



**STATEMENT OF
INTENT**

**Cumbria Constabulary
and
Cumbria County Council**

Neighbourhood Watch in Cumbria



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Statement of Intent

Cumbria Constabulary and Cumbria County Council are committed to supporting Neighbourhood Watch in Cumbria including `Home Watch` groups, Farm Watch and other associated Watch schemes.

Neighbourhood Watch exists to:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reassure local residents and reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reduce the incidence of domestic fires and environmental damage to residential property
- Encourage neighbourliness and community cohesion
- Improve the quality of life for local residents and tenants

It will do this by:

- Being a community based organisation, involving residents and tenants who are working together
- Working in partnership with the police, local authorities, fire and rescue service and other agencies to reduce crime and disorder, anti social behaviour, and the risk of fire and environmental damage
- Sharing information and advice with the police and other agencies concerning crime and other incidents

The contributions made by volunteers to crime reduction and by acting as the eyes and ears of the police, and to improving their communities and social cohesion, are critical to making Cumbria a safer, better, stronger and inclusive place to live and work.

The national Neighbourhood Watch Purpose Statement, which outlines the purpose and direction of Neighbourhood Watch is endorsed and supported by the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Chief Fire Officers Association and the Local Government Association.

In supporting Neighbourhood Watch in Cumbria, Cumbria Constabulary and Cumbria County Council will jointly (whilst recognising that all Neighbourhood Watch groups and participants in other schemes are voluntary and independent) be responsible for providing leadership and direction in the development of Neighbourhood Watch in Cumbria , and do this by :-

- Identifying responsible officers within their organisations to take the lead on Neighbourhood Watch issues
- Supporting the creation of a capacity, role or post to undertake executive, managerial and programme development for Neighbourhood Watch
- Taking responsibility for and facilitating the securing of resources to provide for this capacity, role or post
- Working within county partnerships and with other stakeholders and partners of Neighbourhood Watch to promote and encourage their involvement, commitment and support, and in particular to provide for a consistent level in all parts of the County of Cumbria
- Providing direct support to Neighbourhood Watch within agreed requirements and parameters, supported by Service Level Agreements.