

Neighbourhood Watch Report 2025/26

Since 2012, a Neighbourhood Watch group has operated in the village. It receives yearly funding from the parish council and is independent from the council.

The aim is to assist the residents by offering information and guidance about personal and home safety and security, as well as advising on when and how to report suspicious behaviour or criminal incidents to the police and relevant partners.



Over one third of village residents are registered on "Ourwatch," linked to Bedfordshire Police's "Beds Connect" site.

The Ourwatch platform keeps members informed about all matters related to security. Since last year's AGM, the NHW newsletter updated our local police personnel changes at the North Bedfordshire Hub located at Riseley Police station, and included advice on doorstep, telephone, and online scams, plus instructions for scam victims. It was delivered with a "See It, Report It" card from the Safer Bedford Community Safety Partnership.

As cybercrime continues to grow and impact our daily lives, affecting us at home through telephones, computers, and smart appliances, I have obtained information leaflets from Bedfordshire Police Cyber Hub. These leaflets will be sent to every household in Milton Ernest along with our next newsletter, which is scheduled for early summer.



Our village scheme works closely with local police, who note that under-reporting is still a problem. The monthly "Coffee with a Cop" at the garden center is open to everyone to discuss concerns.

Many Thanks, Hazel Snowball "Area coordinator, 703 Milton Ernest, Neighborhood Watch Scheme.

Cyber Aware

Advice on how to stay secure online.