Please go to www.owl.co.uk/met to register online.

If you do not have access to a **computer**, complete the reverse form, detach and return to the address overleaf.

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Ħ  To receive information from **OWL** we need you to provide us with your communication details. Email is preferred as this is the quickest and most cost effective option for us. However, there are phone and SMS options too.

Some advantages of being part of a Neighbourhood Watch and receiving messages via OWL are:



- acts as a deterrent to burglars, car thieves and unscrupulous door to door callers
- neighbours watching out for one another and working together to report suspicious activity
- more direct communication from the police about local incidents (alerts & advice)
- advice on improving your own home security
- support from your local NHW coordinator and your community police officer

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- an added sense of security through being in a neighbourhood watch
- improved community spirit get to know your neighbours

## A little bird told me there is something new in your neighbourhood...







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## Dear Neighbour,

As a member of Neighbourhood Watch, it is important that you are kept up to date with relevant information to your area.

Barking & Dagenham Police, Council and Neighbourhood Watch would like to send you occasional messages regarding local incidents, crime prevention information and other police or community related information.

There is no cost to sign up, it's completely free. All personal information will be stored safely on a highly secure database and will not be shared with any third parties.

At any point in the future, you may edit/remove/ update your details from the **OWL** database by logging onto **www.owl.co.uk** or by contacting your local watch coordinator.

We hope, in time, to extend coverage of OWL to other community groups too, such as Business watch, Shop watch, Residents Associations, a CCTV watch, etc.

Kind regards, Your Watch Liaison Officer

## What is OWL?

**OWL** is a means of passing information to you easier and more quickly than ever before.

**OWL** is a community engagement system that has been developed across parts of England & Wales

over many years. It helps communities prevent and detect crime, support one another and be more aware of what is happening in their area.

In short, it complements what many have always done as watch members / good neighbours, but introduces modern technology and communications to make life easier and simpler for all involved.

Some of those who have experienced **OWL** in action, said it helped contribute to them feeling safer in their homes. As you live or work in Barking & Dagenham, we would like to invite you to register on **OWL**.

Messages, including crime alerts and timely crime prevention advice, are sent out in an instant, sometimes within half an hour of a crime occurring. The system allows messages to be received by email, mobile phone and telephone contact is available.

We use our watch coordinator network to reach out to those with no regular means of communication, but of course, that's why we need more watch coordinators.

By registering on OWL you will become part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham.

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Please go to **www.owl.co.uk/met** for details on how to register online.

For more information on OWL and Neighbourhood Watch please visit https:// www.lbbd.gov.uk/owl-online-watch-link