

STAMFORD AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

NAME

- 1 Stamford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association.

AIMS

- 2 The aims of the Association are:
 - 2.1 To act as a focal point for Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes within the Stamford Town Neighbourhood Policing Area.
 - 2.2 To act as a link with organisations whose aim is to reduce crime and the fear of crime, and with organisations that promote community safety.
 - 2.3 Encourage the creation of NHW schemes within Stamford Town.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3 Coordinators of NHW schemes within the Stamford Town Neighbourhood Policing Area shall be considered to be members of the Association.

ADMINISTRATION

- 4 The Association shall be administered by a Steering Group consisting of a Lead Coordinator, a Secretary, a Treasurer and one other coordinator. The Stamford Town Neighbourhood Policing Team member assigned as the NHW Single Point of Contact (SPOC) shall be an ex-officio member of the Steering Group.
- 5 The Steering Group members are to be elected annually by the members of the Association.
- 6 The Steering Group is to:
 - 6.1 Organise meetings of the Association.
 - 6.2 Safeguard and administer any funds held by the Association.
 - 6.3 Publish minutes of meetings of the Association.
 - 6.4 Provide representation at meetings of:
 - Lincolnshire NHW Association.
 - Stamford Neighbourhood Panel

- Any other organisation at which the Association is invited to be represented.

MEETINGS

- 7 The Association shall meet at least twice a year. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held during January.
- 8 The agenda for meetings is to include:
 - 8.1 Minutes of previous meeting.
 - 8.2 Matters arising from those minutes.
 - 8.3 Report by the Lead Coordinator.
 - 8.4 Report by the Treasurer.
 - 8.5 Election of the Steering Group (at the AGM).
 - 8.6 Any Other Business.
- 9 Voting on proposals shall be by a show of hands by coordinators attending. In the event of a tied decision the Lead Coordinator may exercise a casting vote.
- 10 Individual members of NHW schemes may attend meetings of the Association.

DISSOLUTION

- 11 The Association may be dissolved by a resolution supported by a majority of the membership.
- 12 Any funds remaining after payment of any debts and liabilities are to be transferred to the Lincolnshire NHW Association.

REVIEW

- 13 This constitution is to be reviewed biennially by the Steering Group. Any proposed amendments are to be approved at the next AGM.