



Neighbourhood Watch

Are you a member of a neighbourhood watch (NHW)? Being in a NHW is an excellent way for a small area to retain a sense of community, look out for one another and help the police to combat criminals. If you want more information on how to join or set up a NHW scheme in your road then take a look at Hillingdon NHW's very own web site here:

www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk

NHW members used to be referred to as curtain twitchers. I don't see that as derogatory at all, in fact I see it as a badge of honour. Curtain twitchers are the people who make where you live and work safer. They spot the unusual or out of place and make the effort to inform police. They share information amongst themselves making everyone more aware and they do it in a way that is neither scaremongering nor sensationalist.

You would be surprised at how much our local NHWs actually help Hillingdon Police. They are the unsung heroes of crime prevention and crime detection in this Borough. And they have an impact on some really serious crimes too, some of which I want to share with you:

NHW residential CCTV cameras captured footage of suspects involved in two separate armed robberies

at local banks. One of the offenders was identified from the footage and sentenced to life imprisonment at the Old Bailey.

The Ickenham NHW team helped catch a gang of aggravated burglars who were offending across Hillingdon and the Home Counties. At Hertfordshire Crown Court one of the coordinators, who specialises in evidential submissions, was commended for his high standards of presentation. This gang was masking up and forcing entry and were featured on Crimewatch.

Another gang who committed aggravated burglaries and sprayed their victims with ammonia were arrested and convicted as a result of evidence obtained by a local NHW.

NHW schemes that utilize CCTV help us no end. A gang who rolled a householder in a carpet and broke a finger whilst removing her jewellery was caught on camera and later convicted because of residential cameras.

Get in involved in a NHW scheme in your area. Be one of those people who make a real difference.

Newsletters

There are more newsletters than just this one if you want to keep up with what Hillingdon Police is doing. To receive a copy of your local newsletter please log on to our website and send your email details to your local Safer Neighbourhood team who will add you to their database.

<http://content.met.police.uk/Borough/Hillingdon>

Tell your friends and family about our Twitter and FB accounts as well please.

The Chief's Brief



I was reflecting on the number of Hillingdon police officers who have been injured recently whilst doing their job. No matter what you might think of the police, the risks they take to keep you safe must never be forgotten. We keep records of officers injured or assaulted on duty in Hillingdon. Here are some recent entries:

- Whilst detaining a person, an officer got contaminated blood in their mouth.
- An officer was bitten and pushed towards the canal.
- An officer was spat at and kicked when arresting a shoplifter.
- One officer was punched in the face and another pushed into a door frame.
- Vehicle driven at officers who were attempting to arrest the driver.

Not good. Never acceptable.

T/Chief Inspector Rob Bryan

Your local inspectors

We divide Hillingdon into 3 areas and each area has an inspector in charge. If you have a local problem then don't suffer in silence, contact your local inspector for advice and police assistance:

Inspector Paul Trice looks after everything north of the A40. His email address is paul.j.trice@met.police.uk

Inspector Malise Davies has responsibility for Uxbridge and everything west of Long Lane and the Stockley Road as far south as the M4. Her email address is marlise.davies@met.police.uk

Finally, Inspector Andy Lewis is the man to go to if you live in Hayes or anywhere east of Stockley Road and including Heathrow Villages. Contact him at andy.c.lewis@met.police.uk

They have many talents, mind reading is not one of them. Don't assume we know about it. Drop them a line with your concerns.

Hillingdon's Beat

Every month Hillingdon officers go above and beyond the call of duty to keep us safe. I was going to share with you some of their heroics, but it seems that nothing comes close to the actions of **PC Keith Palmer** last month who lost his life saving others.

Instead, I want to share an email I received from one of our Safer Neighbourhood police officers who was on foot patrol the day after the Westminster attack.

"Sir, I just wanted to let you know I have been out on foot patrol since 0730 this morning and I have lost count of the amount of thankyou's we have had. People have been stopping their cars in the middle of the road and thanking us for our hard work and keeping them safe. They have been expressing their best wishes and several have been saying they are praying for us all. It's been quite an emotional patrol to be honest due to the amount of support we have had.

I only really wanted to let you know because it was directed at all of us in the police family. I know when I worked on response team for 8 years it was very rare we got a thank you. There are a lot of people out there that are grateful for what we do and generally do care about us".

Our job is to make a difference when it matters. But we should not forget that we are also humans and we feel every injustice and every crime as keenly as you do. On this occasion it was the public who made the difference for our officer whilst on his patrol. Thank you for your support. The Police Family appreciates it.

