



# The Community

# BUZZ

June 2025



## Welcome to summer



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As we embrace the warmer months, it is a perfect time to reflect on our collective efforts and look ahead to upcoming opportunities for community engagement and safety. We have included some partner updates for you in this edition to keep you abreast of valuable information that may affect you or others in your community.

We also share important safety tips, community updates, and information on upcoming events to help you enjoy a safe and connected summer.

### Seasonal advice – Be summer smart!

Summer brings longer days and warmer weather; perfect for enjoying the outdoors, reconnecting with neighbours, and attending community events. But it is also a time to stay mindful of safety, both at home and in public.



Here are some seasonal tips to keep you and your community safe:

#### Watch out for doorstep scams:

Warmer weather often brings more cold callers. Always ask for ID and do not be pressured into making quick decisions. Report suspicious activity to the police or Trading Standards.

#### Online safety during school holidays:

Kids may spend more time online—talk to them about online risks and help them use social media and games safely.

#### Protect your Home:

If you have a home security system, make sure it is 'fit for purpose' and in good working order. If not, there are a range of options for you to consider with simple additions to home security available at low cost e.g. an external doorbell camera which can help you keep an eye on callers to your house from afar and deter cold callers.

Check locks on windows and doors, this is a good time to carry out any repairs.

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## Seasonal advice – Be summer smart! (Continued from page 1)

### Garden Safety:

Great weather helps the garden grow – but unwieldy hedges and vegetation can provide hiding places. Keep your hedges trimmed to prevent them from screening any potential housebreakers from accessing your property.

Always put garden tools and ladders away securely and lock your shed/outhouses. The use of shed alarms and CCTV to cover blind spots are great additions to garden security.

Tilted blinds are great to prevent people from seeing inside your home. Keep any valuables out of sight and use a home safe for more precious items.

### BBQ safely

Discover essential barbecue safety tips to prevent fires, injuries, and property damage on the Scottish Fire and Rescue website: [Guide to safer barbecues](#) | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

### Away from home:

Tell a trusted neighbour if you are spending time away from home and look out for your neighbours too.

Make it look as though your property is occupied by using light timers for both indoor and outdoor lights. Bright spaces are more likely to be avoided by criminals who do not want to be seen.

Keep any valuables out of sight and use a home safe for more precious items.

Take measures to prevent papers, parcels, and letters from being left visible at your door highlighting to callers that you are away from home. Redirect, if necessary or ask a neighbour to help keep an eye out for you.

### Social Media:

Be careful with social media posts especially publicising your holiday plans and where you are when out and about.

If you permit public access, you could be advertising the fact that you are away from home to potential thieves. Consider changing public privacy settings for the time that you are away and restrict access to those you trust.

For further information on home security and travelling safely see [Police Scotland's website](#)

Your house →

Your Valuables →



## VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

2ND – 8TH JUNE 2025

#VolunteersWeek

**WE WISH TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITIES.**

This year marked the 41st anniversary of Volunteers' Week and NWS was proud to join thousands of charities and voluntary organisations throughout the country in recognising the incredible contributions of volunteers.

Our volunteering community are central to NWS ethos and activity and integral to our continued success in engendering community cohesion. Generating community harmony and growing long-term sustainability and resilience is only possible through the active participation and support of our membership. So, thank you for all you do in support of community safety.

We invite you to share your stories with us and let us highlight your community activities to help inspire others. Email [info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) to share your stories



## Recent activity

### Meadows Festival 50th Anniversary

The Meadows Festival (50th Anniversary) took place on Saturday 7th June at Melville Drive with the NWS Team out in force with partners from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and E-On Next.

A huge thank you to everyone that came along to tender their support.



### Awakening The Festival

On Sunday 8th June the team were at Awakening The Festival, Callendar Park in Falkirk hosted by Enable Falkirk. Now in its sixth year, this is Scotland's only festival designed for people with vulnerabilities and disabilities.

The team had an enjoyable day meeting with some wonderful people along with the other organisations (and their furry friends) that work hard to support vulnerable people in the community. Even 'Batman' himself took time out to give NWS his support!



### Shut Out Scammers Campaign

The NWS team met up with officers from Police Scotland and Trading Standards Scotland (TSS) outside the National Galleries at the Mound, Edinburgh on 20th May.



This was one of several events taking place in Scotland in support of the national 'Shut Out Scammers' campaign to raise awareness of mis-selling of energy efficiency measures, doorstep crime, rogue trading scams and other forms of financial harm.

[Find out more](#)



Keep an eye on the Events page on the NWS website for more events like this taking place over the summer months and be sure to **follow us on Facebook** and check the events calendar on the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland website.

