 practical Toolkits on various crime and vulnerability issues.

This is to support what they have heard from a range of NW leads that some coordinators and members want to do more but are unsure how. The toolkits will be information and practical guides, from a NW perspective, to help address a range of crimes and issues that can cause significant harm to victims.

Anyone - member, coordinator or Association lead - with an interest in gaining information, additional knowledge and the chance to share this within your area with other members and coordinators will be the perfect participants for the toolkits and seminars.

The 5 themes of the toolkits are:

- Domestic Abuse – which as we know affects all communities
- Serious Violence – particularly knife crime
- Vulnerability and loneliness – to increase community cohesion
- Fraud and scams – particularly relevant for vulnerable people
- High harm crimes – Modern Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation

The Toolkits contain information, best practice, printable and downloadable materials and practical advice on using them and developing a local project or programme. The advantage of working with local NW's is that the information and materials will be relevant and usable by coordinators and members.

While some of these themes may not at first appear to be traditional themes for NW there is a key role we can all play in supporting our communities and our police partners to address these significant issues which affect all our communities especially vulnerability, scams and domestic abuse.

They are also planning an additional toolkit later in the year focused on using social media, benefits and issues and sharing good practice.

There are two key aims for each event:

1. Neighbourhood Watch into the future

The NW Development Seminars will be the chance for NHW Coordinators, Deputies and Members to feed into and help develop NW's Strategy for the future. Half of each Seminar will focus on the strategy development work that has been initiated with NW local leads, the staff team, the board and partners. Attendees will discuss and input into the strategy to develop and modernise the organisation over the next three years.

2. Launching Crime and Vulnerability Toolkits / Training for Champions

Crime in England and Wales is changing and we're providing new practical information and help for our members to support the police in the detection and reduction of these crimes. Our network of 2.3 million member households is a force to be reckoned with. So we're finding more practical ways we can empower our members to look at some of the crimes that cause such significant harm to victims and communities. A simple example of this would be that if you regularly see different people going into a nearby house or minibuses turning up this may be a sign of Human Trafficking or if you are aware of an elderly neighbor regularly getting people knocking on their door they may well be being targeted for scams.

The NWN are looking to attract interest across England and Wales at these Seminars and for participants to share their knowledge in their local area so even more people can get the important information they need to help coordinators and NW members. This may simply mean sharing the information contained within the toolkits, developing a local focus on one or more of the areas or perhaps running a local project if they or local coordinators want to.

If you would like to attend the Seminar then please email Sian Dawson at the NWN direct:  
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We do hope you can attend this event. Places are limited so please contact Sian as soon as possible to secure your place/s.