



▲ 21 bicycles were handed over to 5 neighbourhood watch units in Moorreesburg on 17 February 2022 as part of the #WCCycleTour2022.

PREMIER ALAN WINDE CYCLE TOUR THROUGH THE WEST COAST

Following the State of the Province address, on 16 February 2022, Premier Alan Winde alongside members of the cabinet embarked on a 13-day cycle tour, which spanned over 239 km across the West Coast to donate 100 bicycles to Neighbourhood Watches in Velddrif, Vredenburg, Langebaan, Moorreesburg, Riebeeck West and Darling.

According to the Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, "the purpose of the cycle tour is to promote safety through mobility and will focus on what bicycles can do to connect communities and assist with service delivery."

Premier Winde was joined by Provincial Cabinet members, cycling activists and those involved in the promotion of mobility across the West Coast. The cycle tour started in Velddrif, with numerous stops along the way in West Coast towns and ended in Cape Town.

The donation of bicycles is facilitated through the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Work's Provincial Bicycle Distribution Programme, which has previously ensured the donation of bicycles to enhance scholar mobility. They were also involved with community safety initiatives, assistance to Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises, promotion of worker mobility, food support, medicine delivery and related Covid-19 recovery initiatives.



▲ Bicycle Handover in Langebaan as part of the #WCCycleTour 2022 on 17 February 2022.



▲ Bicycle Handover in Vredenberg as part of the #WCCycleTour 2022 on 16 February 2022.



▲ Bicycle Handover in Veldrift as part of the #WCCycleTour 2022 on 16 February 2022.

NHW'S PROVIDE A HELPING HAND TO ELMOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



▲ Members of Glenwood NHW, Monte Vista and Platteklouf NHW handing over the stationery to the principal, Mr M Agulhas and Deputy Principal, Mr D Isaacs – Deputy Principal of Elnor Primary School.

In December 2021 members of the Glenwood NHW received a flyer with an appeal for assistance to Elnor Primary School in Elsie River. They needed assistance with stationery for their Grade 1 learners. The school is situated in an area plagued by violence, substance abuse, gangsterism and child neglect. The parents of the learners are unemployed and cannot supply the stationery required.

The Committee of the Glenwood Neighbourhood Watch felt that this was a worthy project for us to become involved in and funds were made available for the project. We shared the request with our fellow Neighbourhood watches in the precinct, as well as the residents of Glenwood. Monte Vista and Platteklouf Glen NHW immediately came on board. We also received various pledges from the community.

We then contacted Elnor Primary's headmaster, Mr M Agulhas, to have the stationery delivered. Both Mr M Agulhas (Headmaster) and Mr D Isaacs (Deputy) were pleasantly surprised by the quantity and quality of stationery delivered to the school and requested that their sincere appreciation be conveyed to everybody involved in this initiative.

According to James Ellis, Chairman of Glenwood NHW, "it is a very humbling experience for those of us who visited the school. Great comfort and pleasure was derived from the occasion. It is heart-warming to know that we made a small difference in a young child's life. Any of these kids/learners could potentially be our future leaders. From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to commend and thank everybody who saw their way clear to be part of this stationery project."

UPPER DISTRICT SIX NHW RECEIVES CCTV CAMERAS

On 16 December 2022, Film Afrika handed over a donation of CCTV cameras to the Upper District Six Neighbourhood Watch & District Six Civic Association. The event was attended by City of Cape Town Mayco member for Safety & Security, Councilor JP Smith, Ward Councillor Francine Higham, Cape Town Central City Improvement District's Muneeb Hendricks and representatives from the South African Police Services.



▲ All the role-players at the Film Afrika CCTV camera handover to the District Six NHW on 16 December 2022.



▲ The view of the CCTV cameras in District Six.

FAQs

This feature aims to address questions you may have about the running and operations of your neighbourhood watch.

Can I apply to become accredited online?

Yes, you can. Please see below:

Your Neighbourhood needs you [Click here](#) to apply for Neighbourhood Watch Accreditation.

Does the Department offer training for accredited NHWs?

