



Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby

eNewsletter #709 - 13 May 2025

This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from our local police at the <u>Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page</u> (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from another Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

- Have you seen anything we should share with the community? Please email our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions and thank you for your support.
- Please feel free to share/forward this eNewsletter with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.
- Reading our eNewsletter for the first time? Click here to subscribe.

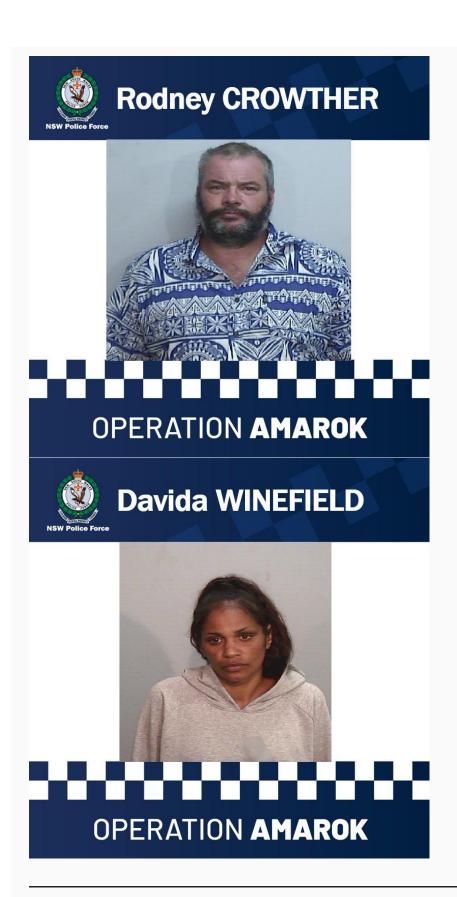
12 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: OPERATION AMAROK

Operation Amarok X is a Statewide operation aimed at targeting domestic violence offenders and arresting persons wanted by virtue of outstanding arrest warrants for domestic and family violence offences. Ku-ring-gai Police are urging anyone with information about any of the persons shown below to contact **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or** nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or **Hornsby Police Station on 02 9476 9799**. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via social media pages.

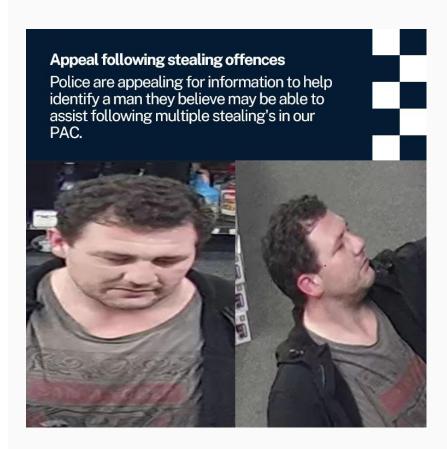


OPERATION AMAROK





08 May from Ku-ring-gai command: Anyone with information about the below depicted male is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station: (02) 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



08 May, from Christine Kay Mayor of Ku-ring-gai: ♥ National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day ♥

Today we honour the lives lost to domestic and family violence and marked this important day with the planting of a Tibouchina tree and unveiling of a purple seat at St Ives Village Green — symbols of remembrance, resilience and hope. Thank you to everyone who attended including fellow Councillors, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, Status of Women's Advisory Committee members, the Hummingsong Choirs, Kuring Gai Police Area Command and the community.



07 May, from Ku-ring-gai command: ▼ Today marks National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day ▼

Ku-ring-gai Police attended Ku-ring-gai Council's commemoration ceremony honouring the lives lost to family violence. A distinctive purple seat was unveiled by Mayor Christine Kay and Councillors at St Ives Village Green, accompanied by the planting of a purple-flowering Tibouchina tree. Mayor Christine Kay said the colour purple is an internationally recognised symbolic colour used to honour the lives lost in domestic violence across the country.

If you or someone you know is experiencing Family or Domestic Violence you can contact:

- **1**800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)
- TYour local Police Station or
- 2 000 in an emergency







13 May, from NHW K&H: One of our Neighbourhood Watch volunteers attended the Cyber Warden Foundation webinar organised by Ku-ring-gai Council back in February and shared this list with us.

AVOID:

- Snoozing a software update
- Putting a laptop in sleep mode (no updates)
- Short passwords
- A password spreadsheet (unless encrypted)
- Re-using passwords
- Paying for one software licence and sharing the login details
- General casual staff logins (eg GUEST)
- Adding personal details to an out-of-office message

Report issues to the Australian Centre for Cyber

Security: actnowstaysecure.gov.au/

And the National Anti-Scam Centre: nasc.gov.au/

Apologies for not sharing this advice sooner.