[See upcoming events](#) →

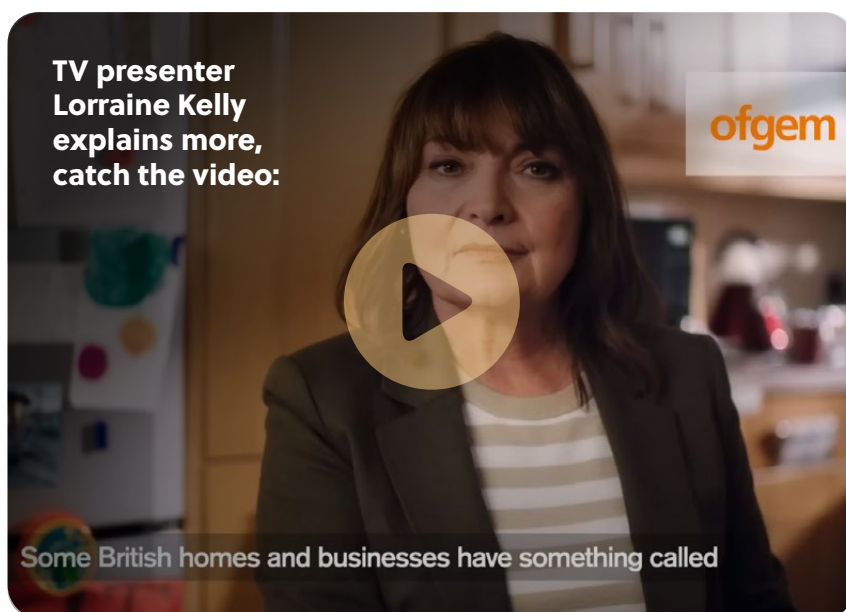
# Our Partnership with E-On Next on RTS Switch-off!

NWS is collaborating with E-On Next to inform communities about the upcoming shutdown of the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) being phased out starting on the **30th of June 2025**

The Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) is scheduled to close, with its signal being phased out starting 30 June 2025. This change means that some types of electricity meter (regardless of energy provider) need to be urgently upgraded and affects households using an older electricity meter to heat their home and hot water. The implications of not upgrading the meter could mean that the heating and hot water may not work properly. Customers could find that they cannot switch on or switch off their system and could incur an increased bill as a result.

It is crucial that affected customers arrange for their meter to be upgraded before the signal is switched off. E-On Next is reaching out to affected customers and providing support for the transition. Further information can be found here [Energy Advice from E.ON Next | Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#).

If you are an E-On Next customer and unsure whether RTS affects you - visit the E-On Next Website where you can [book an appointment](#) directly.



0800 183 1414



0808 501 5200

If you are not an E-On Next customer and use another energy provider, and are unsure about whether this affects you - visit the Ofgem website:

**ofgem** →



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It is vital that we spread this important message on the necessary upgrade and look out for the more vulnerable members of our communities to ensure that they are not adversely impacted by the switch off. As a friend of NWS, we ask that you let your friends and neighbours know – by sharing this information via your social media links such as WhatsApp, Facebook, LinkedIn etc. We hope that by sharing these messages, the transition will be easier for those affected when the time comes.





We are excited to announce our new partnership with the Cyber and Fraud Hub. The Cyber and Fraud Hub is a Scottish charity dedicated to supporting individuals affected by online scams and fraud.

**If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!**



Working closely with the banking industry, police, and technology partners, the Hub not only provides direct support to victims but also develops educational and preventative resources to help others avoid falling victim to cybercrime.

Online resources include:



**A guide to avoiding fraud and scams for older people**



**Keeping children safe online. A guide for parent, carers, and guardians.**



**Romance fraud - identify the red flags**

With Cybercrime on the rise, this partnership will combine NWS's trusted community presence and the Hub's cyber and fraud expertise to deliver vital, timely support and prevention resources, helping vulnerable individuals and communities stay informed, engaged and protected in an increasingly digital world.

#### FIND OUT MORE:

**Cyber and Fraud Hub website:**  
CyberandFraudHub - Scotland's only charity that works with the banking industry, Policing and technology partners.



**NWS website:**  
Cyber and Fraud Hub



# Supporting Communities:

## Neighbourhood Watch Resources



### PERSONAL & HOME SECURITY PACK

### DOG WALKER PERSONAL SAFETY PACK



### FRAUD PROTECTION PACK

### KIDS SEEN AT NIGHT PACK



### Looking to promote your local Neighbourhood Watch group?

Why not visit our updated online shop to access a range of new resources, including new security packs and signal blockers. These resources can help you engage with your community and raise awareness about safety initiatives.

[Visit the NWS shop](#)



## Neighbourhood Watch 'Board of Trustees'

# NEEDS YOU!



There are currently opportunities for new Trustees (and Formal members) to join this dynamic organisation that is committed to developing Safer Neighbourhoods and Stronger Communities throughout Scotland.

Trustees can come from within the Neighbourhood Watch network, or from outside the organisation, if they have skills which would be beneficial to the development of Neighbourhood Watch. If this is of interest to you, or anyone you know, please get in touch.

If you would like to speak to someone about any of these roles, or find out more on how you can get involved, please click the link below.

[Get involved](#)



## Summer activity 2025

The NWS team will be out and about with our partners at various events in Scotland with pop up stalls in various locations. Visit our website and Facebook page to keep up to date with our activities and on top of advice to keep you, your friends, family, neighbours, and wider community, safe and well this summer.

## Stay Connected with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland!

**Share your stories** – We love hearing about the positive impact our volunteers make. If you have a story or event to share, please let us know. Your experiences inspire others and highlight the strength of our communities. Community safety and wellbeing is a team effort, and we are here to help support you and your neighbours with resources and advice.

### Getting in touch

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[Sign-up for alerts](#)

Thank you from the NWS team for your commitment to community safety.  
Together - let us make this summer a safe and neighbourly one.