

OUR NEWS



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK SPECIAL EDITION
30TH MAY - 5TH JUNE 2022

With just two weeks to go, are you ready for NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK 2022?

This year John Bishop is asking you to 'say hello' to NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK as it kicks off the whole Month of Community.

It's a chance to come together with neighbours, with friends, with people you haven't met, and to 'say hello' by making new connections. Learn more about the Month of Community on page 4.

Our Central Support Team is excited to be kicking off NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK with a get together with our Trustees on the Monday, followed by our NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME AND COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2022 on the Tuesday.

The conference will be held in person in London with presentations streamed live online. To join us for the online presentations find out more on page 3.

On Sunday, 5th June, we are looking forward to joining our friends at the Eden Project, and other organisations, in a very special Big Jubilee Lunch at the Oval in London.

We know many of you have organised some amazing events, and we can't wait to hear how they go. Remember to upload your photos to social media with hashtag #LetsStayConnected, or to email them and your stories to enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk.

If you need some last minute inspiration, download our [40 YEARS, 40 ACTIONS](#) pack.

Click [here](#), or the image below, to watch the brilliant John Bishop 'say hello' to NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK.



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CAN YOU LIFT SOMEONE OUT OF LONELINESS DURING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK?

Feeling lonely is something that all of us can experience at any point and it can have a huge impact on our wellbeing.

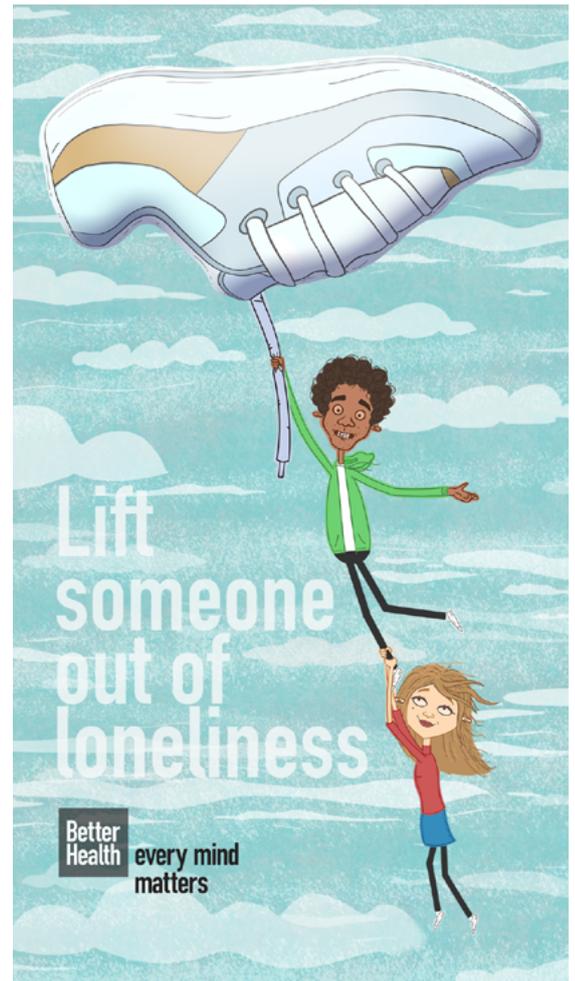
It's important to remember that these feelings can pass and that there are lots of ways we can help each other too.

Fancy a cuppa? Fancy a walk? Sometimes reaching out to each other with as little as three words can make a big difference.

As part of the Better Health: Every Mind Matters campaign, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport are encouraging people to '**Lift Someone Out of Loneliness**' by taking a simple action to help someone who may be feeling lonely.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK is the perfect opportunity to reach out to neighbours, and you may help to lift each other up.

[Find out how you can help to lift someone out of loneliness.](#)



WILL YOU BE SERVING FOOD AT A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK PARTY OR EVENT?

The weather is looking good, but warm weather can be bad news for food safety. At parties you should take extra care with highly perishable foods such as sandwiches, salads and dairy products. They should be kept chilled for as long as possible and shouldn't be left out at room temperature.

Don't forget, the more information you can provide about allergens and the ingredients in the food you serve, the better. This will allow your guests to make safe choices.

The [Food Standards Agency](#) has more food safety advice for street parties.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME AND COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2022



Our conference brings together Neighbourhood Watch leaders and partners from across the crime, community and voluntary sectors to share their experience, successes and future plans.

The focus will be on sharing ideas and techniques for broadening engagement with local communities, exploring the role that Neighbourhood Watch can play in supporting partners. The in-person conference will be held in London, with presentations streamed live via Zoom during the day. Workshops will not be streamed.

[SEE THE CONFERENCE ONLINE STREAMING AGENDA HERE](#)

To watch the presentations and put your questions to the speakers, register for your free place [HERE](#).