As part of the NHW Accreditation and Support Programme, the Western Cape Department of Community Safety (DoCS) offers various free training courses. The DoCS will provide all logistics for the training. The training is provided within communities throughout the Western Cape at a community hall within the area.

The training NHWs can receive, includes the following: Basic NHW training; Meeting skills; Basic finance; Conflict management and mediation; Basic firefighting, and First aid Level 1.

These training modules are the first steps towards developing a comprehensive curriculum for NHWs. The "Basic Training" is compulsory for all NHWs in the Province and is viewed as the "Orientation" phase of NHW training.

We are working toward an online training application system.

What are the benefits of becoming accredited?

Your structure will be recognised as a credible partner to government and will be supported with free resources, free training and funding towards your operational and administrative costs.

NEED MORE INFORMATION RELATED TO NHWs?

Department of Community Safety operating hours and contact information:

- Operating office hours: 07:00 – 16:00
- Members of the public must email Neighbourhood.Watch@westerncape.gov.za to make an appointment
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first served basis
- Western Cape Government Contact Centre: 0860 142 142 (8am to 8pm)

THE AMANDEL AND SURROUNDS CRIME WATCH (ASCW) HOSTED AN AMAZING RACE



▲ From left: Lindi Rhode (ASCW event coordinator), Juandre Ferreira, Carla Lourens (C-Max Security), Werner Smit and Johan Badenhorst (ASCW chair).



▲ From left: Lindi and Charlton Rhode, Elizma Cockcroft and Johan Badenhorst.

On Saturday 30 October 2021 Amandel and Surrounds Crime Watch (ASCW) hosted an amazing race team building event. Teams of four consisting of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) members and armed response staff, set off from the start and end point next to Amandel Road to search for clues within the ASCW "footprint" area.

The winner was determined to be the team to reach the end point in the fastest time with the least kilometers on the clock and who answered all the questions correctly. ASCW event coordinator Lindi Rhode said besides teambuilding, the event also incorporated useful skills such as observation, alertness, navigation and awareness of your surroundings and teammates. It served as motivation for all involved and it was also a good way to welcome new members. The event also increased the visibility of neighbourhood watch members and armed response in the community, the latter being an important factor in deterring crime.

Rhode says they used a map of Kuils River to put a questionnaire and clues together. One clue would lead to the next upon answering questions correctly to discover hidden objects. " Knowledge of the history of Kuils River, small business enterprises, street names, new developments and points of interest were needed to answer the questions" Rhode says.

"We had nine teams, including neighbourhood watch members and armed response officers from Bassett North, C-Max and Fidelity ADT, all mixed into various groups. This resulted in great relationships between all parties, teamwork, observation and alertness while driving and figuring out clues together."

One of the teams even managed to apprehend a burglar during the race. Team member Juandre Ferreira of C-Max security says they were driving in Bokmakierie Street looking for clues when they saw a resident in pursuit of someone.

"He stopped us and asked our help to catch a guy who broke into his home." A couple of streets away they saw the suspect jumping someone's wall. Ferreira says he then chased on foot, while Carla Lourens, owner of C-Max, drove on. "Eventually we managed to apprehend him on the corner of Goudwilger and Piet Fransman streets. The alleged perpetrator was handed over to Kuils River police with all necessary information to add to the docket." Johan Badenhorst, chair of ASCW, says they received good feedback from all the parties involved in their Amazing Race. "What stood out was new friendships, a better knowledge of our footprint, escape routes and the importance of effective communication between all parties."

Rhode says they are thankful for all the sponsors who helped to make the event a success – City of Cape Town's Department of Community Safety, Spar Haasendal, Buzz Fire, Engen (Haasendal, Langverwacht, Soneike), Food Lover's Market, Kuils River, Pick n Pay Soneike, Zevenwacht wine estate, Supa Quick Kuils River, Jillian Koopman – Tupperware, Sanet Koen – Kaap Karoo Produkte, Outlaw Media Cpt and Coca-Cola.



