



▲ New Horizon NHW members with Mr Trevor Wingrove from DOCS and Colonel Dawood Laing from Grassy Park SAPS.



▲ The NHW distributed whistles and treats to children and elderly members of the community.

NEW HORIZON NHW LAUNCHES “BLOW THE WHISTLE CAMPAIGN”

New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) celebrated its annual Heritage Day event by launching a “Blow the Whistle on Crime” campaign with donations of whistles and information pamphlets from the Department of Community Safety (DOCS) on Thursday, 24 September 2020.

Saadiqah Ganief, the treasurer of the New Horizon NHW, said this campaign will help crime. “When children are walking to and from school and they see someone following them, blow the whistle. When our elderly goes to withdraw their pension monies, they often fall prey to robbery – blow the whistle and let the residents and neighbours come out to see who harasses and hurts our elderly.”

Residents commuting to work in the early hours of the morning, are targeted at the bus stops and fall prey to robbery – **blow the whistle** so that we can come out and assist you”.

Colonel Dawood Laing, Grassy Park SAPS station commander, addressed the children and adults on safety and the campaign, while Trevor Wingrove, Director for Safety Promotion and Partnerships from the Department of Community Safety, spoke about the importance of working together to build safer communities. Grassy Park Community Police Forum members were also present to show their support.

“We wish to thank all our sponsors who assisted our launch,” said Ms Ganief.



▲ Mr Trevor Wingrove from the Department of Community Safety assisting with distribution.

DENNEBURG NOODGROEP NHW GETS ACCREDITED



▲ Denneburg NHW patrollers: Back row: Nelrico Christiaansen, Lohan Reyneke, Herman Smith, Johanna Oberholzer, Leon Bester, Dawie Jacobs, Adriana Heiberg, Elsa Burger, Stoffel Burger, Abrie Heiberg. Front row: Pieter Van Zyl and Leon Mostert

On 13 July 2020 the Denneburg Noodgroep NHW in Paarl received accreditation from the Department of Community Safety (DOCS).

According to chairman, Leon Bester "It was our big dream, and it has now come true. There are many hours, much money and time dedicated by our members, but it was worth it worth fighting for.

The NHW currently consists of more than 270 members and they are in the process of registering more members. Everyone is welcome to be part of the patrol to become a team, all that needs to happen is that your clearance at South African Police Service (SAPS) and then you're part of our team.

It is truly something to be proud of. As community we should all take responsibility for our safety and security and is everyone's eyes and ears important to us. We encourage members of the community to continue report any suspicious persons or actions on the "Community Chat" so that the patrollers can respond. Remember the Emergency Group is only there for Emergencies.

"Thank you for each and every one's cooperation around us to keep neighborhood safe. If we all join hands and look out for our fellow Denneburgers, we are going soon be the quiet and safe neighborhood, which I believe we each desire." concluded Bester.

Visit Denneburg Emergency Group's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Noodgroep/>

BONTEHEUWEL NHWs SUPPORTS NGO WITH ARTS AND CRAFTS INITIATIVE



▲ On 10 September 2020 the Bonteheuwel NHW supported the Kurts Foundation as they hosted an Arts and Craft session for the children in Bluegum Street. The foundation whose motto is "be the change", provided entertainment, a warm hearty meal and some sweet treats to over 100 children in the community.



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 to make an appointment
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first served basis

400 BICYCLES DISTRIBUTED TO NHWs ON THE PROVINCIAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROGRAMME



▲ The handover of 5 bicycles to Coot NHW in Mitchell's Plain on 25 June 2020.



▲ The handover of 10 bicycles to a NHW in the Overstrand Municipality on 14 August 2020.

Over the last few months the Provincial Sustainable Transport Programme (PSTP) of the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (TPW), Department of Community Safety (DOCS) as well as the Bicycle Mobility Consortium made up by the Pedal Power Association (PPA), Bicycle Empowerment Network (BEN) and Qhubeka Charity distributed hundreds of yellow and black bicycles to municipalities, government entities, schools, organisations and DOCS accredited Neighbourhood Watches (NHWs) across the Western Cape.

Bicycles has allowed many the ability to move forward during these uncertain times, improving mobility through the use of a bicycle and especially for NHWs to improve safety and to aid them in their crime-fighting efforts in their various communities.

The following NHWs received bicycles thus far, Malmesbury Neighbourhood Watch, Chatsworth Neighbourhood Watch, Abbotsdale Neighbourhood Watch, Coot Neighbourhood Watch, Zwelihle Neighbourhood Watch, Onrus-Vermont Neighbourhood Watch, Franskraal Neighbourhood Watch and Pearly Beach OORD Neighbourhood Watch.

Recipients also received a bicycle helmet, a lock, pump, tyre puncture repair kit and bicycle spanner, which will help them to keep their bicycles safe and well-maintained, as well as a basic bicycle safety guide and maintenance guide.

A bicycle is an accessible, reliable, affordable means of transport, especially for NHWs to conduct patrols and easily reach situations where their assistance are needed.

"It's not about simply delivering bicycles to people – it takes into account the full picture of creating a bicycle culture, helping people improve their access to education and employment opportunities, and moving people forward using bicycles as a tool for success" explained Tim Mosdell, CEO of Bicycle Empowerment Network (BEN).

RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWs IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 295 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. The Department of Community Safety would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs.

