

If you are interested in joining a local Street Watch scheme, or would like to start one in your area, please complete the details below, detach, and send to:

**Community Watch Scheme
Coordinator
Community Policing
Bedfordshire Police,
Halsey Road,
Kempston,
MK42 8AU**

(Please print in capitals)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**‘By the community,
for the community’**



www.bedfordshire.police.uk/watchschemes

WatchSchemes@beds.police.uk



Dear Resident,

Are you aware that Street Watch is operating in Bedfordshire?

The purpose of Street Watch is:

- **To prevent crime by increasing visibility and maintaining a caring and cohesive community.**
- **To assist the police by promoting effective communication and the prompt reporting of activity.**
- **To increase feelings of safety by promoting a sense of security and community spirit.**

Street Watch is run by local residents promoting good citizenship and supporting a stronger community. The scheme is fully supported by Bedfordshire Police.



How can Street Watch help my community?

Street Watch is about local residents promoting good citizenship and supporting a better neighbourhood by patrolling their own streets. They provide visible reassurance and appropriately engage in local issues that matter most to your community.

The presence and activities of Street Watch members will have a significant and positive impact on quality of life issues within your community. Street Watch members also liaise with local police to encourage positive information sharing and liaison.

Street Watch is a way of reclaiming back our streets and open spaces from those who may wish to engage in activities that undermine our communities.



Street Watch will...

- Provide visible reassurance.
- Promote good citizenship and community cohesion.
- Reduce low level anti-social behaviour.
- Reduce crime and disorder issues that impact most on our areas.
- Engage with youths to build and provide better relations and understanding.
- Reduce the fear of crime.
- Claim back the open spaces from those that wish to undermine our communities.
- Provide community information on the website.
- Provide a stronger community liaison with local police.

Benefits of joining Street Watch

- Help your community by patrolling in pairs for only two hours a month.
- Meet new friends within your neighbourhood and help build a stronger sense of community cohesion.
- Get to know your community and the local area.
- Take part in social events.
- Keep fit and healthy through patrols.
- Patrol in pairs at any time or date that suits you.
- Wear high visibility Street Watch jackets to be visible and provide reassurance to the local community.
- All members are covered by Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident & Injury Cover (under 75 years)
- Your communities are very safe. Help to keep them that way.