



▲ On 14 July 2021, Minister Albert Fritz and NHWs from Mitchells Plain out on their morning patrols. The purpose of the visit was to invite all NHWs to join in the efforts to maintain law and order in Western Cape.



▲ Members of the Vukusebenze, Limikhaya and Ikamvalethu NHWs from Khayelitsha out in full force, patrolling their local shopping outlet.

MINISTER FRITZ THANKS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES FOR ASSISTING IN AVERTING PUBLIC

On 16 July 2021 Minister of Community Safety in the Western Cape, Albert Fritz, thanked neighbourhood watches (NHWs), Community Policing Forums (CPF), private security companies and all community structures and members who assisted in the prevention of public violence in the Western Cape.

To date, there have been no incidents of looting and public violence in the Western Cape. Minister Fritz said, "I want to thank all our neighbourhood watch members, our community policing forums, our private security companies, and the many, many community members who have stepped up to ensure that we don't see the kind of public violence we have seen in KZN, here in the Western Cape."

"We continue to see a significant amount of fake news being spread on social media. And it's the ugliest stories that go the furthest. I want to appeal to citizens: please don't spread fake news. I realise that many of you do it innocently, but these messages and photos that are being spread cause so, so much damage. So much of our energy is spent putting out fake news fires and compromises our ability to get to where we really need to be. So please, stop sharing these stories, photos and videos on social media."

Minister Fritz concluded, "there is light at the end of the tunnel that we are currently in. There is hope. I want to ask and encourage NHWs and all our community members to stay strong and vigilant. We are all in this together, and we will all emerge from this and get back to building our province as a stronger, more united society. Thank you again for everything that you are doing for our Province."



▲ Members of the Echo and Extreme NHWs from Delft out in full force, patrolling their local shopping outlet.

UPDATE FROM SIYAPHAMBILI NHW IN SITE C KHAYELITSHA



▲ During April 2021 the Siyaphambili NHW attended the Emergency First Aid Responder training course offered by the Department of Community Safety (DoCS) to accredited NHWs.



▲ Siyaphambili NHW also runs a soup kitchen for the elderly and children, which has greatly assisted the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.



▲ In May 2021 the NHW started washing the municipal bins after solid waste collection on Wednesday's, in an effort to keep the community clean.



PREMIER WINDE CALLS ON NHWs TO ASSIST ELEGIBLE CITIZENS TO REGISTER FOR VACCINES

On 22 April 2021 Premier Alan Winde met with members of the Mountview Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). The Premier joined the Mountview NHW on a walkabout and encouraged members to assist elderly people with the registration process for COVID-19 vaccines. Across our province, NHWs act as the eyes and ears of their communities, while working to make them safer and keeping them well informed. The Premier asked all Western Cape NHW members to assist eligible residents with their vaccine registration.

Registration is now open to all citizens over the age of 35:

To register:

1. Go to the EVDS portal to register: <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za>
2. Follow the steps on the portal and complete your details.
3. You will receive an SMS to confirm your registration.
4. When it is your turn to be vaccinated, you will receive a SMS informing you when and where you will be vaccinated.



▲ Members of the Mountview NHW during the vaccination registration drive.

NEED MORE INFORMATION RELATED TO NHWs?

Department of Community Safety (DoCS) operating hours and contact information:

- Operating office hours: 07:00 – 16:00 (Monday – Friday)
- 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

RED ZONE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BENEFITS FROM THE PROVINCIAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROGRAMME



◀ On 16 April 2021 as part of the Provincial Sustainable Transport Programme, the Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) in partnership with the Bicycle Consortium - Qhubeka, Pedal Power Association and Ben Bikes distributed bicycles to the Red Zone Neighbourhood Watch in Grassy Park.

NEW AND RENEWED ACCREDITATION FOR NHWs IN STELLENBOSCH

Stellenbosch NHWs received their accreditation certificates issued by the DoCS, on 21 May 2021. The certificates were awarded to: Flatwatch NHW, Weltevrede 1 NHW, February Street NHW, Ebenheazer NHW, Timberlea NHW and Hillside Village NHW. Neighbourhood Watches were also thanked for their dedication and effort in making safety a priority in their communities.



▲ NHWs in Stellenbosch with their accreditation certificates with the Stellenbosch Municipality, Mayco Councillor Rikus Badenhorst for Community Protection Services, Mayco Councillor Jeremy Fasser for Sport, Youth and Culture, Cloeteville CPF Chair Raihaana Jacobs and Law Enforcement Community Safety Liaison Officer Sakhumzi Magwaza. The ceremony was facilitated by NHW's Coordinator of the CPF, Andre van der Westhuizen on 21 May 2021.



