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It's *our* special week- let's spread the word together!

Welcome to the National Neighbourhood
Watch Week edition of *Our News*.

National Neighbourhood Watch Week (NNWW16) -
which always falls in the week of the longest day - runs
until Sunday, June 26.

This year we have kicked off the week by sending out
500,000 new *Members' Guide* booklets and 500,000
new window stickers. (See page 2 for more details)

Please let us know what you're doing to celebrate
the good work of Neighbourhood Watch in your
communities and take every opportunity you can to
promote the advantages of Neighbourhood Watch in
the days and weeks to come.

We are also pleased to welcome on board our new
hardware sponsor ERA Home Security - a company
with a long and proud history of securing people's
homes.

On a personal note, this is the last time that I will
be writing for you as chair of the most successful
voluntary organisation in England and Wales. After
three years as vice-chair and five years as chair of
NHWN, I have decided to stand down as chair at our
AGM in July.

I hope to remain as a Trustee and look forward to
serving the new chair in any way I can and I will
continue to work hard to promote Neighbourhood
Watch in the years ahead. Can I thank you for your
continued support and service to our movement.

Jim Maddan OBE, Chair of NHWN



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Your new *Members' Guides* and window stickers are here to celebrate NNWW16

This year our primary sponsor the Co-op Insurance has kindly produced 500,000 new window stickers for National Neighbourhood Watch Week (NNWW16).

We love them and we hope you do to! In addition we have printed 500,000 copies of your new *Members' Guide* with the help of our sponsors and partners. The *Guides* and stickers are now with your NW Force Area/London Borough Associations and we hope you will soon be receiving them from your area contacts. We have been delighted with the response so far to the new *Guides* and stickers. Let us know what you think!

To access the online version of the *Members' Guide* go to www.ourwatch.org.uk/knowledge/members-guide/

Photo Competition

To celebrate NNWW16 we're running a photo competition.

All you have to do is take a photograph of you with the new *Members Guides* or stickers and send it to us. Pictures can be as wacky and unusual as you like and we'll publish the best ones in the next edition of *Our News* and offer a prize for the most creative entry!

Email your pictures to NW Communications and PR officer Lisa Parker at lisa.parker@ourwatch.org.uk



Follow along on Twitter #NNWW16



Royal Honours for dedicated NW volunteers and partners

We are delighted to announce a clutch of recent honours for some of our dedicated Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and partners.

In the Queen's Birthday Honours Maureen West, chair of Barnet Neighbourhood Watch in London, was awarded an MBE for 24 years service to the Deans Way Neighbourhood Watch, which she set up in 1982, and her wider service to Barnet Borough Neighbourhood Watch.



Maureen, 73, thought someone was playing a joke when she first received the letter. "It took half the day just to sink in that it wasn't a joke," she said. "I'm just delighted and so many people have kindly called or emailed me to congratulate me." Asked by *Our News* what the secret was to her successful years of service to NW, Maureen replied: "I care about people, particularly the elderly, and we do what we can to keep them safe. We do burglary roadshows and offer window alarms, timers and handbag alarms to people across the borough."

Maureen, who is married with three daughters and six grandchildren will receive her MBE later in the year.



John Hallows, Yorkshire and Humberside Neighbourhood Watch Regional Representative and former NHWN Trustee, is honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours with the British Empire Medal (BEM).

John, 78, from Barnsley, South Yorkshire has been involved with community safety for 50 years. He said: "I've had well-wishers from all over the country and I'm honoured and proud to be recognised. We all do what we can to make a difference and that's what life is about."



Jim Maddan, OBE, chair of Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network, pictured above with John, said: "I am delighted that Maureen and John have received the recognition they deserve. It is a tremendous honour to be recognised and we as a movement are proud of both of them and thankful for their service." Neighbourhood Watch is also delighted to hear that Katie Aston, a Senior Policy Adviser at the Home Office, who has been incredibly supportive of the movement for many years has been honoured with an OBE. Katie is a passionate advocate for the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and her OBE is awarded for her service to VCS.

Highest Royal voluntary award for Nuneaton and Bedworth

A Neighbourhood Watch Association from Nuneaton in Warwickshire has been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

Steve Hammond, chair, and Bob Chambers, vice chair of Nuneaton & Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Association (N&BNWA) attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace last month where they met the Queen and other winners of this year's award.

