

Baseline survey

Borough: Dagenham

Person interviewed: Stephen Manger Insp

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<p>1. How many NHW schemes operate in your borough?</p>	<p>TWO</p>
<p>2. What other forms of 'Watch Schemes are there on the borough?</p> <p>Who does Business Watch, Pub watch etc.</p> <p>(i.e. <i>Business Watch; Pub Watch; Hospital Watch; Golf Watch</i>)</p>	<p>One scheme covers NHW and Business Watch</p> <p>One scheme cover PubWatch (Run by Licencing)</p>
<p>3. Do you have a role in relation to these schemes?</p> <p>If no, who does?</p>	<p>Inspector in charge of Neighbourhood Watch and Business Watch across Borough</p>
<p>4. How do you communicate information to these watches?</p> <p><i>Email, Ringmaster, newsletter, other</i></p>	<p>E Mail – some 60 NHWs are on E Mail system</p> <p>Others contacted quarterly meetings and quarterly newsletter</p>
<p>*5. Do you have a dedicated coordinator – police or independent for the NHW or any other forms of watches?</p> <p>Is this person responsible for watch schemes other than NHW?</p> <p>(If yes, please supply contact details.)</p> <p><i>* The relevance of this question will depend on who is being interviewed. If you are interviewing the coordinator the issues will have been addressed at questions 2 & 3</i></p>	<p>There is a dedicated Chair who is a volunteer from Community and a Committee also volunteers.</p> <p>Insp runs NHW along with 5 SN Teams and other commitments</p> <p>Dedicated Chair is David Parker.</p> <p>Contact details: http://www.lbbdnhw.org.uk</p>
<p>6. Do you have a formally constituted borough NHW Association?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>7. Do you have any funded posts for Watch Schemes?</p>	<p>No</p>

<p>8. What method of registration do you operate?</p> <p>How is your Audit done?</p> <p><i>Please obtain any registration forms used. Look for clear spreadsheets or other forms of registration that show the following details for each scheme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Scheme coordinator, name address etc.</i> ❖ <i>Number of members</i> ❖ <i>Method used to update the records.</i> 	<p>Registered with London NHW</p> <p>N/K</p> <p>Poor contact with LNHW and National NHW. Have had a speaker at meeting and one batch of magazines delivered.</p> <p>No longer support for Watch signs / Stickers – which are now ordered thro Home Office site</p>
<p>9. Have you registered as a borough for the Home Office PLI?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>10. If you have not registered for the Home Office PLI which one do you use and why are you paying separately for it.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>11. If you do not currently have NHW or other watch schemes is it your intention to introduce them?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>12. Have you made any formal links between watch schemes and the Safer Neighbourhood teams?</p> <p><i>Are the teams being encouraged to develop schemes and if so are they involved in supporting their own schemes?</i></p>	<p>Yes – Each Watch has links to SN team officers . Teams are encouraged to start Watches. Risen from 80 to 120 in 3 months</p>
<p>13. Do you monitor intelligence reports originating from watch members?</p>	<p>Intel provided either on Contact sheets or via E Mail. Inputted CRIMINT QQNHW</p>
<p>14. Have you mapped your watch scheme activity in the borough?</p>	<p>NHWs have been mapped in terms of location across Borough</p>
<p>15. How many households and businesses are covered by watch schemes?</p>	<p>Each Watch has average 20 Houses – 2,400 households</p>
<p>16. Do you have any watch schemes aimed at young people?</p>	<p>Looking at setting up I Spy Club to include Youth of Borough</p>
<p>17. Does your Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership take an active interest in the watch schemes?</p> <p>If yes, how is this realised?</p>	<p>Yes . Supported by LBBD Crime and Disorder Unit. Council Official to act as point of contact although not dedicated. Cash of £1500 provided by Council. Matched by Police.</p>
<p>18. Do you have any examples of good practice that you would like to share with others?</p>	<p>Website is crucial to running NHW. Provides updates / info. Recently set up site for LBBD. A site to aspire to is Colchester NHW – links to officers / members can see police stats and updates from other members.</p>

<p>19. Do you currently have access to NHW resources?</p> <p><i>Street signs and starter packs etc.</i></p>	<p>Stickers ordered from Home Office – although slow in arriving. Having to go private for Street signs – cost £1500 for 250 signs. Poor resources. No central co-ordination.</p>
<p>20. Are you able to utilise your watch scheme members in any innovative ways?</p> <p><i>Are they encouraged to volunteer for any other policing related activities such as young offender panels?</i></p>	<p>Info provided on E Mail linking to the Diamond Support Group. Provides regular updates and links in with info on London security .</p>
<p>21. As a Co-ordinator what would be of use to you to improve a better practice?</p>	<p>Better support from National and London NHW and Home Office to provide resources. Borough based funding for a dedicated co-ordinator.</p>