



Sherwood Dales Neighbourhood Watch and Community Group

Members Meeting – 27th November 2025

6:15 pm Sherwood Community Centre

Agenda

18:30 – Introductions and Aims

18:45 – Achievements So Far

19:00 – Environmental Survey – Results

19:20 – Update from the Council

19:30 – Break

20:00 – Issues in Brief

20:20 – Update from the Police

20:30 – NaN – Notify a Neighbour

20:40 – Website

20:50 – Close

Introductions

- **Housekeeping:**
 - Toilets and fire escapes.
 - The “**car park**”.
- **Who we are?**



Aims

- **Why?**
 - **Safety**
 - **Community**
 - **Working as One**
- **How?**
 - Better **engagement** with public bodies (e.g. police, council).
 - Group representation - **power in numbers**.
 - Keeping people **informed**.
 - Priorities and actions are democratised – **majority rules**.
- **What?**
 - **Led by our members**.
 - **Communications** (WhatsApp, Facebook, email, website).
 - **Events** (e.g. Garage Safari, seasonal parties, gatherings).
 - NaN – **Notify a Neighbour**.
 - **Service/skills** directory.

Achievements (...since May 2025)

- Over a **third of households** signed up following questionnaire.
- Signed up around **30 volunteer households**.
- Set up **communication channels**.
- Registered with **Neighbourhood Watch**.
- Neighbourhood Watch **signage and stickers**.
- Ran a **volunteers meeting** back in July 2025.
- Identified and worked towards **first priorities**:
 - **Environment** – leaves, weeds, trees, litter, etc...
 - **Traffic concerns** – vehicle speed, volumes, etc...
 - **Engagement** – particularly council and police.

Achievements (...since May 2025) (cont...)

- Set up as a **CIC** and opened a business **bank account**.
- Conducted **Environmental Survey**.
- Produced and distributed **newsletters and leaflets**.
- Received **donations**.
- Explored **funding** options.
- Engaged with **NVCS**.
 - **Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service**.
- Started work on our community **website**.

Achievements (...since May 2025) (cont...)

But...

- There are still just **two of us** doing the majority of the work.
- To achieve our **wider aims...**



Environmental Survey

We will now present the results of our recent **Environmental Survey**, our **analysis**, and the **actions we're taking going forwards...**

Council Update

Thank you to **Councillor Nayab Patel** for joining us today.



Break

Please **get to know your neighbours** over some refreshments.



Issues in Brief

- Concerns over **parking permit misuse**.
- Expansion into **Larwood Grove** and **Weaving Gardens**.
- **Garage Sale Safari** – who, how and when?
- **Traffic concerns**: Speeding/cutting through. We will:
 - **Survey > Consult > Act**.
- **Alleyway** safety and security.
- **WhatsApp restrictions** – why can't I join other streets?
- **Street Messengers** – help with inter-street coordination:
 - Getting parcels to the right addresses.
- **Defibrillator** – access to a machine hosted at **Brookdale Court**.
 - Thanks to Joanne (Rydale Road) for looking into this one for us.

Update from the Police

Back in **September 2025** we met with **PC Rose Barton**.

Objectives:

- Open channels of **communication**:
 - The **police alert us** to crimes as they happen.
 - We **inform the police of crimes/incidents** we are aware of.
 - This helps us take **preventative measures** and **increase vigilance**.
 - It could **improve arrest rates** and **reduce police effort**.
- Share **crime metrics/data** with us as a **success indicator**.
 - There were no **reported crimes in our area** in the last 30 days.
 - ...as of 25th November 2025.

Update from the Police (cont...)

How you can help:

1. **List of video devices** (e.g. cameras, video doorbells):
 - Let us know if you have these and **want to be included**.
 - Let's **help the police** so they can **concentrate on solving crimes!**
 - We've made a good start with **six registrations** so far.
2. **Crime/Incidents Log**. When you hear about/witness issues:
 - Always **report them to the police**.
 - This will ensure there is a **crime/incident number**.
 - **Share any reports with us** - we'll add them to our log which helps in discussion with the police.

Update from the Police (cont...)

Street Watch

- This is a new police initiative to help **residents report potential issues**.
- We need to decide if this is **something we should be involved in?**
- More information: [Street Watch: Be the difference where you live](#)

Speeding Vehicles

- Rose is looking into options for **reducing the speeds of vehicles** in the area.
- We'll **report back** once we've heard more from her.

NaN – Notify a Neighbour

- We want our community to be **fully inclusive and accessible**.
- Some residents don't have:
 - **Mobility** to attend meetings.
 - **Devices, skills or interest** in IT, social media, emails etc...
- They still want to know what's going on and to feel **connected**.
- They would prefer **hard copy updates** rather than digital.
- NaN is about identifying those residents and providing **face-to-face or phone contact**, and **printed materials**.

NaN – Notify a Neighbour (cont...)

- Some members have **volunteered to be a NaN contact**.
- We're **meeting** with Tracey (Rydale Road) next month.
- We're hoping she will **lead this initiative**.
- Need to agree the **scope** of what we can do.
- We have a **legal minefield** to navigate first though:
 - What if **money is involved** (e.g. for shopping)?
 - What checks are needed if volunteers are **entering peoples' homes**?
 - What if **young people** are involved?
 - What if **someone is hurt** in the process of helping or being helped?
- **Any thoughts from the room on this idea?**

Website

- That sounds **expensive**?!
 - The **site and development costs are zero**.
 - We pay **small hosting fees** which Rob and I are covering.
- **Why** do we need a website?
 - **Inclusivity** – some people don't use **WhatsApp or Facebook**.
 - Slicker **registration** process.
 - Solve issues with **email delivery**.
 - We would like to maintain an **information repository**.
- Quick **demo**...

Website (cont...)

Some **questions** for you:

1. How would you like to be **added to the new site?**
 - Added **automatically** – new password sent to email address.
 - **Manual registration.**
- 2. What would you like to **see on our site?**
 - What features/services **would you find useful?**

Final Thoughts

- **Thank You!**
- **Meeting Feedback:** Please email info@sherwooddales.org.uk.
- **Volunteering:** Please email info@sherwooddales.org.uk.
- **Pub Quiz:** Thursday 29th January.
- **Donations:** [Room hire: £72. Leaflet drop: £35.]
 - **Name:** Sherwood Dales Neighbourhood Watch and Community Group CIC
 - **Sort Code:** 08-92-99
 - **Account Number:** 67447813
 - **Bank:** Co-operative Bank PLC

Bank transfers are best as PayPal charge us **2.9% + £0.30** per donation!

Help with putting away the **chairs** appreciated!

