## NAG SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Many aspects of life are changing partly due to the advance of new technology Neighbourhood Watch is not immune to this.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June this year police and volunteer teams called on 650 properties on the eastern side of Grove to encourage residents to sign up and receive the TVP Neighbourhood Alert system on their phones or email. Within the same operation residents were asked if they would be interested in joining (or co-ordinating) a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in their area. The operation was very successful in that it increased the number of residents receiving TVP Alerts by 400% and with a probably further four Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area. Thank you to all those residents for their co-operation.

The TVP Alert system does allow information to reach recipients much faster, advising of concerns in their and neighbouring areas. Whilst Neighbourhood Watch previously and still does apply to the very local area, it does provide the opportunity for those traveling further afield the ability to report stolen or suspect vehicles in addition to siting of missing persons. This information not only assists the police but in the longer term benefits the local community.

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