



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK 2026

Monday 1 June - Sunday 7 June

Resources for you for a
successful week!

www.ourwatch.org.uk/NWWeek



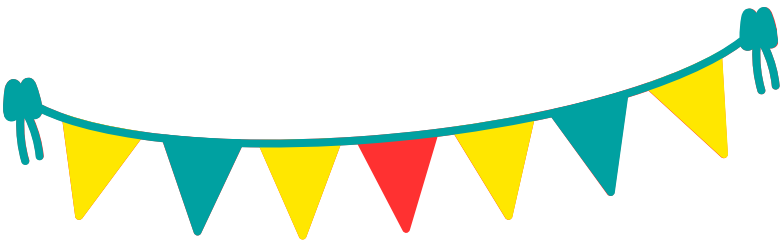
Introducing Our Week

Neighbourhood Watch Week 2026 is a celebration of the incredible volunteers who make a real difference in their local communities every day. It is also an opportunity to promote the work of Neighbourhood Watch as the country's leading volunteer-led crime prevention charity. Throughout the week, we will shine a spotlight on the impactful role our volunteers play — from strengthening community spirit and improving safety, to helping reduce loneliness and isolation.

By organising inclusive activities such as Communi-Tea gatherings, neighbourhood litter picks, and other community-focused events, our volunteers create opportunities for people to connect, support one another, and build safer, more welcoming places to live. These simple but powerful initiatives help foster trust, resilience, and a shared sense of belonging across communities.

To mark the start of this special week, we are proud to launch our Volunteer Recognition Awards, sponsored by ERA. These awards will celebrate the dedication, compassion, and commitment of our fantastic volunteers, acknowledging the many ways they bring communities together and contribute to safer neighbourhoods. We invite everyone to join us in recognising their contributions and taking part in the week-long programme of activities designed to inspire connection, inclusivity, and community pride.

1 - 7 June 2026



Volunteer Recognition Awards

As a volunteer, your work in the community often goes unseen, even though it helps make where you live a better and safer place.

The Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Recognition Awards are our way of saying thank you and celebrating everything you do.

We encourage you to let your members know how they can nominate you for this year's awards, and we've created an image you can use to help share the message with your community.

Nominations open on **Monday 1 June** and close **Sunday 5 July 2026**.

**VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION
Awards**



Scan QR code to nominate

Hello!

If you feel I've been doing a good job as your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, I'd really appreciate your support with a nomination for the Volunteer Recognition Awards.

Nominations open 1 June 2026 and close 5 July 2026:
www.ourwatch.org.uk/volunteerawards

Thank you for your support.



Available to download from the Knowledge Hub



Hold a Communi-Tea Event

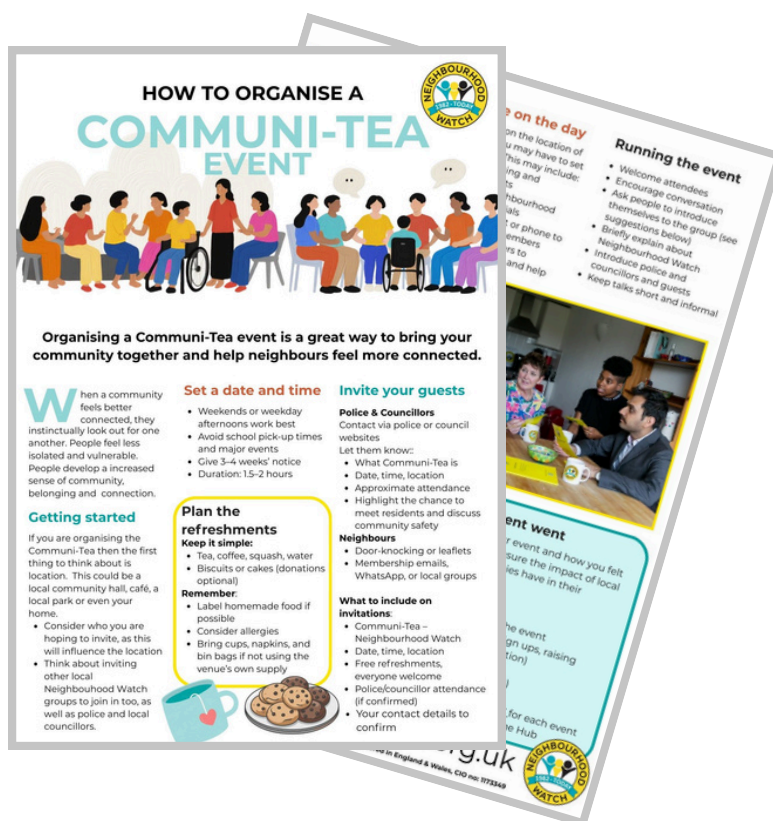


From this page, you can download a range of supporting assets using the links provided, including promotional materials to help you plan and publicise your local event.

You can also purchase a pre-printed resource folder at a subsidised cost, which includes invitations, balloons, teabags, membership leaflets, event posters, and conversation-starting stickers — all designed to help you engage your community with ease.

Whether you choose to download or order the printed pack, everything has been designed to make taking part simple, practical, and impactful.

[Download your Communi-Tea “How-To” guide HERE](#)





Invite people to your event

We encourage you to use these invitations as they help create a clear, consistent identity for your event, making it instantly recognisable as part of Neighbourhood Watch Week while also sharing more about Neighbourhood Watch.

Whether you print at home or order the pack, the choice is yours — both options make it simple to get involved and connect with your community



Our special printed Communi-Tea pack
[Order from our shop](#)



Use our templates and print your own
[Download from our Knowledge Hub](#)



Make your event special

To help create a welcoming and celebratory atmosphere for your event, you may wish to make your own bunting to decorate your venue. We've designed a simple template for you to print and use, making it easy to add a personal touch to your space.

Why not also print a plain version and invite local children to design their own bunting? It's a fun, creative activity that helps bring people together and encourages a sense of ownership and pride in the event.

These small touches are a great way to involve all members of the community and help make your Neighbourhood Watch Week celebration feel truly special.





