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Police relaunch free message alert system to help keep communities safe – sign up today!

Northamptonshire Police has relaunched a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help keep their communities safe.

The messaging service, called Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert (formerly known as Community Connect), now has greater functionality than previously, allowing frontline police officers to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They will be able to do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire.

After signing up to the messaging system, people will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping them up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to them and the area where they live or work.

Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. People will also be given the option of what they want to receive alerts about, and how often – you will only receive messages about topics that you have selected.

Chief Inspector Lara Alexander-Lloyd said: “Our communities play a crucial part in helping us prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Police officers and PCSOs will be regularly sending out message alerts via Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert, appealing for help, highlighting suspicious activity, offering crime prevention advice, and keeping people up to date about general police work and safety events.

“This re-launched community messaging tool means we can now do this in real time, with officers sending out alerts via mobile devices while they are still out on patrol. This allows information to be shared really quickly and much more directly with the public about crime and activity in their specific locality, helping us to involve and protect the community much more.

“If for example, there has been a spate of distraction burglaries in a particular district or an increase in vehicle crime, we can tell people immediately. So they can better protect themselves and be more alert to any potential threats and risks. We can also very quickly share descriptions of suspects or appeal for witnesses – giving us a greater chance of arrest.

“We already have more than 10,000 people signed up to the alert system and we want many, many more to register and receive information from Northamptonshire Police and our partners. By working together, we can make Northamptonshire a safer place to live and work and help to protect people from harm.”

Signing up to the messaging service is really simple and quick. The alert system is completely secure and registration is free. To register with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert visit www.Northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk .

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