



Southport **HOMEWATCH** Association

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CONSTITUTION

This Constitution replaces and repeals the previous Southport Homewatch Association Constitution signed on 11 November 1998. This Constitution was voted upon and agreed by a majority of voters at an Annual General Meeting held on 20th April 2023.

1 **Name:**

The name of the association is Southport Homewatch Association ("the Association").

2 **Objectives and Activities:**

The objectives of the Association are:

- 2.1 To promote good citizenship, community spirit and greater public participation in the prevention and solution of crime.
- 2.2 To encourage liaison between police and public so as to increase police effectiveness in the local area.
- 2.3 To facilitate access to information / advice about personal security and safety.

For the purpose of attaining the above objectives the Association may undertake the following activities:

- 2.4 Promote the formation of local Homewatch Schemes.
- 2.5 Administer Schemes in the local area.
- 2.6 Raise funds and receive contributions.
- 2.7 The Association is affiliated with Merseyside Neighbourhood Watch Association and may assist or affiliate with other appropriate bodies.

3 **Membership:**

3.1 Membership of the Association is open to:

- a) Scheme Leaders and Deputies of active Homewatch Schemes in the local area.
- b) Other appropriate individuals at the invitation of the Committee.
- c) Members of the Committee are members of the Association.

3.2 Applicants for Scheme Leader will be vetted by Merseyside Police and will need to agree to abide by the Ethics and Standards Guidelines of the Association.

3.3 The Association is committed to treating all people equally, and with respect, irrespective of their age, disability, relationship status, pregnancy or maternity, race, political views, religion or belief, gender, or sexual orientation. The Association is non-sectarian in religious beliefs and non-political.

4 **Subscriptions:**

All members will pay such subscriptions or fees as the Committee may from time to time determine. The Committee may reduce or waive subscriptions at its discretion.

5 **Committee:**

The policy and general management of the affairs of the Association is directed by the Committee. The Committee is made up of Scheme members of the Association.



6 Officers:

- 6.1 There should be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officers as the Committee may from time to time determine. These officers shall be elected and re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 6.2 In addition the Committee may co-opt Association members as required until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6.3 The proceedings of the Committee are not invalidated by any accidental failure to elect or any accidental defect in the election, appointment, co-option or qualification of any member.

7 Meetings:

7.1 Procedures:

- a) The quorum for a general meeting is one tenth of the members. The quorum for a Committee meeting is 5 (five) persons or such other number as the Committee may determine.
- b) Decisions at meetings are arrived at by simple majority of votes on a show of hands. However, a secret ballot may be held upon the request of any Committee member. Each eligible voting member has one vote. In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson has a second or casting vote.

7.2 The Association will convene an Annual General Meeting at which it will:

- a) Elect officers to serve on the Committee.
- b) Present an annual report.
- c) Present a statement of financial accounts
- d) Discuss any other business of which proper notice has been given to the Committee, including any proposals to amend the Constitution.

7.3 Nominations for election of officers and members of the Committee must be made by members of the Association and be in the hands of the Committee 7 (seven) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

7.4 General meetings other than annual meetings will be held at times determined by the Committee or within 28 (twenty-eight) days of receipt by the Committee of a written request signed by at least one tenth of the members.

7.5 A minimum of 7 (seven) days' notice should be given to members of the time and place of all general meetings.

8 Finance:

The accounts of the Association will be kept by the Treasurer and should be examined by an independent person at least annually. At least once a year a financial statement of the accounts of the Association should be presented to the membership in a general meeting. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Association should be applied to further the purposes of the Association and to no other purpose.

9 Constitution:

Alterations to this Constitution require the assent of not less than two thirds of the voting membership present at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. At least 14 (fourteen) days' written notice of any such meeting should be given to members and should include the terms of the alteration.

10 Dissolution:

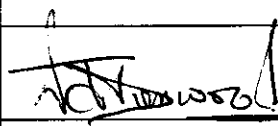

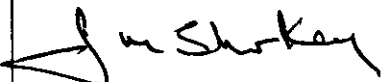
10.1 The Committee may, by a resolution passed at a general meeting by not less than three quarters of those present eligible to vote, and after 21 (twenty-one) days' written notice to all members, decide to dissolve the Association.

10.2 Upon dissolution the assets remaining after settlement of all the debts and liabilities of the Association shall be transferred to the Merseyside Neighbourhood Watch Association.

11 Extraordinary Circumstances:

The Constitution and operation of Southport Homewatch Association will not be invalidated by any failure as the result of extraordinary circumstances outside the control of the Committee including (but not limited to) pandemic, war, civil strife etc.

This constitution was adopted by the Committee of Southport Homewatch Association as follows:

Signature	Name	Role	Date
	David Stanley	Chair	20/04/23
Jacqueline Webb	MRS JACQUELINE WEBB	VICE - CHAIR	20/4/2023
	DAVID STANLEY	Treasurer	20/4/2023
	JAMES M SHARKEY		20/4/23