Bunting Templates

DESIGN YOUR OWN BUNTING

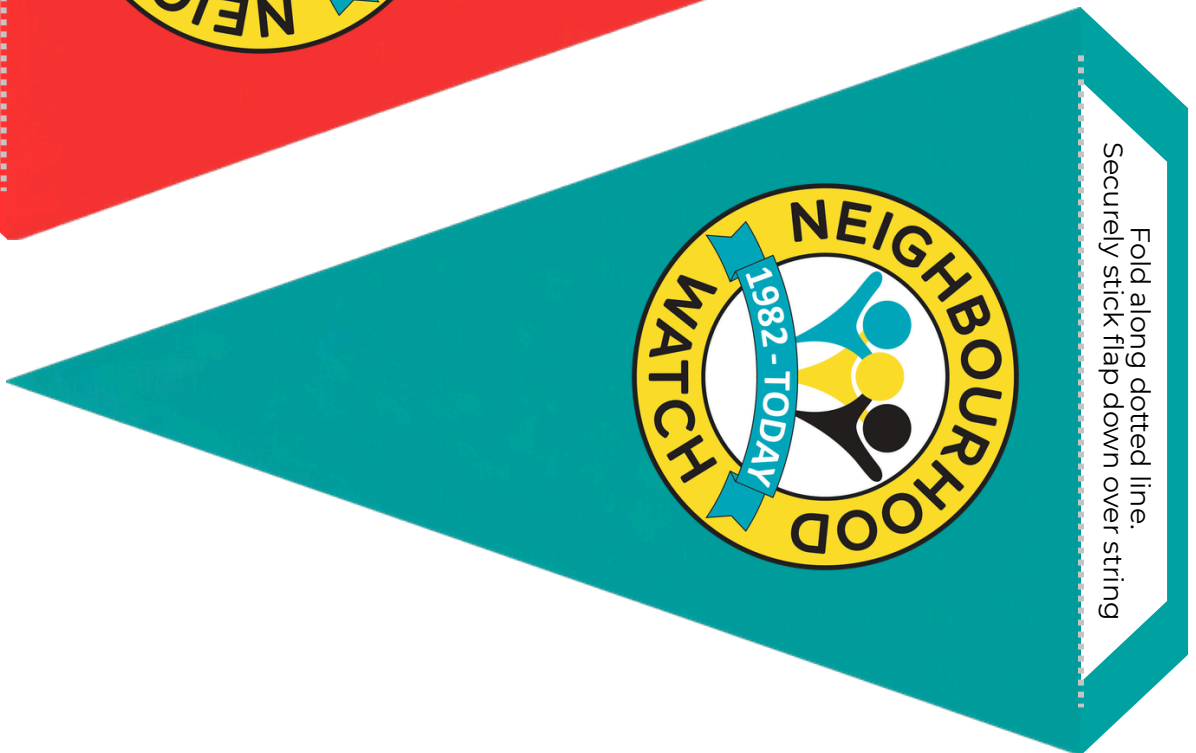
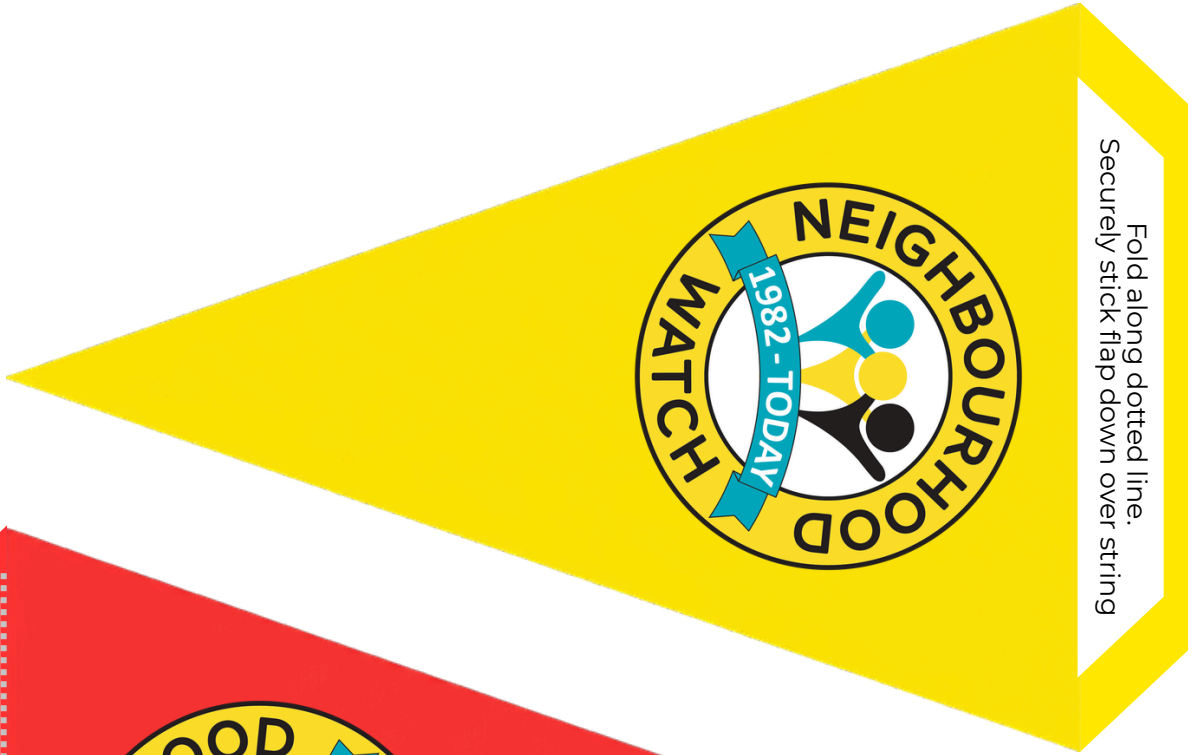
Choose the size you would like and cut it out. Stick it onto a piece of card for a sturdier template.

Use the template to draw around to make as many bunting shapes that you require.

Once you have created your bunting, secure it together with string or ribbon and hang it around your venue.



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Community Police Awards

The Neighbourhood Watch Network **Community Police Awards** celebrate officers who go above and beyond to help communities feel safer, more connected, and supported.

In this first year, we're proud to recognise the dedication and impact of neighbourhood policing teams across the country.

We're inviting the public, Neighbourhood Watch members, and Coordinators to nominate an officer who has made a real difference.

Who can be nominated?

Neighbourhood Policing Team officers, including PCSOs, PCs, Sergeants, and Inspectors.

