



**As part of our Looking Out For Your Neighbours project, we're putting the spotlight on good examples of neighbourliness.**

**Celebrating Greengate Street Neighbourhood Watch's 20th anniversary and how it looks out for its neighbours**

## Background

When Pete Thomas set up Greengate Street's Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) group 20 years ago, he didn't expect 25 people would have to squeeze into his living room, such was the enthusiastic response.

Initially 90% of their area's issues related to anti-social behaviour but through the group's various efforts with the support of their Police Community Support Officer, they managed to reduce these problems so that they could focus more on neighbourly activities.

## Looking Out For Neighbours

Some of the simple but thoughtful ways in which the group cares for its neighbours include:

- Sending a card or flowers if someone from the street is in hospital.
- Organising a collection if someone is bereaved.
- Hosting a Christmas party for the street. Each pensioner receives a box of chocolates or biscuits and Father Christmas also comes to give each child a selection box.
- If elderly neighbours receive a knock on the door and don't feel comfortable answering it, they can call Pete who will come round.
- Being friendly to everyone in the street, welcoming new residents and being a spokesperson for others when needed.

The group's activities are funded by members who donate £1 at each meeting.



Some of the members of Greengate Street NHW and Poppy the dog

Greengate Street NHW can support others who would like to set up or revive their own neighbourhood watch group. Greengate would also like to meet up with other nearby NHW groups on a regular basis to share ideas and information.

### ALL WELCOME

Greengate Street NHW meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month, 6.30-7.30pm at the Action for Children Centre, Greengate Street, Barrow, LA14 1BG

They are keen to meet people from other NHW groups to share ideas & information.

## What do you do for your neighbours & what do they do for you?

ACT is on the look-out for examples. Please share your neighbourly deeds with Jemma at [jemmametcalfe-gibson@cumbriaaction.org.uk](mailto:jemmametcalfe-gibson@cumbriaaction.org.uk)