31ST MAY

- MORNING SESSION: 10am - 11.30am
- AFTERNOON SESSION: 1.20pm - 2.30pm
- LATE AFTERNOON SESSION: 3:15pm - 4pm

[REGISTER FOR YOUR ONLINE PLACE HERE](#)

It's time to get WeatherReady for NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK

Not everyone is able to access the help or information they may require to keep them safe and well in summer. Look out for others in your community, especially older people, young children, babies and those with health risks.

Get in touch with your neighbours and see if you can help each other prepare for what the weather might bring. Just taking time to make contact will be appreciated. If severe weather hits, there may be things that you can do to help your community.

Visit [WeatherReady on the Met Office website](#) for more advice.

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ARE YOU

WEATHERREADY?

Look out for those around you

- Older people ✓
- Young children ✓
- People with health risks ✓



WHAT'S ON IN THE MONTH OF COMMUNITY?

The Month of Community is a time when we come together to celebrate everything that makes our communities great. This year, the brilliant John Bishop is joining forces with the Month of Community initiative to encourage people to “Say Hello” and make new connections with their neighbours, celebrate some great causes and help build stronger communities across the UK. Click [here](#) to find out more or download “Say hello” badges.

30 May - 5 June - [Neighbourhood Watch Week](#)

Neighbourhood Watch Week 2022 is celebrating 40 years of supporting neighbours and building community resilience through Neighbourhood Watch groups. To celebrate there are [40 actions](#) people and communities can do that help raise crime prevention awareness, build more inclusive local networks, develop community cohesion and improve community environment and wellbeing. #LetsStayConnected

1-7 June - [Volunteers Week](#)

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. Volunteers' Week is supported and celebrated by small grassroots organisations as well as larger, household-name charities, who together run hundreds of activities across the UK. These activities showcase and celebrate volunteers and the contribution volunteering makes in our communities.

Volunteers' Week 2022 is a time to say thanks. It goes without saying that volunteers have played a key role in the pandemic response.

During an exceptionally difficult couple of years, people from all walks of life around the UK have taken the time to volunteer and make a huge difference to their communities – just as they do every year. This is a time for us to come together and thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution.



From 2 June - [The Big Jubilee Lunch/The Big Lunch](#)

[The Big Jubilee Lunch](#) from 2-5 June as an official part of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and The Big Lunch is taking place throughout the month of June. The Big Lunch is about celebrating community connections and getting to know one another a little better. This year The Big Jubilee Lunch is the community celebration for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and it kicks off a whole summer of community, friendship and fun!

The Big Jubilee Lunch will kick off on our usual weekend from 2-5 June with a Royal flavour and we are encouraging people to hold Big Lunches in support of #MonthOfCommunity events across June so you can pick your own big date to celebrate your community and hold a Big Lunch when it works best for you.

5 June - [Thank You Day](#)

Join the UK's biggest Thank You party. The past couple of years have been testing for all of us. But with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer there has never been a better excuse for a great big party, to say thank you to everyone who has seen us through. That's why Sunday 5th June is this year's Thank You Day. We want millions of people to get together and share a Big Jubilee Lunch. Rope in the neighbours, get the local band to play, show off your juggling skills and help make this the biggest thank you ever.

6-12 June - [Carers Week](#)

Making Caring Visible, Valued and Supported Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support. Carers Week is brought to life by individuals, groups and organisations coming together from around the UK.

13-17 June - [Loneliness Awareness Week](#)

Hosted by Marmalade Trust, Loneliness Awareness Week is an annual campaign which raises awareness of loneliness and gets people talking about it. The campaign centres on a powerful message which resonates with

many and each year Loneliness Awareness Week receives more and more attention.

20-24 June - [Small Charity Week](#)

Small Charity Week celebrates and raises awareness of the essential work of the UK's small charity sector who make an invaluable contribution to the lives of millions of individuals, communities and causes across the UK and the rest of the world. Small Charity Week is for everyone – join in!

20-26 June - [Refugee Week](#)

Refugee Week is a festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. The theme for 2022 is Healing. Through creativity and conversations, Refugee Week 2022 will be a celebration of community, mutual care, and the human ability to start again. Whoever and wherever you are, we hope you'll join us for Refugee Week 2022 to imagine a world where healing replaces harm, and care becomes our shared currency.

There are 8 simple acts we can do to support Refugee Week. In partnership with The Great Get Together, one of these acts you can support is The Great Walk Together, joining people up and down the country, coming together to create new connections and reflect in the journeys that refugees face.

24-26 June - [The Great Get Together](#)

This year, The Great Get Together will bring people together across the UK to celebrate Jo Cox's #MoreInCommon message from 24-26 June. People are invited to come together with friends, neighbours, and others they don't yet know for neighbourhood get togethers.

From picnics and BBQs to garden or street parties, the weekend will be an opportunity to celebrate all that the UK's vibrant communities have in common. In partnership with Refugee week, you can also support through The Great Walk Together, joining people up and down the country, coming together to create new connections and reflect in the journeys that refugees face.

FIND OUT MORE ON THE MONTH OF COMMUNITY [HERE](#).