



FLINTSHIRE & WREXHAM ONLINE WATCH LINK ASSOCIATION

Cyswllt Cymdeithas Gwarchod Ar-Lein Sir y Fflint & Wrecsam

President: Rt. Hon. Lord Jones PC
Registered Charity: 1101555

Chairman: Steven Gladwin

9th February 2018

Dear Councillors

We are writing to you to seek financial assistance regarding neighbourhood watch schemes within your locality. This support from you will enable the provision of street signs and of watch crime prevention resource packs for watch coordinators and members. These are provided when a watch scheme has been set up and recorded onto our OWL Cymru crime database.

The Watch (Street) Coordinator acts as a support to the members and to keep the scheme active. The Coordinator is also the liaison between Police, Fire, other services, and ourselves. They will usually act as the developer or have been requested, by neighbours, to take on the role. They will also act in welcoming new neighbours who move into the area and as a point of contact to sharing information/alerts to neighbours who are more vulnerable and may need additional support. The scheme coordinators and members receive crime prevention resources from us that help in educating them on how to prevent themselves, and others, from becoming a victim. The schemes and resources are an essential tool in the prevention and solution of crime.

Established in 1987, The Associations purpose, can be summarised as 'to create a good neighbour' relationship and to promote for, and on behalf of all members, the reduction of the fear of crime, good neighbourliness, good citizenship and greater public participation in the prevention and solution of crime. It assists in any other activity which is aimed at enhancing the quality of life and the security of the community. In addition, the security of vulnerable members of the public such as older people, those with physical/sensory/mental health conditions and learning disabilities within schemes are looked out for. Based from our unit within Mold Police Station, we continue to work to expand the number of volunteers. We particularly identify and include neighbourhoods that are identified as areas of concern. The Association is active in improving the safety and wellbeing of older and or more vulnerable people, establishing in 2007, the effective No Cold Calling watch schemes.

Our homes should be our refuge, a place to feel safe, kick off our shoes, relax, and be ourselves with those most dear to us. However, the world is changing so rapidly in terms of how we live and where we live and work, increasingly people become more isolated when it comes to navigating our way safely through the everyday, and very occasionally, not-so-everyday dangers of modern living.

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Background:

Staying safe together – neighbourhood watch schemes are one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. It is based on the idea that people and their neighbours can help to reduce crime and create a better place to live, work and play. Due to funding cuts we are no longer able to actively develop neighbourhood watch schemes. Having active watch schemes help to:

- ✓ Cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- ✓ Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime
- ✓ Strengthening and sharing information about crime and safety
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- ✓ Bringing people together to keep our neighbourhoods and communities safe

How does it work:

By being a good neighbour, people help make their communities more secure. This is achieved in many ways, including: -

- Looking out for your neighbours by keeping an eye on those who are older or vulnerable, watching over your neighbour's homes
- Receiving regular OWL Cymru updates from us about what is happening locally and how they can help, for example looking out for stolen property, missing people, identification of suspects from cctv images or crime data reports
- Receiving and sharing crime prevention advice to help keep people and their neighbours safe and homes and property secure

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What is OWL alerts? OWL is a FREE crime & community safety alert system that covers all of North Wales. If there has been a burglary, or theft, or suspicious person, missing persons, scams, rogue traders, cold callers, and other types of crime, this is how we inform our members.

Crime Prevention Clinic (CPC): Book your FREE 'CPC' to go over & review your security,

OWL Protect Cymru: Visit our online Crime Prevention shop for cost effective & innovative crime prevention products visit : www.owlcymru.org/shop/shop.html

Watch Schemes: Supporting your neighbourhood, speak to us about the different watch schemes we operate such as schools, farms, equine, shops/businesses & more

Teen Messaging and Work Placements—Contact us for more information

Volunteers: We are an active charity, out in the communities, working closely with our partner agencies (including Police, Fire Service, Local Authorities', other Third Sectors organisations

WHY NOT JOIN US!

'Codgers Quarterly': a quarterly magazine produced by people over 50 years old. .

To register for OWL alerts & receive further information about our services please complete and return the below to our address overleaf:

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Full Address:

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Postcode: Telephone:

Mobile: Email address:

Please circle what you would like more information on:

OWL /CRIME PREVENTION CLINIC / CRIME PREVENTION SHOP / WATCH SCHEMES / TEEN MESSAGING /
WORK PLACEMENTS /VOLUNTEERS / CODGERS QUARTERLY



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WHO ARE WE ... Est 1987 as a Neighbourhood Watch Association

We have developed over the years to support over 60 types of watch schemes, such as neighbourhood, schools, farm, equine, shop, business, dog/paws on patrol. We are more than just watch Schemes: We are a long standing Charity that is pro-active, to prevent crime and re-active, if a crime has been committed.

FREE CRIME SAFETY ALERTS

CRIME PREVENTION CLINIC's

OWL CYMRU PROTECT CRIME PREVENTION SHOP

HOW TO SET UP A WATCH SCHEME

TEEN MESSAGING— safety alerts for young people

WORK PLACEMENTS—Schools, Colleges & Universities

COMMUNITY SAFETY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES



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