

## Salisbury Area Board Councillor Initiative

### 1. What is the project?

Street Watch is a scheme run by the community in partnership with Wiltshire Police, Salisbury. Volunteer members of the scheme walk the local area in pairs, acting as good citizens to help take responsibility for their area and tackle the low level issues that impact most on their community. They would report any concerns to Salisbury Police.

### 2. Where is the project taking place?

1. Bemerton Heath (BH) Salisbury.
2. Cathedral Close (CC) Salisbury

### 3. When will the project take place?

1. BH Scheme currently operating however, funding sought for March 2012 onwards
2. CC Scheme setting up from January, 2012 onwards

### 4. Please outline:

- **Community benefits**
- **Evidence of need**
- **Links to Community Plan**
- **Community Issue**

### **Background**

Street Watch is a national organisation that started in 2008 and is spreading throughout the country. Wiltshire started its first Street Watch in Bemerton Heath in March, 2011 and it is planned to roll-out the scheme to the whole of the city; St Paul's & Churchfields and the Cathedral Close, Salisbury are ready to be implemented. The Bemerton Heath Street Watch (BHSW) scheme received national coverage when the Police Minister Nick Herbert visited the area. More information is available on the Street Watch website at [www.street-watch.org.uk](http://www.street-watch.org.uk).

The need for this project has been identified by an increasing number of police forces as an effective way to tackle low level crime such as anti-social behaviour and littering. Volunteer members patrol their area in pairs wearing high visibility clothing. They are in possession of a mobile phone so that they can report any issues to the local police or the local council depending on the nature of the issue. Members are CRB checked and trained by the local police. A constitution and a Street Watch guide including code of practice as well as full risk assessments have been written.

Results for the BHSW scheme have already been witnessed via feedback from the local community and evidenced by a reduction in low level crimes throughout Bemerton Heath in 2011.

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## 5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

To support community safety in Bemerton Heath and the Cathedral Close evidenced by continued low level of crime

## 6. Who will Project Manage this project?

The Scheme is managed by the Volunteers & Neighbourhood Police Team which meets 4 times a year.

## 7. Please confirm costs and provide quotes

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 - 1 quote
- Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes

The Community Safety Partnership have funded the Bemerton Heath and St Paul's & Churchfields set up costs for the first year. However, funding now needs to be sourced to cover set up costs for the Cathedral Close and other schemes coming on board. The Community Area Manager has advised Wiltshire Police that the Board can only fund a project once which needs to be taken into account when funds are being requested to set up and that 2<sup>nd</sup> and further year's funding will need to be sourced elsewhere.

### **Bemerton Heath Street Watch (BHSW) Scheme**

The BHSW scheme has received set up costs from the Community Safety Partnership and has full insurance cover until 7 March, 2012. The scheme is now seeking funding for its 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation. It currently has 10 active volunteer members with another 5 signed up and ready to start patrolling soon. The 15 patrollers covering the scheme serve 6,500 residents in Bemerton Heath. More volunteers may come on board as the scheme grows, consequently the request for funding covers costs for an additional 10 volunteers

The project is requesting **£620** which will cover:

Personal & Public Liability insurance for 1 year	£425
High Visibility Jackets with Streetwatch/Police logos 10 @ £10 each	£100
Personal Alarms 10 @ £9.50 each	<u>£ 95</u>
	<b>£620</b>

Contributions in kind support (training, meetings, CRB checks) is provided by the Police  
@ 15 x 4hrs per volunteer = 60 hours which is 8 days @ £100 per day £800

*(Please note: Contributions in kind figure is approximate and could be more. The amount of £100 per day is allowed for professional/technical advice – see Community Area Grants – Funding Criteria)*

### **Cathedral Close (CC) Street Watch Scheme**

It hasn't been possible for the Community Safety Partnership to fund the set up costs for the CCSW scheme so this bid is seeking set up costs outlined below. To date, the scheme has 9 volunteers, however, the scheme requires to sign up a further 3 volunteers so the bid is asking for costs to cover 12.

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The project is requesting £659 which will cover:

Personal & Public Liability insurance for 1 year	£425
High visibility jackets with Streetwatch/Police logos 12 @ £10 each	£120
Personal alarms 12 @ £9.50 each	<u>£114</u>
	<b>£659</b>

Contributions in kind support (training, meetings, CRB checks) is provided by the Police  
@ 12 x 4hrs per volunteer = 48 hours which is 6.4 days @ £100 per day £640

*(Please note: Contributions in kind figure is approximate and could be more. The amount of £100 per day is allowed for professional/technical advice – see Community Area Grants – Funding Criteria)*

There are currently no audited accounts as money is held centrally by the Street Watch organisation as detailed on page 7 of the Constitution.

## 8. Additional information in support of the project