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## **Getting Involved**

There are a number of ways of getting involved with what is happening within your community.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

Neighbourhood Watch is a way in which communities can help themselves to stay safe and keep down crime. Neighbourhood Watch schemes are groups of volunteers who work in partnership with the police and the local council. They distribute advice on security and safety within a designated area and help to make sure that elderly or vulnerable members of the community aren't targets for criminals. They also gather information which can help police tackle local problems as well as alert local people when there is a particular crime problem in the area.

For more information on Ashford Neighbourhood Watch Schemes contact:

Paul Brosnan, Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer Tel: 01233 896126 or email:

[paul.brosnan@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:paul.brosnan@kent.pnn.police.uk)

### **Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

PACT will provide communities with the opportunity to identify the key people in their area, including the local Police Officer and Police Community Support Officer, who can really make a difference to their local community. PACT will ensure that there are regular public meetings in their area.

To find out who your local Beat Officer is contact:  
Ashford Police Station Tel: 01233 611055  
or visit the [Kent Police website](#) and enter your post code in 'Your Neighbourhood.'

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