



**POLICE AND CRIME PLAN RESERVE
APPLICATION FORM 2013/14 FOR GRANT OF UP TO £5000**

Name of Organisation **Streetwatch** _____

Contact Point **Verity Line** _____ **Tel No. 01284 774312**

Project/event **Streetwatch** _____

Date of event (if applicable) **Ongoing** _____

What are you seeking to achieve from undertaking this project/event?

Street Watch has been developed as a police initiative and is presented as the only fully regulated model for civilian street patrols that exists in the UK that involves the whole community. The scheme encourages residents to adopt a new working partnership with police in patrolling their own communities.

Street Watch volunteers are given a high visibility tabard to wear and they then patrol in pairs their local areas and communities. They are required to have a mobile phone on them at all times to report any incidences. When they see something that affects their community they are encouraged to “do something, not nothing” whether that entails confronting someone if safe to do so, taking notes, or simply observing. Being a Streetwatch volunteer gives them the support and empowerment to assist where before they may not have done.

It is important to note that Street Watch is independent of the police, but working in partnership with the police. The actions of Street Watch volunteers can make a significant impact in their community with little additional demand on Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the area.

Despite falling crime rates nationally, the public still holds a disproportionate fear of crime. This disproportionate level of fear, particularly around young people, can cause communities to become over reliant on the Police to resolve all of their low level community issues. High expectations are created and when these cannot be met, public confidence in the Police and local partnerships are likely to reduce.

The concept of civilian patrols can reverse that trend. It empowers residents to take back control of their open spaces, to set community standards and to engage more positively with young people.

The Home Office Policing Strategy: ‘Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting police and the people,’ supports the concept of civilian street patrols and outlines the necessity for community empowerment and the role of the police in this. The government agenda on the ‘Big Society’ states: ‘We want every adult in the country to be an active member of an active neighbourhood group.’

How does this project/event support agreed SNT priorities?

Our priorities are to engage with our community, reduce crime and minimise anti-social behaviour. By empowering the community to monitor themselves, they will help us to help them to achieve these priorities. They will provide the police with another intelligence resource and enable us to act quickly and more effectively by working with the community for the community.

Street Watch empowers communities to work in partnership:

- to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.
- to increase confidence.
- to reduce the fear of crime.
- to provide visibility and reassurance.
- to appropriately challenge low level anti-social behaviour and take back ownership of public spaces.
- To develop community cohesion and improve standards through good citizenship.
- To improve environments by identifying trigger factors that give rise to the causes of crime and anti-social behaviour

Recent events publicising Street Watch has shown that the scheme appeals to residents of Suffolk who are known to be passionate about the quality of life where they live and work. It provides a chance for residents to work in partnership with Suffolk Constabulary to enhance their community spirit and make a real difference to their own communities.

To enable volunteers to patrol with fellow Streetwatch members a Website dedicated to Suffolk Streetwatch was set up – www.suffolkstreetwatch.co.uk This site enables members to log on and book out patrols with each other whilst also communicating where needed via the forum. Members of the public are also able to access this site to find out more about the scheme, what it entails and how to go about becoming a member themselves.

All volunteers now have an ID cards on a Streetwatch logo lanyard, which they carry with them at all times to verify their identity. In addition a few of the members have a Winter jacket with the Streetwatch logo on it which they have commissioned themselves. However those members without have now requested one.

How does this project/event support the objectives set out in the Police & Crime Plan?

Street Watch fits perfectly into the Police and Crime Commissioners crime plan for Suffolk, of minimising crime and anti-social behaviour and maximising confidence and satisfaction whilst maintaining financial stability. The cost for each scheme is minimal. For comparison purposes, the cost of one PCSO would fund 800 Street Watch volunteers.

Streetwatch supports the Police in preventing and reducing crime. Volunteers walk their local areas in pairs being a visible presence in their community offering assistance to all members of the public and helping with any given situation. They are a constant link between the Police and the public, sometimes passing on intelligence that they've seen or heard, as well as providing that low level support to members of their communities. Streetwatch volunteers are requested on occasion to carry out their patrols in areas of concern to the Police and in areas that have been adopted as an SNT local priority. Volunteers are never asked to put themselves at risk but provide a mutual unprejudiced account of incidences. They report back issues which are dealt with swiftly.

Streetwatch supports making Suffolk a safer place by being a pro-active visible version of NHW. Volunteers whilst out on patrol can detect issues such as ASB, graffiti, littering, criminal activity as well as supporting the vulnerable and elderly members of the community. Sometimes members of the public also feel more able or comfortable to tell a Streetwatch member information or issues rather than a uniformed Officer.

Streetwatch volunteers now have access to the Suffolk Streetwatch Website www.suffolkstreetwatch.co.uk which was set up following the collapse of the National Website and which volunteers requested in order to assist and aide their work. As such volunteers can log their patrols on a live calendar and link in with other volunteers this way.

When do you expect to complete this project/event and what are the expected outcomes?

There are three schemes in the Babergh District at present; Hadleigh, Cornard and Sudbury. There is the hope that supportive funding for these schemes will allow them to grow in membership and therefore be more widely spread and well known throughout the areas they patrol. By increasing membership to each scheme, it boosts morale, gives members an increased sense of worth and allows the schemes to grow into a more fruitful and functioning scheme. The schemes are all ongoing and have so far been supported by the Police with a funding applications being made and approved through Sudbury Town Council, Waitrose Good Community fund and Hadleigh Town Council.

The funding applied for in this application will allow the schemes to function for the next year and enable them to grow and as such be more productive. It also ensures the volunteers feel more supported by partner agencies and connected with them. It will encourage members that their roles as volunteers is very worthwhile and supported. The funding will provide all the schemes with a year's personal and accident insurance and Streetwatch winter jackets, as well as Website hosting and maintenance for the next financial year.

Amount applied for £ 1860

Please provide a breakdown of costs:

Insurance – current price is £220 per scheme per year = £660 per year

Winter hi-vis jackets, with logo, 20 @ £40 each = £800 (NB: Gt. Cornard already have their jackets)

Website running/updates/design = £400 per year

In submitting the application you must have regard to the following grant conditions :

- (i) The fund will be allocated to projects, initiatives or events in Suffolk which support the objectives set out in the Police & Crime Plan;
- (ii) These grants are one-off payments that can be used to pump-prime an ongoing project or pay for a one-off event;
- (iii) The PCC will not be responsible for funding any on-going costs associated the project/initiative;
- (iv) In normal circumstances the funding will not be made available to support staff salaries, core business activities, overheads/costs

- associated with business administration or capital projects of the recipient;
- (v) Projects approved under this process should be completed in the financial year 2013/14 and only in exceptional circumstances will a carry-forward be agreed;
 - (vi) All under-spends must be returned to the PCC;
 - (vii) By accepting the award the recipient makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publically and must acknowledge the PCC in all promotional work, as well as display the PCC's logo in all publicity associated with the initiative;
 - (viii) All recipients of funding will be expected to provide information on outcomes, including a written summary on how the project supported objectives in the Police & Crime Plan (a monitoring form will be made available to help with this process). The PCC also reserves the right to hold the recipient to account at the Accountability & Performance Panel;
 - (ix) The award may not be used to support or promote political or religious activity.

Please e-mail completed forms to Ian Rands, Business Manager, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner at ian.rands@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. The outcome will be notified to you as soon as possible.

Applications for funding that exceed £5000 will be considered against the principles set out on page 24 of the Police & Crime Plan.

Applications approved under this process will be published on the PCC's website.