



Stevenage Dog Watch Joining Pack





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Police – Useful Contact No's

Dog Watch Email Address:	sarah.sheldrick@herts.pnn.police.uk
Dog Watch Co-ordinator	07792 101893
Stevenage Safer Neighbourhood Team number:	01438 757018
Police non emergency number:	0845 33 00 22

If your call is an EMERGENCY then always dial 999

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Abandoned vehicles 01438 242811
or e-mail abandoned.vehicles@stevenage.gov.uk

Send us a text message to 60066. Include the appropriate key word from the list of 11 below, tell us exactly where the problem is, and we will deal with it.

Bin - to report missed rubbish collections

Branches - to report fallen branches

Drugs - to report drugs paraphernalia like needles

Flytip - to report materials that have been dumped

Glass - for broken glass

Graffiti - for graffiti

Litterbin - over-flowing litter bins

Play - for glass, litter and unsafe play equipment in play areas

Recycle - for missed recycling collections

Shrubs - for shrubs that are causing obstruction

Trolley - for abandoned shopping trolleys

If you can provide a photograph or video of the problem send it to:

07786 203 993 along with your message.

Dog Warden -01438 202908 and 242916

You can still use the main telephone number 01438 242242 for reporting environmental issues and envleath@stevenage.gov.uk

Keep this somewhere close to hand or nearby the telephone. It provides you with contact details for the necessary people for specific concerns or issues in your community as well as containing advice and information regarding priority crime and local issues.



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Dear Dog Walker

Some of you may already be aware of the work that the Safer Neighbourhood Teams are doing in your area, within your communities.

Hertfordshire is one of the safest counties in the country. We now have some 300+ Neighbourhood watches in operation across the Borough in addition to schemes such as Pubwatch and Cabwatch, nevertheless, we are always looking at ways in which we can improve the quality of life for the residents through schemes that promote good communication and partnership working.

You are no doubt aware that Stevenage is blessed with lots of parks and open spaces and there are many dog owners in the area who regularly travel to and from these places with their dogs.

Therefore, on the back of a concept originated in Barnet Borough Watch and the Metropolitan Police, to whom we extend our thanks for sharing the idea, we are launching Stevenage “Dog Watch”.

What is Dog Watch?

The main aim of a Dog Watch scheme is to create a partnership between the local community, the police and the local authority. The scheme is a great way of building community relations and working together with the police to reduce the fear of crime and to improve the quality of life in your area. As a dog walker you will be out and about at all times of the day and can contribute to addressing quality of life issues in Stevenage. You are the **“eyes and ears”** of the community.

We are not asking people to put themselves at risk or walk in areas they are not happy to, or walk late at night. We are asking you to feed back community information, which we and other agencies can work on. We do not want you getting involved in anything that might lead to confrontation and would rather you went home and made some notes on what you have seen or heard, then report it back to us. You can have an impact on crime reduction by simply regularly walking your dogs, as most criminals will be deterred and will not break in to cars or houses if someone is seen walking by.

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As a dog walker you will have more time to be observant, look at the environment and actually take notice of what is going on around you. Dog walkers also have a common interest and will often walk together and talk, so there is an opportunity to pass on information. It is a simple idea and a great way to get community involvement in policing their own environment.

Anti-social behaviour is the issue that most residents are concerned about and this can be attributed to alcohol and drug abuse in many cases. Youths in Stevenage often use the parks and open spaces to congregate and play. Sometimes however this can be a meeting place where alcohol is consumed or plans are made before going on to cause problems later in the evening in residential areas. By dealing with it earlier in the day / evening, we can address some of the issues before they happen later at night.

Within your pack you will find a Neighbourhood Newsletter containing a list of useful telephone numbers and contacts, which includes your wards phone number. Please remember that your team does not work 24/7. In the event of your call being answered by a machine please leave a brief voice mail and the team will get back to you as soon as possible.

- Please complete the enrolment form and your name will be placed on the OWL messaging system. This will enable me to send out messages to you via e-mail or telephone regarding missing or stolen dogs, missing children, house burglaries and vehicle crime.

Remember, if you require an immediate response because there is a risk to life or damage to property, then you must always dial 999 !!!



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Free Dog watch goodies for members !!!

A Stevenage “Dog Watch” pin badge (Absolutely Free!):-

This is an exclusive badge only circulated to members of the scheme. Wear it with pride whilst out and about walking your dog/s to show that you are a responsible dog owner.

A Stevenage Dog watch Personal Attack Alarm (Absolutely Free!): -

This is an item of personal protection equipment for those dog walkers that venture out after dark or to places where they may feel vulnerable. These pocket sized alarms are easy to operate and come with a set of instructions. (Don't forget to remove the strip to activate the batteries)

The Defender Dalmatian combines a powerful 130 dBs siren within a unique housing. The Dalmatian is also used widely as an anti-bullying device.

- Colour - Dalmatian Spots
- 130 dBs siren
- Keyring Activated
- 1-year warranty
- Batteries supplied and pre-fitted

