



GREENWICH BOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Committee Information Sheet for Coordinators SUMMER 2009

Securing Homes: Action Against Burglary - Safer Homes and Neighbourhood Watch Funds

The Home Secretary recently announced a new package of measures to keep burglary down, which included two funds for the voluntary and community sector to bid for grants that help people keep their homes safer.

Safer Homes Fund

A £6 million Safer Homes Fund will provide practical support to improve home security for people in groups known to have lower rates of adequate home security, in priority areas. This activity will include, for example, fitting window locks, repairing windows and doors, advising people on using security effectively, and signposting people to further support. Complementary activities that are eligible for funding include the promotion of home security community enterprises and programmes that bring individuals and communities together (for example volunteering and befriending schemes) that help people keep their homes secure and their communities safe.

The Grant Guidance and Application Forms are now available at www.grantsadmin.co.uk/saferhomes. If you have problems with this link, please telephone 0845 543 0329 or e-mail saferhomes@grantsadmin.co.uk. If you have any questions not covered by the Guidance, please contact either saferhomes@grantsadmin.co.uk who are administering the Fund on behalf of the Home Office or katie.aston2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk telephone 020 7035 0761. Delivery of the Fund will be supported by the Community Alliance www.commu-alliance.org and will include policy advice that identifies best practice.

As part of the application procedure, you will need to provide a letter of support from one of their local CDRP agencies such as the community safety manager, local authority or the police. However, if this is going to slow down your application, we are advised that that letter can be sent as part of the checks carried out in order to make the award. Please note that the final date for applications is 12pm Friday 31st July 2009.

Neighbourhood Watch

There will be an additional fund of £0.5 million for Neighbourhood Watch Schemes to apply for small grants to set up new Schemes or for activities that enhance current programmes, by improving home security for residents who have identified this as a priority. The guidance and application forms are also available on www.grantsadmin.co.uk/neighbourhoodwatch as well as the official Neighbourhood and Home Watch site at www.mynhw.co.uk

The Home Office also has a national programme of Safer Homes activities in place with Age Concern / Help the Aged and the National Union of Students. To find out more about either of these programmes, or if you have any queries concerning the above, please contact katie.aston2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk telephone 020 7035 0761.



For free local advice and assistance on Home Security, provided under the auspices of Greenwich Council, contact: HOMESAFE on 020 8316 4188

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The Policing Pledge

The key points are to:

- Treat you fairly & with dignity & respect
- Work to keep you & the neighbourhood safe from harm
 - Publicise the details of your SNT
- Respond to every message to the SNT within 24 hours
- Aim to answer 999 calls within 10 seconds & non-emergency calls within 30 seconds
 - Respond immediately to emergencies – aiming to attend within 12 minutes
- Respond to non-emergency cases involving vulnerable victims & witness or agreed neighbourhood priorities within 60 minutes
 - Alternatively, if appropriate, make an appointment to attend within 48 hours
- Attend regular public meetings at least once a month to agree local priorities
 - Keep victims of crime informed as to progress at least once a month
 - Contact people involved in a road traffic collision within 10 working days
 - For further information, visit www.met.police.uk or call **020 7230 4737**.

Useful telephone numbers:

- Always phone **999** for emergencies
- Non-emergency reporting line **0300 123 1212** or report crime online at www.met.police.uk.
- For deaf or hearing difficulties, emergencies **18000**, non-emergencies **18001 0300 123 1212**
- Anti-terrorist hotline **0800 789 321**
- Crimestoppers **0800 555 111** to provide anonymous information about crime. This is an independent charity
- Immobilise helpline **08701 123 123** if your phone is lost or stolen
- Contact amy.london@greenwich.gov.uk if your NWS wishes to participate in “The Big Tidy-UP” for help to get rid of rubbish, graffiti, gum, cigarette-ends and dog-fouling.

Also, visit the Safer Neighbourhoods area of the MPS website regularly for up-to-date changes to your SNT.

More Neighbourhood Watch news....

A new website, dedicated to the safety and security needs of residents living in the Shooters Hill area, SE18, launched on 1 June. The Shooters Hill Neighbourhood Watch Schemes website contains crime prevention advice, as well as breaking news from the local Shooters Hill Safer Neighbourhood Police Team. Local information helps to build a sense of community. The site is managed by Eaglesfield Park Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Principal Co-ordinators Jenny and Graham Penn, and is fully supported by the Safer Neighbourhood team. Visit: www.shnws.org.uk

Idea for a NWS Outing

If you would like to organize a trip to the Bow Command Centre, where 999 calls are received and despatched, contact Jane Richards initially on 020 8858 3452 or Roxyncyrano@aol.com