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Our News for July 2026 is here!

JULY 2026 OUR NEWS



Hello Neighbours,

It's been so hot over the last month. We've already shared tips on how to [stay safe](#) and be a [good neighbour in the heat](#) on our social channels. We've also got practical advice from ERA in this edition. Other highlights this month include:

- More powers for the police to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour (ASB)
- Watch our ASB week webinar with Resolve
- Community spotlight on Trelewis and Bedlinog

Vehicle-related ASB seizures coming into force via the Crime and Policing Act

The measures remove the requirement for police officers to give a warning before seizing a motor vehicle used in an antisocial manner. There is also a change in the law to shorten the time between vehicles being seized by the police, and when they can be disposed of. You can read more about this [here](#).

Concerned about a vacant property in your neighbourhood?

Empty properties can become vulnerable to antisocial behaviour, vandalism and unauthorised access, creating concern for residents. Neighbourhood Watch is working in partnership with [Ad Hoc Property Management](#) to help members raise concerns about vacant buildings in their area. If you know of a vacant property causing concern, find out more and report it [here](#). – Ad.

Antisocial behaviour awareness week webinar: reporting ASB

Reporting antisocial behaviour (ASB) is everyone's business, but it isn't always easy. It can really help to know where and how to report it. We hosted a webinar with Resolve ASB on the topic to help provide some practical advice. If you could not join the event, you can watch the recording of it [here](#).

Blog - It's everyone's business: working together to tackle antisocial behaviour

Our head of membership and community engagement, Cheryl Spruce has written a blog about why it's vital that we all take responsibility for reporting antisocial behaviour. She shares her view that it is also important that we build community connections and partnerships to tackle issues effectively. Read her blog [here](#).



Protect your motorhome

Don't give thieves the opportunity to operate, VanGuardian provides a visual deterrent and delivers a powerful 113dB+ alarm that activates on contact, exposing a thief, forcing them to retreat and alerting you in time to take action - protecting your campervan and keeping you safe inside. All in a simple end-user fit, find out more [here](#). – Ad.



Community spotlight - **Congratulations** Trelewis and Bedlinog!

Neighbourhood Watch Trelewis and Bedlinog District has secured £20,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund/ Cronfa Gymunedol y Loteri Genedlaethol Awards for All programme. The funding supports their Community Events and Activities Programme over the next two years, reducing isolation and helping people feel connected, supported and

safe. [Congratulations](#) to Michelle Symonds and the dedicated team of volunteers. You can follow their fabulous work on Facebook [here](#).

Protect your home in warm weather

Warm weather can lead to increased antisocial behaviour and opportunistic burglaries within our communities. The home security experts at ERA share some tips to help you protect your property and support safer neighbourhoods throughout the summer season, from securing doors and windows to planning for holidays. Read more [here](#). Learn about ERA's range of smart home security solutions, visit <https://eraprotect.com> – Ad.

Social media policy and guidance

A lot of our members and groups use social media, and we encourage people to share crime prevention and community advice. We thought it would be a good time to remind everyone that we have a comprehensive policy and a shorter guide for members and groups using social media as representatives of Neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch is a trademarked name and logo, so breaches of policy or inappropriate behaviour may result in disciplinary action. Find the policy and short guide [here](#).

The Co-op Local Community Fund is looking for applicants

Co-op is still looking for applications in some communities across the UK. Use their postcode checker to find out if you can still apply. Applications in these areas close at midnight on Friday 10 July 2026. Check if your area or scheme is eligible [here](#).

Neighbourhood Watch Lottery Summer Prize Draw

On Saturday 29 August, one lucky lottery supporter will win a £2,000 luxury holiday, (or choose a £2,000 cash alternative instead). 50% of all tickets sold from our page go to the Neighbourhood Watch Network. Buying a ticket through One Lottery means that we can continue to support the network throughout England and Wales. Find out more and buy tickets [here](#).

Are your bins looking a bit sad?

Could they use some colour? Why not brighten them up with some Neighbourhood Watch bin stickers! It may sound like I'm not entirely serious, but there is a serious point to them. The stickers act as a crime deterrent, because they signal an active, watchful community. Also, we've got some in the shop, so [check them out](#)!

Best wishes,

Charmian

P.S. A couple of people mentioned that they find the newsletter's font size too small. I'm afraid, the newsletter system doesn't let me change the text size. However, it is set up so it **should** default to the settings on your device. I've added some basic instructions on how to adjust your devices below, I hope it helps.

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- Tap **Display & Brightness**.
- Select **Text Size**.
- Move the slider to increase or decrease the text size.

Android phone or tablet

- Open **Settings**.
- Tap **Accessibility**.
- Select **Display size and text** (the wording may vary depending on your device).
- Adjust the text size using the available options.

Desktop or Laptop Computer

Windows computer

- Open the **Start** menu and select **Settings**.
- Choose **Accessibility**.
- Select **Text size**.
- Move the **Text size** slider to the right to make text larger.
- Click **Apply** to save your changes.

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- Select **Accessibility**.
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- Adjust the **Text size** setting to make text larger.

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