

Montgó NHW WhatsApp

Based on the success of neighbourhood WhatsApp groups in the Netherlands [per Hans Sleutjes, our earlier NHW man], we've decided to try the same thing here on the Montgó.

This won't in any way detract from Sue's role with our NHW, but rather offers another means of keeping our eyes peeled. At the moment, anyone seeing something suspicious lets Sue know [by e-mail] who then alerts members by e-mail - with obvious time lag.

The WhatsApp group will enable anyone to immediately report anything they feel is out of order, be it 'gas men', someone begging at the gate, an unknown car lurking in the vicinity etc. so neighbours can instantly be alerted to any potential danger. Photos and video clips can be attached and sent immediately to aid identification.

Please note this means of communication should not be used for any other reason i.e. no advertising or invitation to coffee!

We feel there is merit in the system which should help keep us all safer.

You need a 'smart' phone: WhatsApp can be easily downloaded and costs the vast amount of €1/per annum. It's not difficult: my 92 year-young mother-in-law uses it, so no excuses! If you're not yet familiar with WhatsApp, you can also use it to make your own personal list of contacts, which can be used to phone people for.

We have some mobile phone numbers on record, but don't know if they're all smart phones, so probably easier if you could please let me, Gillian Ashworth, have your mobile number - ideally **by 15 April** - and/or advise if you do **not** wish to participate: apmjwebmaster@gmail.com.

House Rules

1. **Members must be 18 or over.**
2. **They should live on the Montgó or in the nearby Valls.**
3. **This WhatsApp group is a citizen's initiative. The police only become involved if you dial 112.**
4. **Use WhatsApp per the following SAAR abbreviations:**
 - S – Signal**
 - A – Alarm = 112 [if not urgent, local police number 96 579 0081]**
 - A – App – advise members of possible danger**
 - R – React – e.g. go outside to make contact with the person, which would disrupt the suspicious person's plan. Only do this if you feel it's safe to do so, never take any risks.**
5. **Advise members if 112 has been alerted to avoid everyone calling the police.**
6. **Use appropriate language: swearing, discrimination etc not acceptable.**
7. **Don't act as judge and overstep the rules/law i.e. don't send messages whilst driving.**
8. **Sending of photos only advised to provide a description: provide sex of the person, skin colour, height, facial appearance, hair, and/or colour/make of vehicle and registration number.**
9. **Only use this WhatsApp group for the purpose intended i.e. not for making contacts, private conversations.**

We will have similar signs made, which are visually explicit.



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