Steve said: "We all feel that receiving



this prestigious award is a tremendous achievement which recognises the hard work done by all the volunteers involved in N&BNWA. We feel immensely proud of the recognition it represents."

N&BNWA is one of 193 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of awards given to groups this year is slightly higher than last year, showing that the voluntary sector is thriving and full of innovative ideas to tackle community challenges.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities.

The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2 June – the anniversary of the Queen's

Coronation.

Award winners this year ranged from a War Memorial Community Trust, providing social facilities for the benefit of the community in Clwyd, Wales, to a club enhancing the community by developing individuals through athletics, in Ayrshire and Arran, Scotland.

Nuneaton & Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Association will receive the award from the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire later this summer.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Committee Chair, former broadcast journalist Sir Martyn Lewis said: "I warmly congratulate all of the inspirational voluntary groups who have been rewarded for their community work with a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The thousands of volunteers who give up spare time to help others in their community and to help solve problems demonstrate the very best of democracy in action."

N&BNWA Association Treasurer Brian Lowe said: "It has been a long, and sometimes challenging, journey for us since the association was formed in 1999 following the collapse of Nuneaton Neighbourhood Watch.

"However, thanks to the efforts of a well-motivated band of volunteers, assisted by supportive partner organisations, those challenges have been met. We have now reached the point where much of the way in which we work is seen as good practice that may be emulated by others further afield. Our efforts have been recognised by other awards in the past but being selected for The Queen's Award is without doubt our crowning glory."

Brian and his wife Heather - association secretary of N&BNWA - were both awarded a British Empire Medal in the 2013 Queen's New Year Honours for their voluntary work with NW and Warwickshire Police.



Co-op Insurance reveals the most common summer security slip-ups

Neighbourhood Watch sponsor the Co-op Insurance shares with *Our News* readers some recent research* showing many of us are making some basic mistakes when we're securing our homes and gardens - and what's in them - over the summer months.

When it comes to keeping our homes secure while we head off to enjoy a holiday, it's the little things that make all the difference.

Research revealed that millions of homeowners were committing the most basic security "faux pas" which could put their property and belongings at risk during the peak holiday months.

Almost a third of those surveyed said they had left the house leaving the windows

open (32%) while others (13%) have left the front or back door open. More than one in five people (21%) had left keys in view of windows and doors and 22% don't put the burglar alarm on when leaving the house. More than one in 10 homeowners (12%) have also left the garage unlocked. Still others (15%) have left keys in a hiding place outside and 9% have posted their whereabouts on social media when they are not at home.

Caroline Hunter, Head of Home Insurance at Co-op, says: "It's easy to be distracted when you're busy getting ready to go away for the holidays but it's worth taking time to make some quick security checks for your own peace of mind."

*One Poll questioned 2,000 UK adults online on behalf of Co-op Insurance in 2015.

Top 10 tips to keep safe this summer

1. Take your keys out of the window locks so they can't be seen from the outside.
2. Keep track of your keys. Some insurers may want to see evidence of forced entry before deciding whether or not to pay out on a claim but most would expect to see that you have taken reasonable precautions.
3. If you lose your key or it's stolen and you have good reason to believe that it could be traced back to your home address (eg your handbag's stolen with your address in the bag as well as the keys), then you should have your locks replaced.
4. If you have smaller, high value items in a shed or outdoors, think about bringing them indoors.
5. Make sure outbuildings including sheds and garages are locked. Keep back gates locked and check fencing is secure.
6. Secure outside ladders so they can't be used as a tool to help break into your house.
7. If you have a burglar alarm use it – it's an extra level of security.
8. Report a theft to the police as soon as possible and obtain a crime reference number. This makes it easier for your insurer to deal with a claim and increases the chances of the police making a recovery / arrest.
9. Be sensible about the information you post online and be especially cautious if you plan to go away. Update your privacy and security settings on a regular basis.
10. Take photographs of valuables and keep receipts or valuations and record serial numbers as this may help the police recover items following a theft. Consider registering on www.immobilise.com - this is supported by most UK Police forces.



