



The Grange Association

Covering the Grange Conservation Area

SUMMER 1988

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dear Householder,

Have you recently had your house broken into or heard of a friend or neighbour who has? You will know yourself that crimes against property are certainly commonplace nowadays in areas such as our own. One proven way of giving your property extra protection — as some insurance companies acknowledge through reduced premiums — is Neighbourhood Watch.

I enclose with this letter a Questionnaire which, if you are interested in the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, you should complete and return to any member of the Association's Committee or to any of the following:—

- Newington Public Library
- Mayfield Road, Blackford Avenue or
- Marchmont Road Post Offices
- Mayfield or South Side Police Stations.

Completed Questionnaires must be returned by 15 September 1988.

Completion and return of the Questionnaire is essential if Neighbourhood Watch Schemes (there could be several Schemes in the Grange area) are to get off the ground. It is on the basis of returned Questionnaires that the police will decide whether or not there is enough support within a viable area to merit their participation in the establishment and operation of a Scheme. If insufficient Questionnaires with positive responses are returned from an area **there will be no Scheme for that area**. If you are particularly keen that there should be a Scheme for **your** area I would suggest that you make it your business, personally, to try to enlist the support of your neighbours and offer to collect and return their completed Questionnaires for them.

It will also be essential for a large number of people to offer their services as co-ordinators. A co-ordinator's basic role is to act as a link between the participants in the Scheme and the police but if any Schemes are set up as a result of this initiative the role of the co-ordinator will be more fully explained by the police at a later date. In the meantime, I can assure you that the duties are not onerous and involve approximately 2 hours every 6 weeks.

As you may already know Neighbourhood Watch is a community, not police, based initiative which requires **an active, on-going commitment from you** if it is to succeed. As I hope the sending of this letter demonstrates, I and the Association's Committee wholeheartedly support the establishment of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Grange area and are prepared to play an active part in their promotion. **Are you?**

Gavin D. Anderson
Chairman

Committee

Gavin D. Anderson	10 Blackford Road	447-2407
Nicola Crosbie	4 South Lauder Road	667-3980
Caroline Fortescue	5 Seton Place	667-1291
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Dr Derek Lyddon	38 Dick Place	667-2266
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THE GRANGE is a fine place to live in — but only constant vigilance will keep it that way.

This is the job of the Association.

At any time your own surroundings may be threatened, or you may see a way of improving them.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION? . . . WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT, YOU MAY NEED OUR HELP

Please complete the form and return it to:
Marjorie Matheson, 6/2 Dalrymple Crescent, Edinburgh 9 or any Committee Member.

I/We wish to join/rejoin the Grange Association and enclose a remittance of £_____ (Membership is £1.00; Senior Citizens 50p).

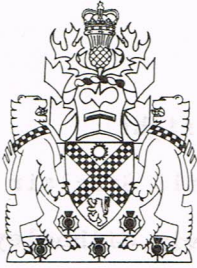
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Telephone



Lothian and Borders Police.

MARCH 1988

Message from Chief Inspector Naylor, Mayfield Sub-Division,

I was grateful to be given the opportunity last November to speak to your Annual General Meeting on the subject of Neighbourhood Watch. I trust that the information we were able to impart to you, was helpful in clearing up any misconceptions regarding the impetus of community based policing projects. However, as time marches on, we have found that you, as a community, are taking your time on deciding on the merits of Neighbourhood Watch. Your Neighbouring areas at Greenhill Gardens, Churchhill and St Margarets have all evinced interest and additional schemes are being established in other parts of the sub-division. I should add that in other towns, Neighbourhood Watches have actually inspired confidence amongst the members, of the community and reduced house break-ins. So - over to you!

Further work continues to be completed in an effort to make people aware of crime prevention matters. Your Chairman, Gavin Anderson, has been seconded to the South Edinburgh Crime Prevention Panel. The objects of the panel are to encourage crime prevention at school, in the home, in business and in commerce. The panel has had an encouraging start with a well publicised poster competition between local schools. I hope that this project can lead to other measures in the community.

Remember if you see anything odd - **DIAL '999'**

Because members of the Braid Farm Neighbourhood Watch did just that, a housebreaker is at present in prison - more or less caught in the act.

Yes - it does work - it does work for you - but you must play your part.

Chief Inspector Alan Naylor

Think about your home

Has your home ever been broken into?
Is your home secure?

Check the following:

Do you have a 5 lever mortice lock to British Standard 3621 on your front or back doors?
Do you use these locks every time you go out?

Entering a house through an insecure window is almost too easy -

Do you have the correct window locks?
Do you have a door viewer?
Do you use the door chain when you answer the door?
Do you have adequate lighting at the front and rear of your house?

If you have checked all these and you are still not sure, why not contact your local crime prevention officer who will be only too willing to give some free and helpful advice.

LOCAL AREA OFFICERS



From left to right:

Constables Neill Sinclair
Kevin Gilhooley
Rae Harrison.



From left to right:

Constables James Brooks
Jeffrey Anderson

Sergeant Bob Licznanski
Constable Margaret Vassie.

G I V E T H E P O L I C E A C H A N C E

SEEN SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS?

SEEN A CRIME IN PROGRESS?

THEN DON'T WAIT TO PHONE YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION -

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If you need any advice or help from the police when it is not an emergency then contact your local police station. Here are some useful numbers for you.

Your local police station - Mayfield District - 667 7272

If no reply - Local HQ - South Side Police Station - 667 3361

Police Headquarters, Fettes Avenue - 331 3131

Your local crime prevention officer - 667 3361 Ext 5006

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH QUESTIONNAIRE

If you are interested in finding out more about the following activities please indicate as appropriate. This form will be collected in the next few days (as indicated in the accompanying letter), and you will be contacted with further information within one month.

Names and addresses will not be divulged to any other organisation or stored in any electronic data retrieval system.

Please tick the appropriate box(es)

1) Would you like a crime prevention officer to survey your home and suggest ways in which you could improve the security?

YES NO

2) Would you or any adult member of your household be prepared to participate in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area?

YES NO

3) Would you or any adult member of your household be prepared to act as a co-ordinator in such a scheme. This would involve you circulating information to people in your street and acting as a contact between residents and your local policeman?

YES NO

4) Would you like further information on the Lothian and Borders Police Special Constabulary?

YES NO

Name:

Address:

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Telephone No. Home Business

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.