

Odcombe Neighbourhood Watch is supported by our local Safer and Stronger Neighbourhood Team:

Srgt. Mark Hunt - Neighbourhood Police Team Sergeant

PC Justin Pitman – Neighbourhood Beat Manager

PCSO Matt Tailby – Police Community Support Officer

Police Contact Telephone Numbers

999

Where a crime is in progress

Where there is danger to life or risk of injury

Where an offender is still at the scene or has just left

0845 456 7000

All other crimes and Anti Social Behaviour

West Country Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

If you have information about a crime

You do not have to give your name and you may qualify for a reward

Please help us to help you,
report incidents to the police as they happen
and encourage others to do so.

Welcome to Odcombe



Our village

Our Neighbourhood
Watch Scheme

Background: Odcombe has had a successful Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NHW) since July 1996 with the village divided into manageable areas each with an area co-ordinator. The area co-ordinators received 'Ringmaster' messages from the police and communicated them to the households in their area. The village co-ordinator ensured that all the village was covered and liaised between area co-ordinators and police.

The Present: A new village co-ordinator took over in July 2008 and any area vacancies are being advertised via the Village Hall newsletter. The co-ordinators' group is re-launching the scheme by delivering a crime reduction pack to all households in the village. The passing on of Ringmaster messages will continue. The group will be meeting 2 or 3 times a year with the police to discuss topical issues and will take part in village events when possible.

The Parish Council is fully supportive of the scheme and they are holding on our behalf a small sum of money that was allocated to NHW by the Mendip & South Somerset Community Safety Partnership.

Your VILLAGE co-ordinator is:-

Denise Dunford
3 Orchard Close
Tel: 01935 863444

If you would like to help in any way with NHW please contact me.

Odcombe's scheme, like other schemes, aims to:

- Create a friendly neighbourhood where NHW co-ordinators call, with a 'NHW pack', on all new households and encourage them to become scheme members.
- Encourage everyone to get to know their neighbours. Once you know what is 'normal' in the area you will recognise unusual or suspicious events or behaviour.
- Encourage scheme members to report suspicious incidents to the police immediately and to tell their area co-ordinator.
- Encourage people to take simple steps to avoid attracting criminals, see suggestions in the NHW crime reduction pack or the Avon and Somerset Police website.
- Encourage people to keep a watch on their neighbours' homes, with their agreement, when they are away.
- Support communication in the village, via co-ordinators, the police and the Parish Council.

There are 22 AREA co-ordinators throughout the village. Your area co-ordinator's contact details were in the crime reduction packs distributed in early 2009.

Please feel free to contact him/her if you require any help.

There are a few vacancies, if you can help please contact Denise, the village co-ordinator (863444)