◀ The Bloomsbury NHW from Paarl East on an evening patrol.

The Bloomsbury NHW in Paarl East was established in 2015 after the criminal activity in the area increased. Crime has decreased dramatically since the establishment of the NHW and the community becoming active on platforms such as WhatsApp. NHW members do daily vehicle patrols to create a safer community for all. These patrols are very successful and over the year's various items such as knives, drugs and weapons have been confiscated.

The NHW also intends installing wireless solar panel cameras in the area to monitor suspicious activity or persons entering the neighbourhood.

The NHW recently visited the Somerset West community where this model of community crime prevention has been shared. The Bloomsbury Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) has also partnered with the Drakenstein Farm Watch (DFW) in the rural area of Paarl to combat and fight crime together. Successful crime prevention is the result of an invested and committed community.

FAQs

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

What constitution is applicable to the Neighbourhood Watch Structure?

There is **no** uniform constitution. Each Neighbourhood Watch compiles their own constitution, so only this constitution applies. The accredited NHWs are regulated in terms of Section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act of 2013.

How long is the accreditation valid for?

The accreditation is valid for a period of two years, effective from the date of approval as indicated on the certificate and must be renewed, three months before expiration to ensure continuity.

What is required for renewal of accreditation?

It is the same procedure as before; the structure must complete the application form again. The reason for this is as follows:

- **Proxy letter template**, if any changes in terms of the EXECUTIVE need to be indicated with a copy of the minutes. This also affects the proxy as this must be changed to the current chairperson.

NHWs AND CPF JOIN HANDS TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR LOCAL SAPS



◀ Members of various NHWs, Goodwood CPF and Goodwood SAPS during the appreciation lunch.

The Monte Vista Platteklouf Glen Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) joined up with the Goodwood Community Police Forum in providing members of the SAPS Goodwood Station with boerie rolls for lunch. This Goodwood CPF initiative was a network building exercise and an opportunity to thank SAPS for their public service (especially during the COVID-19 pandemic), as well as meeting some of the staff face to face. A very positive and heartwarming appreciation was received from all the SAPS staff on duty. Together with the Monte Vista Platteklouf Glen NHW as well as the Tygerdal Neighbourhood Watch NHW and the Goodwood CPF, it is planned that this initiative will be held on a quarterly basis.

RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWs IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 361 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. The DoCS would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs:

Surrey Estate NHW (Manenberg)
Newton NHW (Mbekweni)
Blomvlei NHW (Philippi)
Fairfield Estate NHW (Parow)
Parow North Lower NHW (Parow)
Conville NHW (Conville)
Wynberg Sector1 NHW (Wynberg)
Voorbrug Block Watch (Deft)
Moses Street Watch NHW (Cloetesville)
Athcraw NHW (Athlone)
Stanford North NHW (Stanford)
Somerset Park/Van Der Stel NHW (Somerset West)
Safety First NHW (Delft)
Vistu-Laan NHW (Manenberg)
Belledonna Berzelia NHW (Belhar)
Franskraal NHW (Gans Bay)
Uilenskraalsmond NHW (Gans Bay)
Heiderand NHW (Da Gamaskop)
Darling Watch NHW (Darling)
Struisbaai NHW (Struisbaai)
Victoria Park NHW (Somerset West)
Hexvallei Farm Watch (De Doorns)
Sanddrift NHW (Milnerton)
Someleze NHW (Khayelitsha)
Siyaphambili NHW (Khayelitsha)
Protected NHW (Delft)
Piketberg NHW (Piketberg)

Lentegeur East Sector 2 NHW (Lentegeur)
Scorpion NHW (Nyanga)
Protea Village and Ruwari NHW (Brackenfell)
Mountain View (Stellenbosch)
Sisonke NHW (Khayelitsha)
Witsand NHW (Atlantis)
Akhanani NHW (Delft)
Bovlei Plaaswag (Wellington)
Klapmuts NHW (Klapmuts)
De La Haye NHW (Bellville)
Gansbaai and Patrollie (Gans Bay)
Kleinbegin (Bredasdorp)
Lentegeur Sector 3 (Lentegeur)
Sibelius Community Patrol NHW (Steenberg)
Bloomsbury NHW (Paarl)
Riviersonderend NHW (Riviersonderend)
Cathkin Community NHW (Manenberg)
Plotte NHW (Macassar)
Colorado Community NHW (Lentegeur)
Mamre NHW (Atlantis)
Marais Camp NHW (Conville)
Greater Plettenberg Bay NHW (Plettenberg)
Prince Albert NHW (Prince Albert)
U-Watch NHW (Woodstock)

FAQs

continued

• **Endorsement letter** for the SAPS – Changes at SAPS

• **Membership** – Changes to membership

• **Constitution** - If it has been amended, then the amended constitution must be submitted together with a copy of the minutes of the meeting during which it was decided. Membership pledge form to be signed by all members and a latest list of members to be attached.