13 May, from SES Hornsby Unit: ♣ Heads Up: Emergency Training Exercise – Saturday 17 May ♣

Hornsby SES will participate in a multi-agency training exercise on Milson Island and the Hawkesbury River this Saturday from 8am to 5pm.

You may see smoke, emergency boats, and vehicles in the area, but be aware that this is part of the exercise.

- Boat users: Please keep clear of Milson Island and stay alert on the water.
- See attached image for complete details.



Hornsby Ku-ring-gai **Local Emergency Management Committee**

COMMUNITY NOTICE Emergency Services Field Exercise

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) wishes to advise that a multiagency emergency field exercise will be conducted in the Hornsby Local Government Area at:

Milson Island Sport and Recreation Facility Hawkesbury River Saturday 17th May 2025, 8am - 5pm

The purpose of the exercise is for emergency services to conduct training drills and enhance operational capabilities between the agencies involved.

What to expect:

- Smoke generated from training props and smoke machines may be visible on Milson Island.
 Emergency Service boats will be in transit on the Hawkesbury River between Milson Island and Mooney
- Emergency Service trucks will be in transit between Berowra Community Centre and Mooney Mooney.

- The exercise area on Milson Island is closed to the general public.
- Private boats and vessels must keep clear of the Milson Island wharf for your own safety.
- Boat users should use caution and remain alert to increased boat movements in the area.



Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Emergency Management Committee

Email NHW K&H here for a copy in your inbox.

12 May, from NSW Police: Good morning NSW 🥽

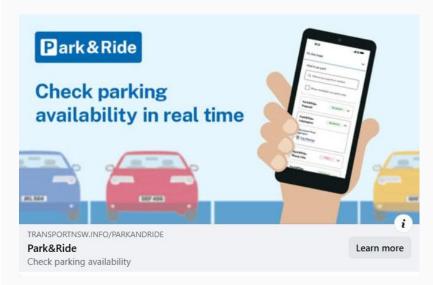
Here are the weekend's news headlines:

- A body, believed to be that of a woman missing from Ettalong Beach, has been located.
- A passenger in a vehicle has been seriously injured after a crash in the Blue Mountains.
- A man will face court after a man's body was found in a residential property in Homebush West.
- Police have conducted a three-day high-visibility operation focused on preventing and disrupting crime.
- A woman has been charged over the death of two children in Coonabarabran earlier this week.

- A man has been charged with alleged high-range drink driving more than seven times the legal limit.
- A teacher has been charged over a sexual touching incident in the state's south earlier this year.

Want to read more? Visit our website police.nsw.gov.au/news

13 May, from Transport for NSW: See how many parking spaces are available at your nearby Park&Ride to help you better plan your trip.



More info and to check availability here.

[In our area are: Gordon Henry St (north), Hornsby, Lindfield Village Green - Ed]

13 May, from Hornsby Shire Council: This week is National Road Safety Week.

Let's do our part to ensure road safety in Hornsby Shire. Road safety is a shared responsibility. Let's take the pledge to:

- For Drive as if my loved ones are on the road ahead
- Emove all distractions and never use my mobile phone while driving
- Influence of alcohol or drugs
- Protect all vulnerable road users, especially those whose jobs place them in harm's way

Take a moment to reflect on your driving habits and commit to making our roads safer for everybody: roadsafetyweek.com.au/

10 May, Shared with permission from the Lindfield/ East Lindfield/ Killara/Roseville Community Group yesterday (Friday):

I have just witnessed a rather concerning incident down at the Lindfield Shops at 7 pm on a Friday night (tonight). A group of 4 to 5 boys about 16 years old, all well dressed in black and navy, puffer jackets and 2 with caps on - they strolled into IGA then walk out arrogantly with gum, drinks, packets of chips, tomato sauce and probably more in their hands - stealing the lot! As I walk to my car I see the same group of boys in BWS one standing outside filming while the main perpetrator has a case of something under his arm and walks out stealing that too, vomiting everywhere as he departs the shop. They then headed up towards the station high-fiving and laughing at each other. I couldn't help myself and went into BWS and said - did I really see that just happen? They said yes, it happens all the time at least twice a week and more in the holidays.

This has been reported to the police.

Such a sad state of affairs with absolutely no one saying anything to these boys and me watching in shock at their complete arrogance. Obviously everyone too scared to say anything - me included, although I was certainly tempted!

