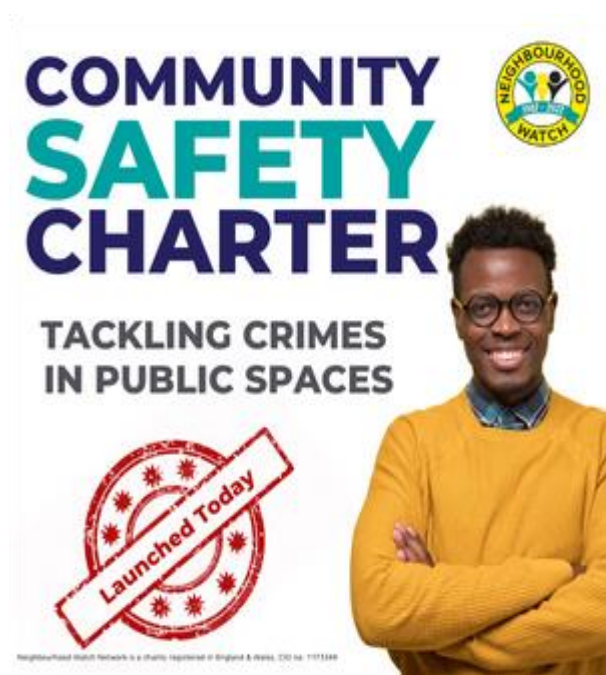
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Councillors received an email from Cheshire Police providing the information below.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER launched to tackle crimes in public spaces**



Our new **Community Safety Charter**, launched today, encourages everyone from individuals, Neighbourhood Watch groups, businesses, and organisations to take an active stance against crimes in public spaces, such as **harassment, hate crime, and antisocial behaviour**.

The Charter tagline is **#BETHECHANGE**, focusing on the role of active bystanders in leading the change within their communities. The Charter supports greater understanding about how we recognise and deal with community safety issues and support victims by knowing where to get help, how and who to report to, enabling a more positive, proactive approach by the whole community when witnessing or experiencing confrontation, hostility, or harassment.

### **Do I need to make a pledge?**

We are delighted to invite you to sign up to the Charter.

By signing up individuals, businesses, organisations, and groups pledge to four actions:

**PROMOTE** – promote a culture that does not tolerate harmful language, antisocial behaviour and hostility toward others.

**ENABLE** -enable others to identify and take an active stance to prevent harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation within their community.

**REPORT** - actively encourage and support others to report harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and share intelligence about these crimes with the relevant authorities.

**SUPPORT** -support those affected by harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and refer victims to the appropriate support agency.

### **What will I receive when I sign up?**

You will receive a printable poster, individual pledges to share on social media, and a comprehensive information pack on a specific topic or crime every two months which you can share with your staff/volunteers/colleagues/friends. The topics covered in the first year are:

- harassment
- hate crime

- antisocial behaviour
- being an active bystander
- dealing with confrontation
- leading the change in our communities

### **Where can I find out more?**

- Attend our **Community Safety Charter and ASB Webinar** on the 21st July at 5pm. Book your online place [here](#)
- Watch an interactive presentation [here](#)
- Contact the Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter Leads - [Cheryl Spruce](#), Head of Membership and Engagement, or [Jayne Pascoe](#), Head of Partnerships and Projects.

### **How do I sign up?**

Simply complete the online form on [ourwatch.org.uk/charter](http://ourwatch.org.uk/charter). Once you have signed up, we will contact you with you within 5 working days to share the first information pack and other resources.

### **Council consideration**

This invitation is not only to organisations, individuals can also sign up to the charter and receive information.

One of the Council Corporate Plan goals 'A Town to Live in' expresses that the council wish to work to make the town safer. To work with the Police and other partners on community safety initiatives, and amongst other things, disseminate information and report matters of concern.

### **Council Manager's recommendation**

That Council sign up to and promote the Community Safety Charter.

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**Council Manager**