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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dear Neighbour

You may have heard of Neighbourhood Watch, which is currently receiving a great deal of interest and is already operating in the Aylesbury Vale Area.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community activity in partnership with the Police and local associated agencies. It is a proven deterrent to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

I would like to inform you that there is a scheme running in Stoke Hammond.

The aims of the scheme are:

1. Encouraging community spirit, being observant, keeping an eye on neighbours' property in their absence, reporting any suspicious activity to the police.
2. Encouraging the marking of property and the noting of serial numbers of property.
3. Receiving and responding to information from the police, NHW, Action Fraud and Trading Standards.
4. Communicating with other Community/Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.
5. Providing access to advice from various web sites on security precautions.

It must be stressed that this is a residents' scheme and, whilst your local Multi Scheme NHW Administrator will help to establish and support the scheme, the onus is on the community to make it a success.

Kay O'Connor is the approved scheme coordinator and will be supported by Val McPherson BEM. NHW MSA Thames Valley including Aylesbury Vale.

Benefits of joining the scheme:

- Street signage and door stickers for members.
- You will receive Neighbourhood Watch Alert messages informing you of offences and crime trends taking place in your area. These messages can also include Witness Appeals, information about/from our policing teams and Thames Valley Police press releases.
- Some insurers offer a reduced rate for members of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.
- Membership to Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Watch facebook group.

If you are interested in being part of this Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, please email your name, address and contact telephone number to the following address: stokehammondNW@outlook.com

If you do not have access to email, perhaps ask a friend, relative or neighbour to email on your behalf.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me via the above email address. Or, visit the following website www.ourwatch.org.uk

Kind regards
Kay O'Connor