10 May, from 7News Sydney: A week after hundreds of drivers had their tyres slashed when scattered metal fell from a truck on the M1, trucking company NJ Ashton has given away food, flowers and coffee to those affected by the motorway mayhem north of Sydney.

View the Facebook reel here (Facebook login may be required?)



09 May, Shared with permission from the Gordon Killara and St Ives Community group:

Hi everyone. This bike has been abandoned in my building and the police have told me the owner lives in the Killara area. If this is yours, or you know whose it



09 May, from Hannah's Blue Butterflies Road Safety Awareness: CAN PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AFFECT MY DRIVING/RIDING?

The short answer is Yes. Always speak to your Doctor or Pharmacist if you are safe to drive while taking these medications.

Which medicines can affect my driving? Some medicines have side effects that can affect your ability to drive safely. It's illegal to drive under the influence of drugs. This means all drugs, whether they are:

- over-the-counter medicines
- complementary medicines
- prescribed medicines from your doctor
- illicit drugs

How will medicines affect my driving? To drive safely, you need to be able to see, think and react properly.

Some medicines, can affect these skills. If you are taking these medicines, it may not be safe to drive.

The risks of being affected by your medicines are greater if you are:

- taking more than one medicine
- drink alcohol while you are taking medicines

Find our more here. PLEASE SHARE.

09 May, Shared with permission from the Berowra Community Page: Lost sunglasses.

😎 \$200 reward!

Please ask kids & family members, safe return no questions asked. Bit of a long shot as they are designer. They are prescription. I really need these to drive. Reward for safe return.

PS No idea where I lost them, could be Cole's, the park, at the movies 🙉





09 May, from NSW Police: Good morning NSW 🥯

Here are today's news headlines:

- A barber shop has been targeted a second night in a row as police continue their investigation.
- A man has been charged over dangerous driving and threatening others with a knife in Yagoona.
- A driver has died after a two-vehicle crash in Acacia Gardens.
- A man has faced court charged over domestic violence-related offences in Dubbo.
- ◆ An investigation is underway following a serious multi-vehicle crash on the Hawkesbury River Bridge at Mooney Mooney.

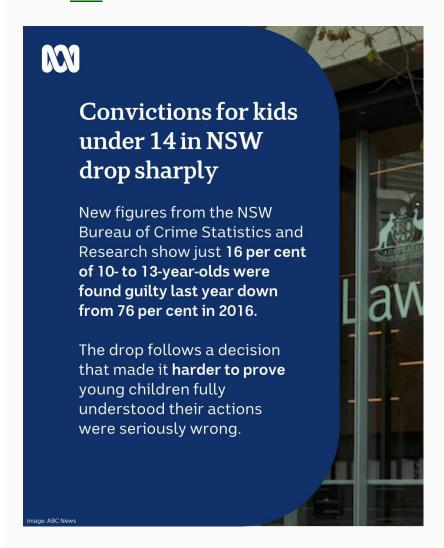
Want to read more? Visit our website police.nsw.gov.au/news

09 May, Shared with permission from the Mt Colah Community Page yesterday (Thursday):

Just a heads up about some suspicious seeming behaviour on Jordan Cl at approx 7.30-8.30am today. Two men in hoodies and ute walking up and down the street looking at the houses and cars, and watching us go in and out of our house, appeared to be scoping out the area. Might be nothing, but it did seem odd.

08 May, from ABC Sydney: New figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research show convictions for kids under 14 in New South Wales have dropped sharply.

Similar trends have been observed in Victoria and South Australia. Listen here.



07 May, Shared with permission from the Galston Community Families group: FOUND

Trundle tray from Ute found last night on road near Middle Dural. Let me know the contents and we can return it to you.