◀ NHW members and armed response officers at the event

COVID AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND VACCINATION DRIVE



▲ Members of the Department of Health, Weltevrede 2 NHW, law enforcement and SAPS who contributed to the success of the initiative.

On 30 December 2021 Weltevrede 2 NHW supported the Western Cape Department of Health with their Vaxi Taxi which took place adjacent to the Cloeteville Sport Grounds. Vaxi Taxi is a COVID-19 vaccination drive that brings vaccinations closer to the community.

Coordination of the programme, which included a welcoming and adhering to strict Covid-19 protocols, was done in collaboration with CPF Vice Chairperson, Mr De Vries, and Ms Seigels from Municipal Disaster Management. The vaccination drive and fire safety awareness initiative was a step in the right direction and a huge success.

Statistically 90% of those vaccinated on the day were between the age of 18 and 35. Acknowledging the youth and the pressure they have to deal with is of the utmost importance. The minimum requirements for employment used to be a matric certificate and preferably a driver's license. Nowadays a certificate of vaccination increases their chances for future studies or possible employment.

In addition, about 26 NHW members took to the streets on foot and on sponsored bicycles. The patrol was done to bring awareness in the areas of Weltevrede 1 & 2, Smartie Town, Melkhout and February Street and to encourage non-vaccinated residents to make use of this opportunity and to distribute safety awareness flyers.



▲ A member of the NHW, Ms Sarine Bezuidenhout, made use of the opportunity to get vaccinated to support this initiative.

RYSTON NHW SERVES THE COMMUNITY

Besides keeping the community safe, the members of the Ryston NHW in Hanover Park, lead by chairperson Faldiel Jonathan, host a bi-monthly feeding scheme where they feed up to 350 children. According to Faldiel, "the initiative started in 2021 as there is a great need in the community".



PREMIER ALAN WINDE THANKS NHW FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME



▲ Premier Alan Winde handing over a NHW accreditation certificate to the Leonsdale NHW.



▲ Premier Alan Winde with Carlton April, Chairperson of the Leonsdale NHW (left) and Hamish Arries, Elsie's River CPF Chairperson (Right) taking a walk through Leonsdale



▲ Members of the Department of Health with Premier Alan Winde during his visit to Leonsdale.

On 15 March 2022 Premier Alan Winde paid a special visit to Leonsdale in Elsie's River to hand over accreditation certificates and to thank the Neighbourhood Watch for their hard work in patrolling the streets and reducing crime in their precinct.

According to Hamish Arries, Elsie's River Community Police Forum Chairperson they have "after two years of hard work established 10 Neighbourhood Watches consisting of close to 400 patrollers with the aim of claiming back every street, every circle and every block of flats from the gangsters."

"NHWs patrol day and night to curb crime. We focus on times when people go to work and children go to school and we stand in hotspots to prevent shootings." Arries said the precinct is not immune to crime, but there has been a reduction in the crime stats.

The Premier was very impressed when he arrived in Leonsdale. "Safety is the biggest concern for most of us. When I arrived, the first thing that struck me was how clean the streets were. Getting rid of the grime paves the way for stopping the crime."

TRAINED IN CONFLICT AND MEDIATION MANAGEMENT

Various NHW members from Cloetesville and Idas Valley attended a 2-day training course from 19-20 February 2022 at the Eikestad Hall Complex. The focus of the course was conflict and mediation management. The training of the two groups ran simultaneously.

We received valuable information applicable to our patrols and for use in our personal lives. The course was well presented and the learners displayed excellent participation throughout the learning process.

The course was offered and funded by the Department of Community Safety.



RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWs IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 441 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. DoCS would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs:

Abakhuseli NHW (Browns Farm), Nyanga
 Asibuyingamva NHW, Nyanga
 Bellville South Sector 1 NHW, Bellville South
 Block 3 Asijiki, Nyanga
 Bonteheuvel Sector 1 NHW, Bishop Lavis
 Boystown NHW, Nyanga
 Brantwood NHW, Kuils River
 Burgundy Estate NHW, Parow
 Central Woodstock NHW, Woodstock
 Changing Lives and Safety Communities,
 Gugulethu
 Clifton NHW, Macassar
 Constantia Watch, Diep River
 Costa Patrol NHW, Stellenbosch
 Crime Busters NHW, Delft
 Crime Stop NHW (Brown's Farm), Nyanga
 Denneoord NHW, George
 District Six NHW, Cape Town Central
 Downberg NHW, Philippi
 Forest Village Phase 1 NHW, Kleinvlei
 Gcina NHW, Gugulethu
 Ghostown NHW, Ocean View
 Glenwood NHW, Goodwood
 Gustrouw NHW, Strand
 Harare Police Precinct NHW, Harare
 Hawks NHW, Nyanga
 Hillcrest NHW, Kleinvlei
 Hillview Guardians NHW, Muizenberg
 Hyena NHW, Nyanga
 Ikhakha The Shield NHW, Delft
 Ikhaya NHW, Khayelitsha
 Ilisoletu NHW, Khayelitsha
 Kalkfontein NHW, Kuils River
 Kewtown NHW, Athlone

Khuseleka NHW (Browns Farm), Nyanga
 Kylemore NHW, Groot-Drakenstein
 Langa Better Life NHW, Langa
 Lapland NHW, Ocean View
 La-Villia NHW, Conville
 Leonsdale NHW, Elsies River
 Lingeletu NHW, Nyanga
 Linquedoc NHW, Groot-Drakenstein
 Marico NHW, Athlone
 Masiqhame KC NHW, Nyanga
 Matroosfontein NHW, Elsies River
 Meadows Community Watch, Diep River
 Milky Way NHW, Ocean View
 Milnerton Central NHW, Milnerton
 Monte Vista Platteklouf NHW, Goodwood
 Monwabisi Park NHW, Harare
 Napier NHW, Napier
 New Beginnings NHW, Delft
 New Orleans NHW, Paarl East
 Noluthando NHW, Khayelitsha
 Norwood NHW, Elsies River
 Ntlalakhle NHW, Nyanga
 Pacaltsdorp NHW, Pacaltsdorp
 Palm Park NHW, Kleinvlei
 Park Estate NHW, Mowbray
 Parktown NHW, Athlone
 Peace Squad NHW, Paarl East
 Pearly Beach Resort NHW, Gans Bay
 Peta's NHW, Manenberg
 Phase 1 NHW, Nyanga
 Porterville Priziano NHW, Porterville
 Protea Dorp NHW, Kleinmond
 Rosedale NHW, Kleinvlei
 Ryston Rd NHW, Philippi

Sandvlei NHW, Macassar
 Silverstream NHW, Manenberg
 Sinthemba NHW (Brown's Farm), Nyanga
 Six Sisters NHW, Ocean View
 Siyakhana NHW, Harare
 Siyakhula NHW, Atlantis
 Siyanqobo NHW, Nyanga
 Siyanyanzela NHW, Nyanga
 Siyaphambili NHW (Brown's Farm), Nyanga
 Siyazama NHW, Harare
 Siyazama NHW, Nyanga
 Sizisithemba NHW (Brown's Farm), Nyanga
 Smartie Town, Cloetesville
 Somerset West NHW, Somerset West
 Sonneblom NHW, Athlone
 Sophumelela NHW, Nyanga
 Southfield NHW, Diep River
 Still Bay Farm Watch, Still Bay
 Stonehaven NHW, Ocean View
 Summer Greens NHW, Milnerton
 Sunbird Park NHW, Mfuleni
 Sunnyside / Gleemoor NHW, Athlone
 Tafelsig West NHW, Mitchells Plain
 The Hague Crime Watch NHW, Delft
 Tulbagh Farm Watch, Tulbagh
 Uitzicht NHW, Kraaifontein
 Unathi NHW, Nyanga
 Upper Mowbray and Rosebank NHW,
 Mowbray
 Vaaldraai NHW, Stellenbosch
 Vukusebenze NHW, Harare
 Way Makers NHW, Philippi
 Wellington NHW, Wellington
 Women Of Strength NHW, Philippi
 Zweihle NHW, Hermanus

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