

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS NHW SAFETY ENGAGEMENT IN THE GARDEN ROUTE



▲ The HRF Vigilance NHW with David Coetzee, Chief Director Secretariat Safety and Security at the Department of Community Safety receiving their renewal certificate.



▲ The newly accredited Hansmoeskraal NHW with David Coetzee, Chief Director Secretariat Safety and Security at the Department of Community Safety.

On Tuesday, 15 November 2022 and Wednesday, 16 November 2022 the Department of Community Safety (DoCS) hosted 66 Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) structures at a NHW safety engagement in George and Mossel Bay respectively.

The programme included presentations by representatives of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman and Western Cape Liquor Authority, the local municipality (George and Mossel Bay) and the South African Police Service.

Three structures received their accreditation certificates, one newly accredited in George and two NHWs were renewed, namely: Denneoord NHW (Renewal - George), Hansmoeskraal Community Forum NHW (Newly accredited – George), and HRF Vigilance NHW (Renewal – Knysna).

This brings the current number of accredited NHW's in the Western Cape to 550. The NHW Accreditation and Support Programme aims to provide support to NHW's to become sustainable and capable safety partners within Government and communities. It also acknowledges and recognises the efforts of accredited NHW's and their contribution to addressing safety concerns within communities.

Once approved for accreditation, each NHW become eligible for resourcing by means of a starter kit, free training and funding. DoCS supports NHW's to create a safer community FOR YOU.





## NHW HOSTS "OUR SAFETY, OUR HERITAGE" EVENT

On the 24 September 2022 the D block NHW in Wesbank hosted its official launch and Heritage Day Celebrations. It was attended by the Mfuleni and Sector 3 Community Police Forum (CPF), Religious desk of the CPF, Youth life Counts, Rieldancers, Cadettes and the Elim Group.

The programme commenced with a march past with the Cadettes and Elim group. Thereafter the official programme commenced with representatives of the CPF to encourage community members to get involved in the NHW and become the eyes and ears of the community and being active citizens in order to combat crime.



▲ The D Block Neighbourhood Watch launch on 24 September 2022.



▲ The D Block Neighbourhood Watch at the launch on 24 September 2022.

## PIKETBERG NHW SUPPORTS LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

On Saturday, 17 September 2022, the Piketberg NHW supported the local Law Enforcement with a roadblock in the Piketberg Main Road, a few fines were issued to drivers that did not comply to the respective traffic regulations. Following this, NHW members and Law Enforcement embarked on a foot patrol through the town reminding citizens of the liquor bylaws.



▲ Members of the Piketberg NHW



▲ Members of the Piketberg NHW on foot patrol through the town.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION RELATED TO NHWs?

Department of Community Safety operating hours and contact information:

- Operating office hours: 07:00 – 16:00
- Members of the public must email [Neighbourhood.Watch@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Neighbourhood.Watch@westerncape.gov.za) to make an appointment
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first served basis
- Western Cape Government Contact Centre: 0860 142 142 (8am to 8pm)

# FAQs

This feature aims to address questions you may have about the running and operations of your neighbourhood watch.

## What is the role of NHW in terms of citizens arrest?

A citizen's arrest can only be affected in the presence of a police officer.

## What programmes or training are offered by the Department of Community Safety?

The training provided by the Department are:

- Basic NHW Training
- Basic First Aid
- Basic Fire Fighting
- Training for organizational management
- Basic Training for non-financial managers
- Basic Training on conflict management.

The training above are mostly to capacitate NHW members to be knowledgeable on how to deal with the above and does not necessarily allow a member to be employable.

## Can't areas with members from foreign countries get a translator when receiving training?

All our training is provided in the English medium of communication. All the material provided is also in English. It will be challenging to have training in many languages, which will prolong the training, which can become tiring.

## Is there any way that the process of applying for accreditation can be simplified?

Yes, this has been the Departments intention to simplify the accreditation process, but we must follow legislation and ensure are compliant in following the proper procedures. However, we are in the process to simplify the process through our legal department.

## ROCKLANDS NHW HONOURS WOMEN FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



▲ Members of the Rocklands NHW at the Women's Day event held on 13 August 2022.

On 13 August 2022 the Rocklands NHW in partnership with Ward 81, the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Department of Social Development hosted a Women's Day event at Cedar High School in Mitchell's Plain, women from the area were treated to delicious treats and a performance by the Cedar Band.





# NHW PARTNERS WITH SAPS AND TRAFFIC SERVICES TO KEEP STILL BAY SAFE



▲ Members of the respective NHWs in Still Bay.

On 27 July 2022 the South African Police Services, the Hesequa Municipality Traffic Services along with the Still Bay, Still Bay Harbour, Still Bay Heights NHW and Platbos NHWs and the farm watches hosted a joint operation and did a vehicle stop and check. There were 3 police officials, 8 traffic officials and 40 NHW members. During the operation seven traffic fines were issued and one person was imprisoned for possession of drugs.

► Members of the NHW members alongside SAPS and Traffic Services at the joint operation on 27 July 2022.



## CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL HANDS OVER 56 MOUNTAIN BIKES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY



On 20 September 2022 the acting consul general of China, Mr Chang'an Tang and his delegation visited the Department of Community Safety to handover the letter of donation to Minister Reagen Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety. The generous donation of 56 mountain bikes to the Department will support accredited Neighbourhood Watch structures in their significant work across the province to create safer communities in the Western Cape.

◀ Mr Chang'an Tang Acting Consul General and Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Reagen Allen.



## ZWELIHLE NHW HOSTS CLEANING OPERATION



◀ On 24 September 2022 the members of the Zwelihle NHW in Hermanus embarked on a cleaning the streets operation. This initiative will continue a weekly basis in a hope that more community members will come on board in keeping the community clean.

## STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY HONOURS 46 NHWS



On 31 August 2022, 46 neighbourhood watches within the Stellenbosch municipal boundary were honoured at a special appreciation ceremony in the Stellenbosch Town Hall.

The event was hosted by the Stellenbosch Municipality and supported by the Department of Community Safety. Over the years the municipality has worked tirelessly to foster good relations with all accredited neighbourhood watches as the selfless work these community members do is invaluable in the municipalities pursuit of creating a safer municipality.

▲ Stellenbosch Deputy Mayor, Jeremy Frasser, Bhekithemba Simelane (Director, Monitoring and Evaluation from the Department of Community Safety), Brian Graham Sheperd of the Paradyskloof Neighbourhood Watch and Councillor Rikus Badenhost (Mayco member for protection services) at the ceremony at Stellenbosch Town Hall.

## DISTRICT SIX NHW ASSISTS WITH INSTALLATION OF INTER-GENERATIONAL MURAL

During September 2022, in partnership with the District Six Museum, the District Six NHW assisted with the installation of an Inter-generational mural in the local park, the launch on the mural took place on 24 September 2022.



▲ The complete mural installed at the park in District Six.



▲ The installation of the mural in District Six.



# NEW HORIZON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HOSTED INDIGENOUS GAMES EVENT

On 24 September 2022 the New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch hosted the Suikerkaskenades Indigenous Games Event in Pelican Park in collaboration with the New Horizon Civic Association, New Horizon Marching Band, Move SA and Grassy Park Youth Desk Crime Prevention Unit.

The Indigenous games were played amongst 80 children between the ages of 6 years and 16 years of age. Games that were played generations before were enjoyed by the youth symbolizing Heritage Day. The aim of the programme was to promote social cohesion and empowerment of team building and unity amongst the teammates as they are playing. The day was aimed at enjoying the day with pure fun and no competition.

Games such as sack races, potato races, bean race and three-legged race were enjoyed. Move SA Mobile Gym promoted health awareness games by doing an aerobics dance session with everyone at the programme. Completing shuttle runs, star jumps etc. The Grassy Park Youth Desk Crime Prevention Unit promoted their Fingerprint Drive for the little ones to include everyone of all ages into the programme.

New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch has always pledged to take upon a social responsibility in the community's youth. We stand firm to create opportunities, awareness programmes and fun activities to constantly have projects that deter youth away from choices leading to gangsterism and crime. We will continue as our moto says, "to serve and uplift".



▲ Organizations participating in the Sack race from left Danny Kambwa representing the Grassy Park Youth Desk Crime Prevention Unit, Chadwin Gurling from New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch, Niezaamia Corrolisen from New Horizon Civic Association and Zakina Jenkins from New Horizon Marching Band.



▲ From left: Rochan-Lee Adams, Alderman JP Smith, Captain Wynita Kleinsmith, Colonel Dawood Laing, Jade Baartman, Danny Kambwa, Sergio Pringle, Craig Hill and Mariam Davids

# NHWS GETTING READY FOR 2023 NETBALL WORLD CUP

► On 28 September 2022 the Gustrouw, Van Der Stel, Strand and Broadlands Park NHWs from Strand, Gustrow and surrounding areas were part of a mural unveiling at the Gustrouw Sports field in preparation for the City of Cape Town to host the 2023 Netball World cup.





## RESIDENTS NHW HOSTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME TO KEEP KIDS OFF THE STREETS

During the September mid-term break The Residents NHW hosted a holiday programme at the Pelican Park Hall. The programme included reading and storytelling, arts and crafts and a community clean up as well as talks on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and water conversation.



▲ Children participating in an outdoor activity during the holiday programme.



▲ The children that participated in the holiday programme alongside members of the Residents NHW.

## KNORTH NHW SUPPORTS LOCAL 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM EVENT

The Knorth NHW partnered with Women2Women to host an event on 30 November 2022 in commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism. Bringing much needed services to women which included support on Health issues, childcare trauma, rape crisis trauma and services by social workers, trauma counseling and SAPS related support.



▲ Members of the Knorth NHW pamphleteering to inform community members of the event with Women2Women.

◀ Members of the Knorth NHW in Elsie's River.



# RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWS IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 550 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. DoCS would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs:

Albert Luthuli Park NHW, Mossel Bay  
Area 9 Group 1, Gugulethu  
Area 9 Group 2, Gugulethu  
Ashbury NHW, Montagu  
Asiphelimoya NHW, Philippi East  
Badshoogte NHW, Montagu  
Bayview Community Safety Forum NHW, Mossel Bay  
Bergsig NHW, Montagu  
Bo-Dorp NHW, Montagu  
Bonnievale NHW, Bonnievale  
Boontjies River Farm Watch NHW, Rawsonville  
Bougaard NHW, Paarl  
Brandwag Sector 2 Farm Watch, Da Gamaskop  
Brandwag Sector 3 Farm Watch, Da Gamaskop  
Brandwag Sector 6 Farm Watch, Da Gamaskop  
Brenton Owls NHW, Knysna  
Brentwood Park NHW, Kleinvlei  
Bridgetown NHW, Athlone  
Broadlands Village NHW, Strand  
Brothers for Justice NHW, Athlone  
Buurmanne NHW, Strand  
Camps Bay NHW, Camps Bay  
Champagne NHW, Wellington  
Community Insight NHW, Athlone  
Cravenby NHW, Elsie's River  
Crawford Community NHW, Lansdowne  
Crime Free NHW, Delft  
Da Nova, Mossel Bay  
De Kuilen NHW, Kuilsrivier  
Dellville Park NHW, Pacaltsdorp  
Dynamics NHW, Philippi  
Edgemead NHW, Bothasig  
Ext 12 Crime Fighters NHW, Atlantis  
Knorth NHW, Elsie's River

Kolobe NHW, Ocean View  
Koo Plaaswag, Montagu  
Kwezi Park NHW, Khayelitsha  
Liitha Lethu NHW, Philippi East  
Lorensia Park Eagle NHW, Somerset West  
Loswill NHW, Strand  
Masibambaneni NHW, Gugulethu  
Masibambisane NHW, Nyanga  
Masilungise NHW, Philippi East  
Masinedane NHW, Mbekweni  
Mfuleni Neighbourhood Watch, Mfuleni  
Bardale NHW, Mfuleni  
Montagu Central NHW, Montagu  
Montagu South NHW, Montagu  
Mountview NHW, Atlantis  
Murraysburg Safety Solutions NHW, Murraysburg  
Mustang NHW, Delft  
New Horizons Residents NHW, Grassy Park  
Night Crawlers NHW, Athlone  
Old Place NHW, Knysna  
Ottery Gardens NHW, Lansdowne  
Paardevlei NHW, Somerset West  
Pacrif NHW, Parow  
Parow Park NHW, Parow  
Phase 1 Bardale NHW, Mfuleni  
Pheonix NHW, Milnerton  
Philisanani NHW, Philippi East  
Portlands Block "B" Committee NHW, Mitchells Plain  
Primrose Real Active NHW, Athlone  
Protea Street NHW, Stellenbosch  
Raithby NHW, Somerset West  
Reenbog ECD NHW, Gugulethu  
Richwood NHW, Bothasig  
Ruiterbosch Sector 5 Farm Watch, Da Gamaskop  
Russels Rest Watch NHW, Kleinvlei

Safe Passage NHW, Delft  
Safety Watch Initiative Charleston Hill NHW, Paarl East  
Sakha Isizwe NHW, Philippi East  
Sakumlandela NHW, Khayelitsha  
Santana NHW, Kleinvlei  
Saxon Watch NHW, Atlantis  
Serco Park NHW, Strand  
Sevens NHW, Ocean View  
Sherlock NHW, Delft  
Sibombene Community Watch, Langa  
Silvertown NHW, Athlone  
Sinthemba NHW, Kleinvlei  
Siyalungisa NHW, Nyanga  
Soneike NHW, Kuilsrivier  
Sonskyn Vallei NHW, Mossel Bay  
Strandveld Plaaswag NHW, Gans Bay  
Summerville NHW, Kraaifontein  
Tabakbaai NHW, Saldanha  
Tara NHW, Durbanville  
Tennantville NHW Stellenbosch  
Tulbagh NHW, Tulbagh  
Unit 1 Forum NHW, Gugulethu  
Upper District Six NHW, Cape Town Central  
Upper Oakdale NHW, Bellville  
Village Heights, Steenberg  
Vision Watch Eye NHW, Philippi  
Vukani NHW, Philippi  
WBF NHW, Athlone  
Wentworth 1st Angelo NHW, Strand  
Wesbank East NHW, Mfuleni  
Wesbank NHW, Mfuleni  
White City NHW, Stellenbosch  
Wimpy Crime Busters NHW, Lingeletu-West  
Witewater NHW, Piketberg  
Wolseley NHW, Wolseley

## MINISTER ALLEN ATTENDS VANGUARD-WELCOME ESTATE NHW FUN WALK

On 18 December 2022 Minister Reagen Allen participated in the Vanguard-Welcome Estate Neighbourhood Watch 5km fun-walk with community members and safety partners. "I enjoyed seeing community members of different age groups joining in on the walk. Thank you to all volunteers and safety partners for their unabated commitment to building a safe community for all." Minister Reagen Allen.



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