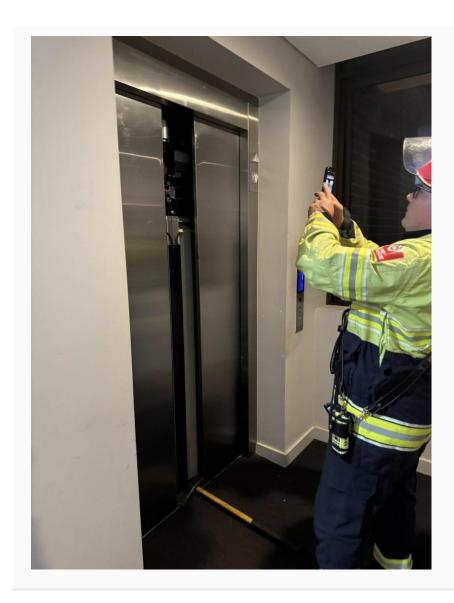


07 May, from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon: Charli the wonder Dog

It was another busy night for Gordon's crew when just after 6:00pm they received a distressing call asking to help Charli. Charli's owner had rung triple zero to say that as they had left the elevator Charli had been caught inside, the doors had closed and poor Charli was now hanging by their lead. With all speed 37 crew made their way to the unit block thinking the worst. Gaining entry to the floor using specific entry tools firefighters made access to the lift whilst the very distressed family waited outside in the fire stairs. As the lift doors were forced there was no sounds from within but as a gap was formed a small bark came from inside. Finally firefighters were able to fully gain entry to the lift to find Charli had somehow survived relatively unscathed. After a quick check over and cuddle from his loving family Charli was taken to a vet to ensure no serious damage had occurred. Yeah Charli.

No sooner had crews packed up after rescuing Charli than the bells went off again. This time for a second alarm electrical fire in a electrical kiosk. Crews from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 050 Hornsby were first on scene and immediately started to evacuate the area and put in exposure protection measures. Fire and Rescue NSW Station 058 Beecroft soon arrived as backup.

This was quickly followed by Fire and Rescue NSW Station 040 Willoughby, Gordon's crew and Fire and Rescue NSW Station 042 Ryde. Eventually the complex operation was able to contain the fire leaving many residents off Bannockburn Rd and surrounds without power.





Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16 January - Thursday 03 July: LifeLine Connect 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm @ Hornsby Library. FREE. Drop-in or make a booking: **8287 1142**.

Tuesday 06 May to Tuesday 01 July: FREE Seniors Digital Mentoring. 10-11:30am @ Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College. Weekly on Tuesdays 10-11:30am and Thursdays 3-4:30pm. One-on-one mentoring with your device of choice. Info here.

Wednesday 14 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration here.

Wednesday 14 May: FREE The complexity of school refusal 7-8pm. Online webinar. Info here.

Saturday 17 May: Emergency Services Field Exercise 8am-5pm @ Milson Island Sport & Recreation Facility

Wednesday 21 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety

Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Safety 101: How eSafety can Help You. Info & registration here.

Tuesday 27 May: FREE online webinar for parents - Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (the impact of social media, gaming, and influencers on attitudes, behaviours and sense of identity). 12:30-1:15pm. Info and registration <u>here</u>.

Wednesday 28 May: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 12:30-1pm Sexual Extortion: What Parents & Carers Need to Know. Info & registration here.

Wednesday 03 June: FREE online webinar for carers and parents (eSafety Commissioner) - 3:30-4pm Understanding & using Parental Controls to Help Protect your Child Online. Info & registration here.

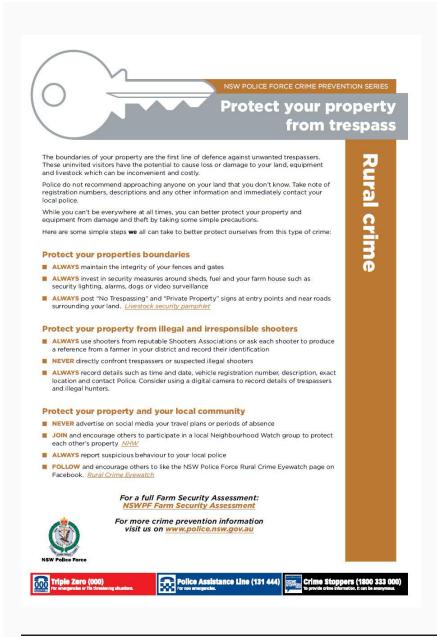
Wednesday 23 July: RFS & Ku-ring-gai Council's Get Ready Ku-ring-gai Street Meet - 5:30-7pm FREE sausage sizzle @ **TBC location**

Tuesday 30 July: FREE online webinar for parents - Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (the impact of social media, gaming, and influencers on attitudes, behaviours and sense of identity). 12:30-1:15pm. Info and registration <u>here</u>.

07 May, from Rural Crime Prevention Team: The boundaries of your property are the first line of defence against unwanted trespassers.

These uninvited visitors have the potential to cause loss or damage to your land, equipment and livestock which can be inconvenient and costly. Police do not recommend approaching anyone on your land that you don't know. Take note of registration numbers, descriptions and any other information and immediately contact your local police. While you can't be everywhere at all times, you can better protect your property and equipment from damage and theft by taking some simple precautions. Click on the link below for more information and resources to help target harden your farm.