• **Screening** – Current members who have done fingerprint screening previously must be screened via the KRIMM System at the police station. New members must do the fingerprint screening. All results to be included in the application.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFERS TRAINING TO ACCREDITED NHWs



▲ The Sinegugu NHW of Khayelitsha attended their basic NHW Training at the Chrysalis Academy from 19 to 20 June 2021.

VOORDORP NHW MAKING WAVES IN THE WELLINGTON COMMUNITY



▲ The Voordorp NHW first official group photo taken at historical statue of Andrew Murray in Wellington. The NHW was accredited by the DoCS in February 2021.



▲ The Voordorp NHW shared important contact details and emergency contacts, during a knock and drop campaign in the Wellington area. From left is Avron Appollis and Chairman Graham Hendricks with community members.

NEW HORIZON NHW GRAFFITI PAINT DRIVE PROJECT

New Horizon NHW from Pelican Park continues to embark on monthly operation clean-up initiatives and during May 2021 they hosted a Graffiti Paint Drive.

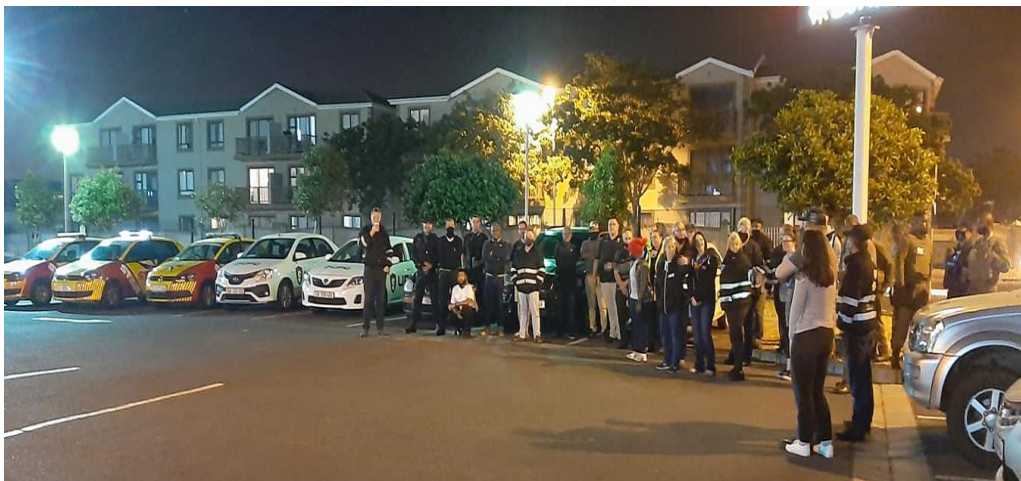
This is the third time we are doing this. Many say they wouldn't repeat the process but as the NHWs we have committed ourselves to uplifting our community and serving even if it means cleaning up our own infrastructure or environment said Saadiqah Ganief New Horizon NHW Treasurer.

We believe in the Broken Windows Theory because it makes so much sense. Simply, when you see signs of disorder do something about it. You need to be proactive and take action before it becomes by-law driven crimes. Criminal activity more frequently occurs in run-down areas where illegal dumping and graffiti are common. Our cleanup projects such as creating a community garden and painting over graffiti, also help to drive away the criminal element.



▲ Kaylin Blaauw, Renash Blaauw and Jade Baartman painting over graffiti.

PARKLANDS NHW HIGH VISIBILITY PATROLS



▲ The Parklands NHW high visibility patrol on a Friday night.

For the last year or so, the Parklands NHW has carried out high visibility patrols with the various security companies in our area, every Friday night. Most Friday nights, between 10 and 25 vehicles are involved.

We patrol our operating area in this "snake patrol" creating a very visible presence. We target hotspots and visible routes for 45 minutes to an hour and members patrol normally afterwards.

