



## Highfield Residents' Association Highfield crime information sharing WhatsApp group

### Terms of Use

#### 1. General

1.1. This Group was set up by Highfield Residents' Association (HRA) for members to share crime information across community group boundaries in Highfield, in order to raise awareness, encourage greater vigilance, increase co-operation and reduce crime.

1.2. The Group is not a substitute for reporting crime.

Members should not take the law into their own hands and should always report any crime incidents through the established Police channels so they can build up evidence of significant anti-social and criminal activity. See *Crime Info WhatsApp Group* web page on how to submit an online Police report and other information: <http://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/crime-info-whatsapp-group/>

1.3. We request that members:

- are polite and respectful of each other, including HRA and the Police,
- do not use misleading or false information, and
- keep within the law.

1.4. Members are entirely responsible for their own postings.

#### 2. Membership

Members should normally be representatives of local residents' groups, community or road groups.

Individuals not representing a group can be admitted if they have specialist knowledge which could be of benefit to the Group or for other exceptional reasons.

Admission will be determined by HRA. To enquire about joining, email: [highfieldracomms@gmail.com](mailto:highfieldracomms@gmail.com)

#### 3. Management

The Group is managed by HRA Committee Member - Nadine Johnson, who reports to the Chair of HRA. Lucy Nagra, a former Police Officer and HRA Member, is the Co-ordinator and undertakes the day-to-day running of the Group. She reports to Nadine.

## **4. Third Party Information**

From time to time, HRA may provide information derived from third parties. These are posted in good faith and offered for the benefit and interest of members. Care is taken to select appropriately from trusted sources but it is not possible to check all the details for accuracy and completeness. Any enquiries about third party posts should be made to the contacts embedded within the posts.

## **5. Privacy and Data Protection**

### **5.1. Members' data**

HRA takes all appropriate security measures to ensure that members' data is protected and secured in accordance with the latest data protection legislation, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of 25 May 2018.

HRA's Data Protection Policy is designed to protect members' personal data held by HRA. Members are asked to read this Policy carefully. See Policy here: <http://highfieldresidents.org.uk/dpp19.pdf>

Members should not share the personal data of other members outside of the Group unless permitted to do so by individual users. This includes existing viewable data such as names, mobile phone numbers, photos and any other personal data that is posted or listed within the Group.

Members should not use other Group members' personal details to make personal contact with them, unless permission is granted by the individual member(s).

### **5.2. Data posting and sharing**

5.2.1. Members should not post photos, images or CCTV footage taken of potential possible criminals that are only suspicious, inconclusive and where there is no certainty as to their culpability. This is illegal and could lead to a challenge by the persons concerned. It could also lead to cases of mistaken identity. If in doubt, leave it out.

However, photos, images and CCTV footage already in the public domain, ie. that have been published by the Police and/or other relevant bodies, may be posted.

5.2.2. It is acceptable for Members to post photos, images or CCTV footage that show clear and obvious criminal intent; where the person is in the physical act of carrying out a crime and where culpability is beyond all reasonable doubt. This data is considered to be in the Public Interest.

5.2.3. With 5.2.1. and 5.2.2. above, anyone who is unsure whether to post photos, images or CCTV footage to the Group should, in the first instance, WhatsApp the item separately to either Lucy on mobile no: 07772 770538 or Nadine on mobile no: 07949 233430 to check whether this is permissible. They should not post the item to the Group if they are uncertain.

5.2.4 Photos, images or CCTV footage in 5.2.1. and 5.2.2. above should NOT be shared externally outside of the Group.

5.2.5. In the event that HRA or the Group are challenged, we - HRA and the Group - will not indemnify the person(s) who took the photograph(s) and/or video(s).

5.2.6. The names of suspected individuals or organisations, directly or indirectly, should never be posted. This could lay the Group open to accusations of libel.

5.2.7. Assumptions of guilt by association should be avoided. This could be potentially libellous.

5.2.8. Members should not post any address details other than street or road names; the names of the town or city and areas therein and, if relevant, the country.

## 6. Non compliance

HRA reserves the right to remove from membership of the Group anyone who does not adhere to the above.

If you have any questions on the above rules, please contact HRA on the email below. HRA will keep the Terms of Use under review.

Could you please sign below that you agree to abide by the Terms of Use for the Highfield crime information sharing WhatsApp group and return it to: [highfieldracomms@gmail.com](mailto:highfieldracomms@gmail.com). Thank you.

Signature: .....

Print name: .....

Date: .....