

# What types of activities can I do in my scheme?



The role of a Coordinator also involves keeping your community motivated and engaged. A Coordinator leads, facilitates, or joins activities that bring neighbours together to proactively reduce opportunities for crime, increase community wellbeing, reduce isolation and above all, have fun and enjoy working together, building your resilience.

We are delighted to be able to provide a range of examples of such activities, be they large or small, within our website. We have named them Best Practice, as they also provide guidance from the Coordinators themselves about the work that they have done, how they did it, if there were any costs, how these costs were funded and what the results meant to their community. <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crime-prevention/best-practice>

Here are some examples of some of the activities you can do in your own community, many of these activities can be in more than one of the categories:

## Community wellbeing & connectiveness

Say hello to your neighbours – start the conversation. It is important to get to know who your neighbours are as you will also be depending on them to look out for your property.

Look out for each other – take in a parcel, bring the bins in, have a chat with each other. If a neighbour is on holiday or in hospital, remember to take their bins out as well as in.

[Street party](#) – a great way of bringing the community together to enjoy each other's company.

Neighbourly coffee morning in the street or in a neighbour's garden or home

Hold a community quiz night or encourage neighbours along to a local event and maybe have a street team!

## Reducing isolation and loneliness

Set up a [Calling Tree](#) with your neighbours. This is a great way of connecting with people and letting them know that they will have someone to chat to on a regular basis.

Identify who could be vulnerable and let them know that there is a Neighbourhood Watch made up of neighbours who are there to support

## Reducing opportunity for crime through awareness and actions

Do an [Environmental Audit](#) of your area – this can help you identify changes that need to be made to reduce risk – such as poor street lighting

Target hardening – this is where you reduce risk by cutting down tall hedges, move wheelie bins away from walls, ensure your locks are up to standard and you have moved away items that can be used to break in.

Raise awareness of crime and what positive steps can be taken to reduce risk

Encourage your neighbours to report **ALL** suspicious, anti-social and criminal behaviour and let them know the different ways they can do this

Join your local Safer Neighbourhood Panel and find out what is happening in your local area

## Improving your environment

[Litter picks](#) - a great way of clearing up the area whilst enjoying a social event with the community. Another way of reducing the likelihood of antisocial behaviour in their area.

Community garden – this is a great way of reducing ASB whilst bringing the community together