

# Greenwich Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



## Neighbourhood Watch street signs

This is one of the most popular topics that co-ordinators and Safer Neighbourhoods Teams ask about!

New schemes can obtain two free street signs per road from the association to help get started. If the road is very long or the scheme has special geographical requirements, these will be taken in to consideration.

Signs can be provided once a Scheme Registration Form (available to download from the GBNWA website) has been completed. The form enables a scheme to be registered and provides the association with contact information. You'll need to decide where you want to install your signs and include the details on the form. Return your completed form to your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT).

Your SNT should then contact the association, via the Chair or Vice Chair, to arrange for materials, which the SNT will deliver to you. With your local SNT involved throughout the whole process, this helps to ensure they continue to work closely with you.

You'll need to install the signs no lower than 2.1 metres high at the lower edge. This is to avoid anyone injuring themselves. To affix a sign use the supplied plastic twisties to tie the signs top and bottom on to the lowest point of your chosen street lamp posts. Then push the signs up using a well positioned broom handle – the higher the better! Please note there is no central facility in the association or council to help with this, so please enlist the help of your scheme co-ordinators and members.

You can order additional and/or replacement signs, such as when signs get damaged, at £2.50 per sign. This goes towards some of production costs. Please provide cheques or post orders, made payable to the Greenwich Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association, to your local SNT who will in turn pass them on to the association.

Please note, additional signs cannot be provided until payment has been received.

## National Personal Safety Day

Take part in the National Personal Safety Day 2011 and the 'ON THE HOMEFRONT' campaign on Monday 10 October, organised by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

The aim is to get as many people as possible throughout the UK thinking about their personal safety and giving them simple advice on how they can reduce the risks of becoming a victim of violence and aggression. This year's ON THE HOMEFRONT campaign aims to give people some useful tips on how to improve their personal safety in and around the home.

Things that you could do include:

- Host safety stands/surgeries in town centres/at transport hubs
- Hand out leaflets to pedestrians
- Put posters up at libraries/bus stops/community centres/shopping centres
- Host talks or presentations in schools/community centres/for the elderly
- Organise interviews in/on local media
- Distribute leaflets in local shops
- Communicate key messages on the internet, intranet or workshops where you work.

For more information on the campaign including how to get started, ordering and downloading leaflets posters etc visit:

[www.suzylamplugh.org/personal-safety/national-personal-safety-day-2011](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/personal-safety/national-personal-safety-day-2011)

The Greenwich Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association working in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, the Metropolitan Police and Greenwich Council to build and maintain safer communities throughout the borough

# Latest news from the GBNWA committee

At the AGM in April, co-opted members were voted on to the committee. The team consists of eight members: Chair Felix McLymont, Vice Chair Jenny Penn, Treasurer: Patricia Gillard, Webmaster: Graham Penn, Independent Auditor Duncan Hamilton, Inspector Safer Neighbourhoods Eltham Sector Ivor Gwyn, Janet Best and Jason Bannister. The role of Secretary is currently being filled by Jenny Penn. The team meet once a month, with current focus on replenishing stocks of materials, obtaining financial support and planning the 2012 AGM. The AGM will be combined with a networking event, and held in January - more in the winter newsletter.

## Keep informed and in touch

Visit [www.gbnwa.org](http://www.gbnwa.org) for up-to-date news, information and tools. For queries email: [chair@gbnwa.org](mailto:chair@gbnwa.org), [vicechair@gbnwa.org](mailto:vicechair@gbnwa.org), [webmaster@gbnwa.org](mailto:webmaster@gbnwa.org) Or phone the Chair on: 07984 777572

## You're not alone

The committee maintains a database of registered schemes across the borough. There are 181 schemes registered as at September 2011. You are part of the growing number of neighbourhood watch schemes in Greenwich Borough, and there is a neighbourhood watch scheme operating in all 17 of the police wards in the borough.

But we've got some work to do to get schemes up and running throughout all of Greenwich, which covers an area of more than 5000 hectares and has a population of approximately 222,600 Source: Greenwich Council 2001 census. There are 92,788 households, of which 57% are terraced, semi detached or detached houses and 43% are flats in a converted building or purpose built block Source: <http://www.capitalwastefacts.com/borough-services/greenwich> - 2009/10

## Surf for success

The GBNWA website was relaunched on 8 April 2011 and since then has received 875 visits with people looking at over 3,000 pages. The site includes step-by-by guidelines on setting up a new scheme, tips on how to recruit new co-ordinators, latest crime prevention news including problem solving ideas and key contacts to help co-ordinators network with each other. To find out more visit [www.gbnwa.org](http://www.gbnwa.org)

The webmasters are continually updating and improving the site. We'd like to hear from you with your scheme stories to help share best practice across the borough. Email: [webmaster@gbnwa.org](mailto:webmaster@gbnwa.org)

## Coming soon to the site

We'll be adding a flyer/letter to help people set up a new scheme and gather support from their local community, a templated newsletter to help co-ordinators communicate effectively and an interactive map showing where active schemes are operating in the borough.

## Advertising opportunities

If you would like to advertise a local business on the GBNWA website, and at very competitive rates, email: [webmaster@gbnwa.org](mailto:webmaster@gbnwa.org)

## Top Tip

Make sure your scheme members know about the new non-emergency number **101**, which replaces 0300 123 1212, with immediate effect.

## YOUR CALL COUNTS

- In an emergency dial: 999
- Non-emergencies dial: 101
- Crimestoppers anonymously: 0800 555 111
- Anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321
- Report community issues to your local Greenwich Borough Safer Neighbourhoods Police teams.

More at:

[http://content.met.police.uk/Page/TeamFinder?scope\\_id=1257246763889](http://content.met.police.uk/Page/TeamFinder?scope_id=1257246763889)