



Neighbouring Policing Team:

The South Lakes Neighbourhood Policing Team has been asked to promote to you a Police-supported programme called **Voice Connect**. Originally it was formed as part of Neighbourhood Watch, where we the Police, could contact the area co-ordinators by this system and pass various pieces of information crime related or otherwise.

Though called **Voice Connect** the co-ordinators have the choice of receiving information by either

- email (the most popular choice),
- telephone (the next popular)
- or even by text.

We have now seen the potential that <u>Voice Connect</u> gives us and hence why we are approaching you with a view to expanding it, directing it at the Hotel and Bed and Breakfast industry in the Windermere/Bowness and surrounding areas. This is similar to the old Snowball scheme, where, if we have any information that we think you should be aware of (i.e. bilking – aka "runners", cheque fraud or missing persons etc) then we are able to pass this out to you all simultaneously. The Snowball system can fail if someone in the chain was unable to pass the info on.

The system is <u>free</u>, but due to rules governing data-protection, we would need you to sign up to it, to keep your contact details on our system.



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