What are we looking for?

Officers who have made a lasting impact by:

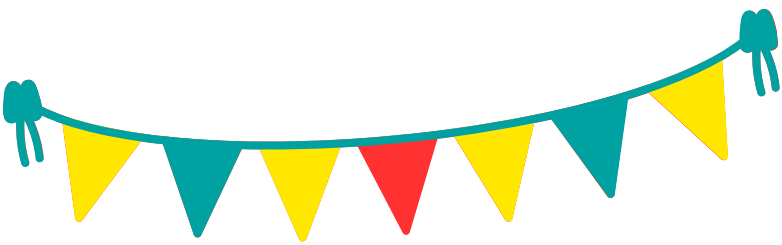
- Worked with Neighbourhood Watch to help a community feel safer or to improve community connections.
- Supported a Neighbourhood Watch group or individual member in their activities – this may include participating in local litter picks or community events, delivering or supporting crime prevention meetings, or working collaboratively to resolve a specific issue and achieve a positive outcome.
- Helped to establish new Neighbourhood Watch schemes or contributed to the growth and strengthening of existing schemes – for example, by encouraging new membership or supporting residents to set up a scheme in their area.

If an officer has helped bring people together, reduce fear of crime, or strengthen community confidence, we'd love to hear about them.

Submit a nomination and help us recognise those making a difference.

*Nominations open **Thursday 4 June** and close **Sunday 5 July 2026.***

www.ourwatch.org.uk/policeawards



Thank You Friday

Thank You Friday is a chance to recognise the incredible work volunteers like you do in your communities—and to thank those who support you as a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

From welcoming new residents and sharing safety advice to checking in on neighbours or organising local activities, it's often the small, everyday actions that make the biggest difference in building safer, more connected communities.



This **Thank You Friday**, take a moment to celebrate those contributions and thank the people around you—whether members, neighbours, or local partners.

Share your stories and the impact you make. Let's highlight the power of community spirit.

#NWW2026 #ThankYouFriday



The Big Do Weekend

[The Big Lunch](#) and [The Big Help Out](#) are teaming up on 5-8 June for a weekend of friendship, food, fun and action – and everyone's invited!

It's one big do – a chance to meet, eat and lend a hand locally in the UK's biggest celebration of community.

Big or small, what you do is up to you – a BBQ with the neighbours, a local litter pick or helping a good cause for the day – we can all do something!

It's easy, it's fun and it's for everyone – so what will you do?

Click on the links below to access your free resources

[Plan your do](#)

[Get your free resources](#)



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 Eden Project communities





Holding another event locally

We love seeing the variety of activities taking place in our communities—whether it's a pub quiz, a litter pick, a crime prevention evening, or a simple social get-together with neighbours. Each of these events, big or small, plays an important role in bringing people together and strengthening community spirit.

Creating opportunities to connect helps build trust, encourages people to look out for one another, and can make a real difference in how safe and supported people feel in their neighbourhoods.



Even the smallest gathering can spark new friendships and create a stronger sense of belonging.

We encourage you to organise an event that works for you and your neighbours—whether it's something informal or more structured.

Every effort counts, and together, these moments help create safer, more connected communities.



Tell us about how your event went

We would love to hear about the activities you've been getting up to this week—or at any other time. No matter how big or small, every activity makes a difference, and we truly value hearing about them.

Whether it's a community event, a litter pick, a crime prevention session, a pub quiz, or a simple get-together with neighbours, these moments all play an important role. They help bring people together, strengthen relationships within communities, and encourage people to look out for one another in everyday life. Doing things together is at the heart of what we aim to achieve. These shared activities help build trust, reduce isolation, and create safer, more connected neighbourhoods where people feel supported and included.

Demonstrating our impact is also one of our strategic goals over the next five years. Sharing what you do locally helps us evidence the difference Neighbourhood Watch makes across communities, highlight good practice, and show the real value of volunteering and local engagement.

Please do share your activities with us—your contributions, however small they may seem, all help to show the strength of our network and the positive impact we are making together.

There are several ways of letting us know what you've been up to in your area, either by completing the form on the Knowledge Hub or by clicking on the link below and completing the online form, which you will be able to upload a picture too!

Complete the online form [here](#)