



## Rob's Rapport

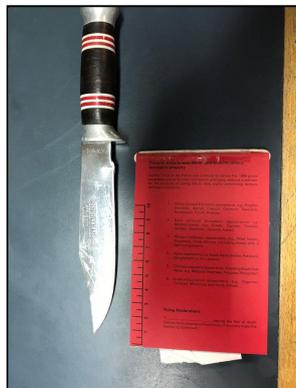
A plea – Ring doorbell technology is a great tool to catch villains or provide police with valuable intelligence. But please can I ask you not to email me with the details. With the amount of footage being captured across the borough, this is blocking my inbox and hampering my ability to do my day job. I regularly include contact details for your local Safer Neighbourhood Teams and sergeants. They are the correct recipients for this information. Much appreciated.

We have a very busy time ahead of us in the police next month so the Communicator will return in June.

**Inspector Rob Bryan**

## Hillingdon's Beat

**Never off duty.** PCSO Usher who works in Northwood is known for his eagle eyes. Whilst off duty, he recently spotted one of our local villains. He got away before back up arrived but a search of his car recovered this knife. We will be catching



up with him soon for a chat.

**Stop and search works.** We have a number of proactive teams working in Hillingdon, some in uniform, some in plain clothes. They all make great use of stop and search where the grounds exist. As a result of this power and its use, weapons and drugs are taken off the streets every day. This important power can often get bad publicity. In Hillingdon there has not been a single complaint about the use of stop and search since October and no complaints about stop and search have been upheld in the last 12-months. An effective power being used responsibly by the officers in Hillingdon. (This knife was found during a stop/search).



## Arrest made

Shane O'Brien has been detained in Romania. He was wanted by the Metropolitan Police Service in connection with the murder of Josh Hanson at a bar in Eastcote in October 2015. O'Brien fled the UK shortly afterwards and ever since has been the subject of an international manhunt involving the Met Police, National Crime Agency and law enforcement agencies across Europe. He was arrested recently by officers from the Romanian National Police. Extradition proceedings will now begin.

## Vehicle Crime

Vehicles being nicked or broken into is an issue in Hillingdon. Some useful crime prevention advice:

**Fit theft resistant number plate fittings** – stolen number plates are commonly used to hide the identity of stolen vehicles. Use one way clutch head screws and adhesive to secure the plate.

**When out and about** - try to park your vehicle in a Park Mark approved car park which has an approved security standard, or if not, park in an area that is overlooked and well lit

**Thieves are using sophisticated methods to steal vehicles with electronic keys** - a scanner is used to locate the signal from the key. To prevent this, always keep the electronic key in a security pouch when not in use.

**Fitting locking wheel nuts** will reduce the likelihood of wheels and tyres being stolen.

**Leaving items on show is an invitation** – power leads, SatNavs and mounts, stereo panels, coins, sunglasses, tools, clothing and bags should be removed from the vehicle or placed out of sight.

**Keys and ignition fobs should be kept safe and out of sight and reach** – the most common ways to steal a car or van is to take the keys or ignition fob, either when left in the vehicle or from your home through burglary. Try not to keep your keys in an obvious place such as the hallway or kitchen.

**Always lock and close the windows of your vehicle when unattended** – on the drive, the petrol station forecourt or when parking an unlocked vehicle is the easiest to steal from.

**Fit an alarm or immobiliser** if your vehicle does not have one.

**Set the steering wheel lock** if your vehicle is fitted with one. If not, use a bar type steering lock each time you leave your vehicle.

**Keep your motorcycle or moped in a garage, shed or designated bike store at home** – storing it out

of view is one of the best ways to prevent opportunist theft. Consider fitting a garage or shed alarm.

**Lock the rear wheel to an immovable object or ground anchor and use a disk lock on the front wheel** – making the bike less of an easy option will reduce the chances of it being targeted. Combine the use of a disk lock on the front wheel and a chain lock to a ground anchor.

**Don't rely on the steering lock** – standard steering locks are easily defeated and your bike can always be lifted into a van if not secured.

**Use a bike cover** – covers are another hassle for an opportunist thief, if they cannot see what moped or motorcycle it is they are less likely to target it.

**Fit physical security and a caravan cover** - fit a combination of hitch lock anti-theft device, wheel clamp and ground anchor, a physical barrier to theft is always a clear deterrent. Using a caravan cover and installing an alarm makes any theft more difficult and your caravan less attractive to thieves.

## Caption Competition

PC Shah and PC Phillips are keen for your caption ideas. Drop them a line and the winner will get a tour of Ruislip nick. Email your suggestions to: [andrew.phillips4@met.police.uk](mailto:andrew.phillips4@met.police.uk)

