



**Leeds Outer North East
Area**

August, 2018

Dear Resident,

I am writing to invite you to an initial development meeting to discuss the future of Neighbourhood Watch across Outer North East Region, West Yorkshire Policing Area,

Whilst most schemes operate well at local street level, there seems to be a need to develop a coordinated approach to support newer schemes and address common enquires raised by members and coordinators in the area.

Having linked with the national Neighbourhood Watch Network for some years, I recognise the value a volunteer alliance can bring – which is one of the key areas I propose to explore at the development meeting.

Currently, the majority of counties across England and Wales operate an association-based structure and benefit from increased funds to support volunteer activity and projects, membership resources (signs, stickers, crime reduction materials), the sharing of best practice, as well as providing a strong representative voice for the membership to raise collective concerns about emerging crime and community concerns to influence and encourage action.

There may be other areas you wish to discuss and/or explore at the meeting, which would be most welcome (where possible, please let me know of topic areas prior to the meeting). I would hope the meeting would also allow the opportunity for coordinators across the Outer North East Region to meet and network, as together we are stronger.

The meeting is due to take place between 18:45 HRS and 21:00 HRS on Thursday, 13th September, 2018, at Wetherby Mercure Hotel, Leeds Road, Wetherby. LS22 5HE. Please let me know if you wish to attend by no later than **Thursday, 30th August, 2018.**

Tea and coffee will be available from 18:15 HRS

If you have any questions about the meeting, or would like to discuss some ideas, please feel free to contact me on 01937 582 441 or email embeze@kalsom.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,
Maureen Brewer. B.E.M.
Wetherby Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

P.S. Please bring a pen with you. Thank you.