Our efforts have been met with sincere gratitude from the community as we can also observe from interaction on social media.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES AND CLOETESVILLE CPF HOSTS AWARENESS VEHICLE PATROL



▲ Raihaana Jacobs, Chairperson of Cloetesville Community Police Forum, briefs all participants at the Cloetesville Sports Ground on 1 May 2021.



▲ The patrol driving through the communities of Cloetesville and Idas Valley to create community awareness on 1 May 2021.



Thirteen accredited NHWs and the Cloetesville Community Police Forum (CPF) took to the streets of Cloetesville and Idas Valley on 1 May 2021, in Stellenbosch with a convoy of over 20 vehicles to create awareness around crime.

Crime and substance abuse are huge problems in our communities. Over the past five years Neighbourhood Watches (NHWs) have evolved from small groups of like-minded individuals in the area to 13 accredited community safety structures (NHWs) operating in Cloetesville, Idas Valley and Timberlea Farm.

The patrol was also joined by Councillor Jeremy Fasser, Cloetesville SAPS, Law Enforcement, the Fire Department, the Traffic Department, Stellenbosch Safety Initiative Partners, Stellenbosch Watch, ABC Security and Fidelity ADT Security. A great thanks to these departments for showing the NHWs that you have their backs and helping them fulfil their main function of keeping communities safe from unrest and criminal activity.

Safety in our neighbourhoods is the responsibility of every citizen. Irrespective of the area, race or gender let us work together to make Stellenbosch a safe place for our kids; they are after all the future leaders of South Africa.

We thank our volunteer foot soldiers for taking part in this awareness drive and making it a success.

◀ Andre van der Westhuizen, the NHW coordinator for Cloetesville Community Police Forum (CPF) briefs participants at Cloetesville Sports Ground on 1 May 2021.

PORT OWEN E-WATCH NABS ILLEGAL FISHERMAN

The Port Owen E-Watch shut down an illegal fishing operation during May 2021. Our night patrollers noticed suspicious behaviour in the canal feeding into the marina. The patrollers alerted the E-Watch group via radios and WhatsApp. The Marine Rangers and SAPS were also immediately contacted, and the illegal fishermen were caught red-handed and apprehended. The Marine Rangers and SAPS confiscated two gill nets that will be used as evidence in the upcoming court case. A successful outcome for the community of Port Owen!



▲ The Port Owen E-Watch nabs illegal fishermen in their community.

CITY OF CAPE TOWN MAYOR VISITS EERSTE RIVER SECTOR 4 NHW

On 4 June 2021 the Eerste River Sector 4 NHW was visited by City of Cape Town Mayor, Dan Plato, Alderman JP Smith and Councillor of Ward 16, Jerome Fitz. South African Police Service (SAPS) Detective Warrant Officer Koos Van Wyk, led the NHW in parade, upon the arrival of the guests. Mayor Dan Plato said it is heartwarming to see that SAPS and the NHW has such a good relationship. Councillor Fitz applauded the Neighborhood Watch team for their efforts, hard work and dedication in serving their community and said that he is proud to be their Councillor.



▲ Eerste River Sector 4 NHW welcoming Mayor Dan Plato and Alderman JP Smith on 4 June 2021.



▲ Mayor Dan Plato on patrol with the Eerste River Sector 4 NHW on 4 June 2021.

TABLE VIEW NHW STRIVES TOWARDS COMMUNITY ACTIVISM



▲ TVNHW gathered for a beach cleanup at Blouberg Beach on 1 May 2021.

On 18 April 2021, Table View Neighbourhood Watch (TVNHW) made an urgent plea to the community for supplies to aid the firefighters who were battling the massive blaze above the University of Cape Town, which later spread to Walmer Estate and Vredehoek. The greater Table View community responded in full force. Over three days at least two loads of much needed supplies were dropped off per day. TVNHW would like to extend a MASSIVE thank you to ALL who supported the call for resources during this tragedy. We are incredibly proud of this community who pulled together

On 1 May 2021 TVNHW Yankee members organised a beach cleanup in conjunction with RE/MAX Property associates and Gregory Player from Cape Town Beach Clean/Clean C. The volunteers and members of the public collected a total of 26 bags of litter from Blouberg Beach.



▲ TVNHW delivering much needed aid to firefighters during the April fires on 18 April 2021.

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- Visit [westerncape.gov.za](https://www.westerncape.gov.za) and click on the link to register
 - Dial *134*832# from any SA network for free
 - WhatsApp the word REGISTER to 0600 123456

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