Download fact sheet here.



From NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby: "Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips to Protect your Identity":

Tip #3. Never share your card PIN. Beware sharing the 3-4 digit Card Verification Value (CVV), usually on the back of a credit card. Immediately sign new cards. **Tip #11**. Set your browser in 'incognito' or 'private' mode, in order to stop websites tracking you.

Tip # 14. Use a strong password on mobiles, tablets and laptops.

- Use (in order of strength) complicated passwords, or a pattern, or a PIN.
- Alternatively, consider using facial or fingerprint recognition (both strong).
 Note that the easiest (read 'laziest') method may not be the most secure your devices can contain a HUGE amount of sensitive data about you, your home, your emails.
- Set a NEW strong password on devices such as CCTV cameras, baby monitor, Internet router, telephone answering-machine, smart TV, smart speaker. Look around your home!
- Download apps from only the official stores. Don't jailbreak your device.

- Install the latest software updates and patches to your devices, as these help to stop viruses.
- Also install firewall and anti-virus software on all devices, including your mobile phone. Set all updates to 'Auto'.
- Before disposing of a device, remember to delete all personal information. For laptops, use the Wipe Disk or Reset features of Windows. For tablets and mobiles, reset to factory settings. (The reset will delete the encryption code.) For external hard disks or USB sticks, use data erase software or destroy with a hammer or drill.
- For all touch screen devices, regularly clean the screen to remove tell-tale marks.

For the complete 20 Crime Prevention TIPS series see **here**.

For more FAQs, tips and translations, look at our website 'Tips' page <u>here</u>. Or try our WatchOut! website <u>here</u>, for links to some great information available on the internet. Or request a copy in your inbox <u>here</u>. Other languages are available.

07 May, from NHW K&H: A product like this may help you feel more secure when travelling overseas.

Note: Neighbourhood Watch cannot endorse any product or service. We are simply bringing it to your attention. You must do your own research.

More info here.



07 May, from 9News.com.au: Damage bill for M1 scrap metal spill could be in the millions, says trucking boss

The boss of a transport company at the centre of a mammoth scrap metal spill on a busy NSW highway said the financial toll of the accident could be in the millions. General manager of NJ Ashton Daniel Falconer said he has been overwhelmed with insurance claims from drivers who had their tyres shredded after the spill on the M1 motorway on the NSW Central Coast on Friday. Falconer explained that while the majority of the nearly 800 claims appear to be legitimate, he warned some people are lodging "dodgy" claims.

Read full article and watch video here.

06 May, from eSafety Commissioner: Our sports hub helps parents navigate the online aspects of community sports including:

- sharing photos and videos of games
- interpretation in the second of the second of
- © online teasing and bullying.

Check out our tips for sport parents to keep your child safe on and off the field <u>here</u>.





Thanks to GrahicsPedia



Thanks to QPark.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

TTY: 106

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Local Police Facebook page: @Kuring Gai PAC

Non-emergency two-way communication

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime.

NSW Police Community Portal

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

NSW Police - website for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

Crime Stoppers NSW: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously Report suspicious activity ASAP

Neighbourhood Watch Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:

Website <u>au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org</u>
Facebook <u>@NHWKuringgaiHornsby</u>
Facebook Group NHWKuringgaiHornsby

Twitter @NHWKRGHornsby Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com



WatchOut! - the NHW NSW one-stop-shop for crime prevention links:

Website WatchOut.org.au Facebook @NHWWatchOut

Local NHW Facebook pages:

Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra

Brooklyn Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural (Rural Areas)

NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural (Rural Areas) Facebook Group

Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon

Neighbourhood Watch - Hornsby

Neighbourhood Watch - Killara

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Kuring-gai

Neighbourhood Watch - Normanhurst

Neighbourhood Watch - Pennant Hills

Neighbourhood Watch - Pymble & West Pymble

Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives

Neighbourhood Watch - Thornleigh Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra

Neighbourhood Watch - Wahroonga

Neighbourhood Watch - Warrawee

Face-to-Face NHW groups:

Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra (paused)

*Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara

*Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon/Killara (plus part of Pymble)

Neighbourhood Watch - Mt Colah (paused)

*Neighbourhood Watch - St Ives (Lynbara Ave)

Neighbourhood Watch - Turramurra (The Chase) (paused)

*These NHW groups have joined together for the purpose of committee, shared meetings and printed newsletters.







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Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

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