

Update Report for the Community Committee

17th March 2025

Faversham Central Neighbourhood Watch

1. Introduction

This report provides an update on the progress of the Faversham Central Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) scheme and details the recent engagement event with the Citizen Policing team.

2. Establishment of Faversham Central Neighbourhood Watch

- The scheme was launched in response to community concerns regarding local crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Facebook posts have generated some membership already.
- The area will be leaflet drop.
- An article will be in the summer newsletter advertising Faversham Central and inviting others to set up NHW schemes in their areas.

3. Engagement Event with the Citizen Policing Team

- An awareness event is scheduled for Saturday 12th April, outside 12 Market Place.
- Officers from Kent Police, including the local beat officer and two Special Constables, will provide crime prevention advice and information about NHW initiatives.
- The officers will visit businesses in the area with NHW materials, including window stickers and safety guidance, to enhance security awareness.
- A "Can-Cam" initiative will be introduced as a deterrent for anti-social behaviour in identified problem areas.

4. Outcomes and Next Steps

- Increase awareness and participation in the NHW scheme, with new members signing up.
- Stronger collaboration between local businesses, residents, and Kent Police.

- Plans to establish a regular feedback mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of the NHW initiative and address community concerns.

5. Conclusion

The Faversham Central Neighbourhood Watch scheme is making progress in its initial phase, with strong support from the Citizen Policing team.

It is noted that there is £5,000 for crime and ASB reduction in 2025-2026 budget, some of which could be used in promoting the NHW scheme across Faversham and providing identified areas with deterrents for ASB.

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11th March 2025