

GDPR

General Data Protection Regulation

From 25th May 2018 (and post Brexit)

GDPR is a regulation under the *Data Protection Act 2018* to improve security standards across the UK and to introduce much-needed control over companies and organisation holding personal data, and to enforce their deletion where the person requests it (the “right to be forgotten”).

Companies and organisations that hold “Personal” data must get the permission – and retrospectively – from the member of the public to hold this data. Hence all those emails from many companies.

What does this mean for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators?

- Co-ordinators are exempt from needing to get retrospective permission from Watch members (this exemption has come from the Information Commissioner’s Office – the controlling government body)
- New co-ordinators will have to fill in a form before being approved
 - Registration remains “unapproved” until the signed form is returned
 - Only basic details (name, address, email, phone, etc) need to be held
 - Permission has been given from the Watch members to hold those contact details for NhW purposes
- Co-ordinators can only ever use the contact details for NhW purposes
- Co-ordinators need to hold the neighbour’s details safe and secure, and manage it intelligently
- Co-ordinators should use the opportunity to review their Watch membership and verify details with existing members.

Note that details of neighbours, friends and family, whose details are held at a personal level, and not just for NhW purposes, do not come under GDPR regulations – just those members of a Watch who details are held solely for NHW purposes.

The above also applies to Residents’ Associations, according to information passed to the UK NhW organisation, but data managers of RAs should clarify this with the ico:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>

Surrey Neighbourhood Watch



Scheme Co-ordinator Approval Form

Thank you for joining Neighbourhood Watch and becoming a Co-ordinator.
 The final stage of the process is to be approved on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Network (NHWN). Please could you check the details below and complete the Scheme (Watch) Information and Declaration. Please return the form to:
 We will accept a scan or a clear digital image of the completed form.

Personal Information

Title	
Name	
Address	
Telephone number*	
Mobile number*	
Email address	

* at least one telephone number is required

Scheme (Watch) information

Scheme name	
Roads/properties covered by Scheme	
Total number of households in Scheme area	
Number of households active in Scheme	

Declaration (please tick boxes)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I declare that I have canvassed the residents in my Scheme (Watch) area and that I have their support for managing the Scheme as Co-ordinator.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I declare I have their consent to hold their name and contact details for communicating with them for NhW purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I declare that I will not be using any personal data I hold as Co-ordinator of a Scheme for criminal, political, or marketing purposes, or in any way for financial gain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I declare that I consent to my personal data on this form being held securely and being used exclusively by approved authorities for the purposes of communicating information regarding Neighbourhood Watch.
Signed: _____	
Date: _____	

If, in the future, you wish to update the details you have given above or have your data removed from Neighbourhood Watch records please contact: