

# Neighbourhood Watch

## Statement from Avon & Somerset Watch for LCN's within the Avon and Somerset region.

*Statement from the Chairman of Avon & Somerset Watch. which emphasises our vision, together with those key objectives that we feel, collaboration with local LCNs, could help us achieve.*

Avon & Somerset Watch is the Region's lead body for all local Neighbourhood Watch Units, who are located in strategic areas throughout Avon and Somerset.

Each Neighbourhood Watch Unit, run by a volunteer Coordinator with a volunteer support team, have the goal of **making their community a better and safer place to live.**

Coordinators can do this by harnessing the power of neighbours working together, so that they can build safer, vibrant and inclusive communities; that not only help prevent crime, but also **make a positive, and sustainable difference, within each of their communities.**

The National Neighbourhood Watch movement, which is the largest crime prevention voluntary movement in England and Wales and has **upwards of 2.3 million members and over 90,000 Coordinators,** supports and enables Regional Associations and local Units to operate by providing resources, training and networking support.

**By strengthening the voice of the community with councils, the police,**

other public services and VCFSEs, Neighbourhood Watch want to work with other organisations including the Local Area Networks.

The mission statement of Avon & Somerset Watch is:

*"Empowering Coordinators | Supporting Police | Helping Community"*.

This motto informs our strategic priorities that includes increasing the number of strategic partners who we work with.

**As a result, we see the value of Local Community Networks and we are fully supportive of your work.**

Avon & Somerset Watch, fully supported by the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC), is excited to engage with LCN's across the region, and whilst we are a relatively new organisation with limited resources, we are keen to work together and contribute towards building safer communities in Avon and Somerset, with a view to establishing a long-term partnership.

Frank Simonds - Chair

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