NW welcomes new sponsor ERA Home Security

Neighbourhood Watch is delighted to announce a new five-year sponsorship agreement with ERA Home Security.

ERA is a leading manufacturer of home security solutions and will work with NW towards our common goal of reducing crime and keeping communities safe.

The company is highly impressed with the work of our 173,000 coordinators and 3.8 million member households.

So it's a perfect match for ERA, a great British company keeping homes safe for over 175 years with high quality locks, hinges and handles for residential doors and windows.

In 2015 ERA joined forces with the Master Locksmiths Association (MLA) to offer a free home security survey to every homeowner in the UK. What's more, ERA's position in the market has moved toward total home security, with innovative additions to the product range such as wireless alarms, IP camera technology and video intercoms.

With these developments in mind, the team at ERA have been looking for an effective partnership to help reach even more homeowners interested in protecting their homes.

Will Butler, Marketing and Innovation Director at ERA, explains: "Supporting Neighbourhood Watch feels like a natural alliance for ERA. Working together we can offer crime prevention advice and encourage households up and down the country to take advantage of the opportunity we've opened up with the MLA to have a professional locksmith visit their home and at no cost provide an assessment of their home security."

Kate Algate, Operations Director at Neighbourhood Watch, describes how the charity will benefit from ERA's involvement: "ERA has a fantastic range of products offering impressive levels of home security and ERA's backing will help us to provide greater levels of support to a larger number of homes nationwide. We're delighted to have them on board."

For more information about ERA's free home security survey visit www.erahomesecurity.com



Over £1 billion lost by businesses to online crime last year

With online crime becoming an increasing threat for businesses, new figures from NW partners Get Safe Online and Action Fraud released today show that from March 2015 – March 2016, a huge total of £1,079,447,765 was reported lost by businesses to online crime.

This comes as Action Fraud saw a 22% increase from 30,475 in 2014 – 2015, to 37,070 crimes reported in the last year. On average, each police force in the UK recorded £19,626,323 in losses by businesses in their area. However, the true picture could be even higher, as these figures do not take into account the amount potentially lost by those businesses who choose not to report

online crime to the police.

From these latest figures, it's evident that businesses need to do more to ensure staff across the board have appropriate online fraud awareness training, so that everyone understands their role in keeping the business secure. A substantial amount of attempted fraud against businesses is successful due to lack of knowledge or sloppy habits by their employees.



To read the full report go to www.getsafeonline.org.uk



Your chance to be a part of a new documentary series

Where do you see yourself in five years time?

That's quite a big question isn't it?

We all have birthdays and anniversaries, but what else will be happening in your life?

We all belong to a family in one form or another and a brand new, groundbreaking documentary series wants to embrace the universal experiences of family life – from the things that challenge its members to what unites them.

This feature-length series will tell honest, down-to-earth, joyful and uplifting stories of each family's dreams, ambitions and journey over a five year period.

Through real families like yours, we can tell powerful stories of life in modern Britain.

Whatever your story, whether you have a plan or you're just seeing where life takes you, the team would love to hear from you.

