



**Leicestershire  
Constabulary**

Market Harborough  
Local Policing Unit  
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**Our Ref** EA 22/02  
**Please ask for:** **Inspector Hainsworth**  
**Ext** 3814  
**20<sup>th</sup> May 2002**



Dear Mike

I refer to our recent conversation concerning Countryside Watch and the expansion of membership to include Harborough District Councillors.

The matter was discussed at a Countryside Watch steering group committee meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2002. The meeting unanimously agreed to the proposal and thought it an excellent idea.

May I respectfully request this initiative be discussed, if necessary at a district executive council meeting.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Inspector R.J. Hainsworth

Mike Wilson BSC. (Hons)  
Chief Executive Officer  
Harborough District Council  
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Your Local Beat Officer is:

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Your Co-ordinator is:

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## GUIDE TO THE SCHEME

## WHAT IS IT?

Countryside Watch is a crime prevention partnership scheme between the Police, Welland Valley Trust and other agencies.  
The Scheme is aimed at:

- Farmers
- Landowners
- Horse Owners
- Countryside Users
- Private Rural Residents

## WHY IT IS NEEDED?

1. Police have for a long time recognised rural communities are a target for criminals with attacks on farms, stables and wildlife. The criminal is more mobile, in some cases more organised. The value of property is increasing and is more easily disposed of.

## WHAT DO YOU DO?

Countryside Watch is a scheme which joins together the Police and people in the countryside who live in the same geographical area or have the same interests and are prepared to act with the Police to reduce the opportunities for criminals and increase the chances of catching them.

Both the Police and the scheme members must agree some basic principles to ensure the long term success of this partnership. These are:

- To meet the minimum security standard set out below.
- To report all suspicious activity to the Police.
- Watch out for their property as well as neighbours and others in the scheme area.
- Assist the Police at all times.
- Disseminate information through ring around system of messages relayed via the Police.
- Members to attend meetings in their area when required.

## MINIMUM SECURITY STANDARD

To ensure credibility for Countryside Watch "minimum security standards" have been agreed following lengthy discussions with farmers, horse owners and their representatives. We believe they are sensible precautions, which would be good practice for most potential members already.

- All vulnerable property, animals and vehicles to be uniquely identify marked and details recorded.
- All vulnerable property to be kept in a secured or alarmed area or building.
- Chemicals to be stored in a secured building which conforms to Fire and HSE Regulations. A reliable stock control system must be in operation.
- Members must agree to inspections by the Police or Scheme Co-ordinator to ensure the partnership credibility is upheld.
- Membership of a scheme is renewed annually.

## WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

To join all you have to do is complete your personal details on the attached application form and send the form to:

Administration Co-ordinator  
Countryside Watch, Market Harborough LPU,  
Fairfield Road, Leicestershire

A standing order form will be given to you for your annual subscription due from the date you signed up. Your membership fee will entitle you to a Countryside Watch sign and an information pack. Extra signs can be purchased, which we advise if you have 2 entrances to your property or a long driveway or 2 separate properties etc. For more information telephone: 0116 222 2222 and speak to the Administration Co-ordinator at Market Harborough LPU.

Your initial membership will commence from the date you receive your information pack.

## REMEMBER

*This is a scheme for your benefit - it is down to you to make it work - get your neighbours and friends to sign up.*

# COUNTRYSIDE WATCH

Market Harborough LPU, Fairfield Road,  
Leicestershire  
01858 222 2222 Ext 3880

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

Occupation: (Please tick)

Farmer

Landowner

Livestock: cattle, sheep, pigs, horses, pheasants, other Business

Private resident

Countryside user

Other

Address:.....

Telephone No: Home:..... Work:.....

Mobile:..... Fax No:.....

E-mail:.....

Signed:..... Date:.....

### FOR OFFICE USE:

GRID REFERENCE: MEMBERSHIP No:

CO-ORDINATOR: PBO:

INFORMATION PACK ISSUED:

SIGN BOARDS: 300mm x 420mm

Please forward the completed application to the above address for the attention of the Administrator.