Morgenster & St Michaels NHW
Paardevelei NHW
Constantia Hills Community Watch
Delft Reaction Unit NHW
Klein Begin NHW
New Horizons NHW
Touws River NHW
Kenwyn NHW
Dynamics NHW
Edgemead Zone 4 Watch
Agapanthus Commerce Patrols NHW
Lamberts Bay NHW
Doringbaai NHW
Boston NHW
Upper Oakdale NHW
Silversands NHW
Buck-Inn NHW
Denneberg Noodgroep NHW
Dellville Park NHW
New Horizons Patrollers NHW

Klip NHW
Pacrif NHW
Melkbosstrand NHW
Richwood NHW
Edgemead NHW
Thembokwezi NHW
Tshabalana NHW
Sunset Beach NHW
Grabouw Community Protection NHW
Langa Safety Patrol NHW
Bridgetown NHW
Sizisukhumyo
Thembaletu Sector 1 NHW
Thembaletu Sector 2 NHW
Thembaletu Sector 3 NHW
Kwezi Park NHW
Mesiya Cosovo NHW
Diaz Village NHW
Carola NHW
Thuma Mina NHW
Letaba Community NHW
Kenmar NHW
HSR NHW
Sherwood Park NHW
Napier Farm Watch
Firgrove NHW

ECHO NHW MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

The Echo NHW, based in Voorbrug, Delft is one of the accredited NHWs that is part of the Department of Community Safety's (DOCS) COVID-19 Relief project.

This project was launched in July 2020 and stems from the Western Cape Government's whole of government targeted hotspot strategy to flatten curve of the COVID -19 pandemic.

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers provide health advocacy through the promotion of social distancing and utilising masks at facilities where groups congregate. These facilities include shops, health centres, recreational areas, SASSA payout points, transport interchanges and schools. According to chairperson of the Echo Neighbourhood Watch, Susan Jantjies, people are responsive to comply with the requests of the NHW representatives.

The programme currently supports 45 NHW structures in the Cape Town Metropole.



▲ The ECHO NHW was involved in ensuring social distancing at various community events and schools. They also collaborate with other community organisations to distribute food to the children in the community and assist area clean up.

FAQs

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

Who decides who may join a NHW?

It's a group decision, between residents.

Who decides what a NHWs' boundaries are?

This should be negotiated, with one's neighbours, including one's neighbouring NHWs.

What happens if two NHWs have a dispute over "territory"?

Work hard to work it out. We all have the same purpose: to make our neighbourhoods safer. This common spirit should ensure we work it out.

What powers do NHW members have?

The full rights of citizens of South Africa, and only those rights.

Does the South African Police Service (SAPS) have to work with NHWs?

SAPS is committed to assisting all residents.

May SAPS tell NHWs what to do?

SAPS may give citizens legal instructions, especially in dangerous situations.

MEET THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Neighbourhood Watch Team (NHW) is a small team with a very important objective; to increase safety and decrease crime in our communities by establishing and investing in Neighbourhood Watch Structures.

The NHW team are always MIA (missing in action) but certainly not out of action as they hit the road to towns across the province where they offer training to NHW structures to become accredited and provide resources to NHW structures that are already accredited in line with section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act (WCCSA).

The team passionately mobilises community leaders and ordinary community members to become safety ambassadors through establishing NHW structures across the metro and rural areas, so as to create change and a united movement toward safer community.

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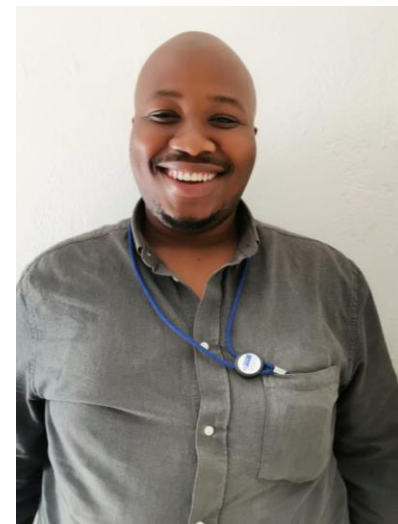
▲ Kirstie Joubert, who is responsible for the NHWs in the Cape Winelands and Metro district.



▲ Gary Cornberg, who is responsible for the NHWs in the Metro district.



▲ Fundiswa Gelebe, who is responsible for the NHWs in the Metro district.



▲ Athenkosi Musoke, who is responsible for the NHWs in the Eden, Central Karoo and Metro district.



▲ Ayesha Fortune

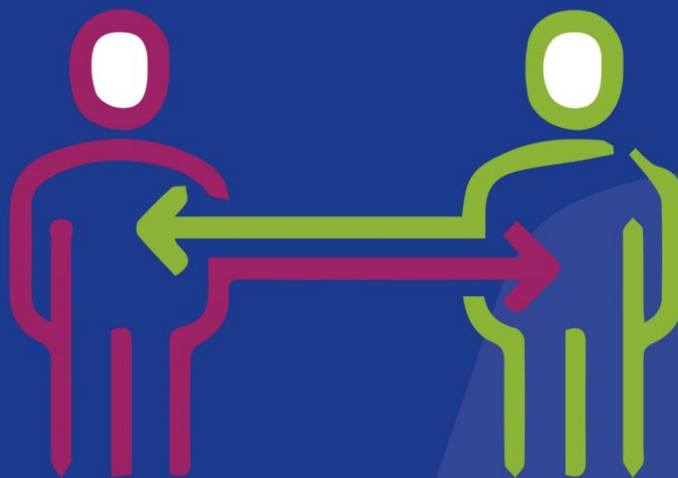


▲ Faadhil Hutton, who is responsible for the NHWs in the West Coast, Overberg and Metro district

PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Protect yourself and others against infections.

Social distancing means keeping



1.5m to 2m apart from each other!

Social distancing must be practised
in all offices, passages and
common areas

STAY SAFE
MOVE
FORWARD

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