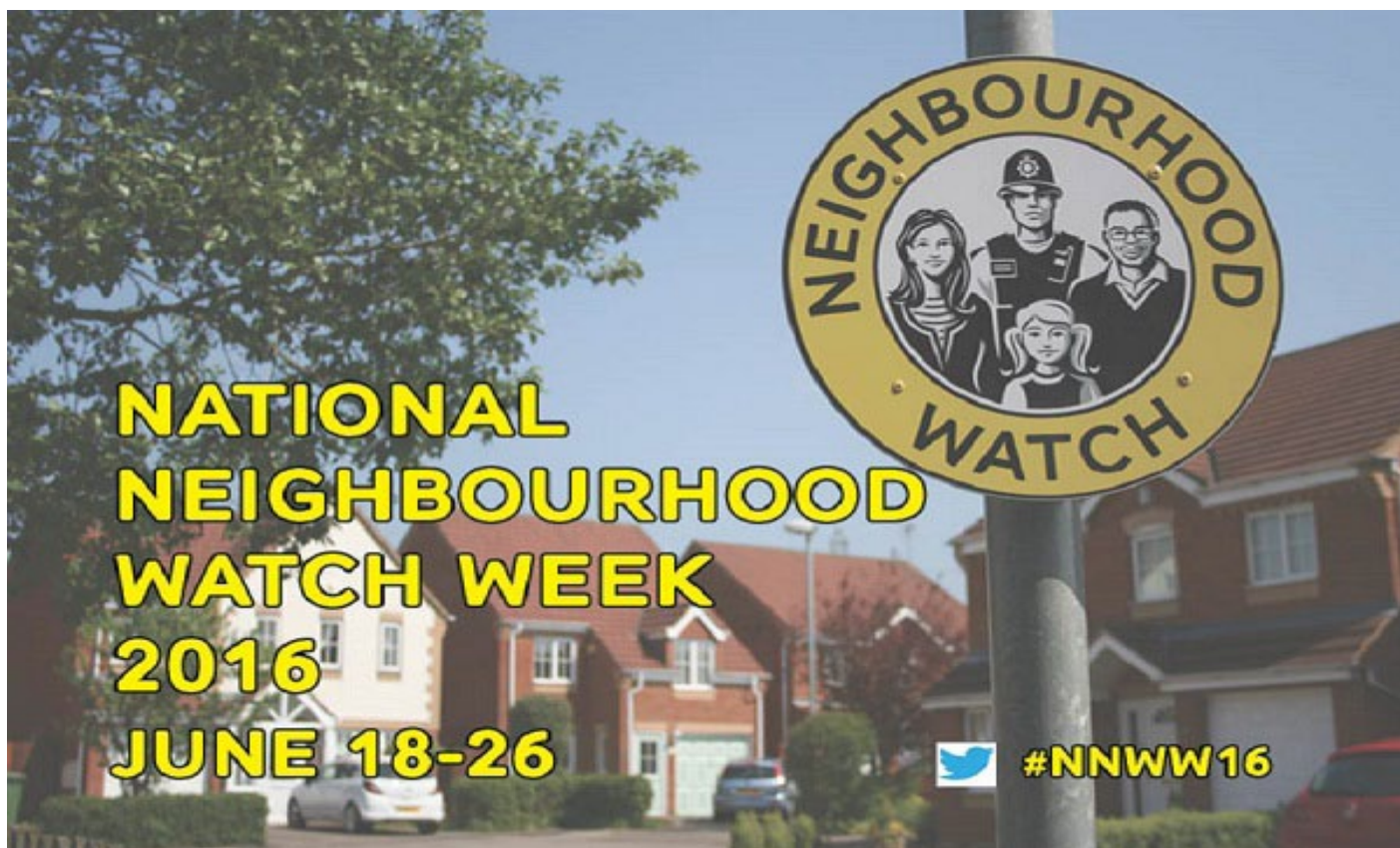
To find out more

email **family@littlegem.tv**

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PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 WE WILL NEED CONSENT FROM YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN BEFORE SPEAKING TO YOU IN DETAIL



This year's National Neighbourhood Watch Week (NNWW16) runs from Saturday, June 18th to Sunday, June 26th.

This year - in lots of different ways - we want to focus on making our movement **Bigger, Safer and Friendlier** and this is our theme for the week.

Bigger

We're delighted the Co-op Insurance has chosen to help us recruit more members and co-ordinators.

We're very proud of our organisation - the largest crime prevention community in the UK - and we want to show potential new members that if they sign up to join us they'll be joining a movement that really makes a difference.

Ask your **Neighbourhood Watch Force Area Representative** for booklets and stickers. Their contact details can be found on our website www.ourwatch.org.uk/force-level-association

They have been busy placing their orders in time for National Neighbourhood Watch Week. Make sure you get yours!

Safer

Crime is changing and as an organisation we're looking at new ways we can help our members protect themselves and their communities from these new challenges. We'll be working with our partners and sponsors to bring you the very latest advice on a range of crimes that are becoming more and more common.

Friendlier

Tell us what you're up to!

As in previous years we will be doing everything we can to promote the good work you do as widely as possible in National Neighbourhood Watch Week. Follow us on Twitter [#NNWW16](https://twitter.com/NNWW16)

We want *you* to let us know what you're doing so please contact our Communications and PR Officer Lisa Parker on lisa.parker@ourwatch.org.uk and tell us what's happening in your area so we can help you to promote it.