

# HILLINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER for NOVEMBER 2012



Contact your ward Safer Neighbourhood Police Team if you have issues regarding local crime or require security advice. Their Tel. Nos. are 0208 721 followed by the No. in the left hand column below.

**Reported Residential Burglary figures  
for August and September 2012**

Ruislip & Northwood	Aug	Sep
2544 Harefield	7	6
2545 Northwood	5	5
2546 Northwood Hills	6	5
2547 West Ruislip	3	13
2548 Eastcote & E. Ruislip	4	4
2543 Ickenham	9	4
2549 Manor	2	1
2550 Cavendish	3	5
2011 South Ruislip	7	6
<b>Uxbridge</b>		
2782 Uxbridge North	8	6
2758 Uxbridge South	7	9
<b>Hayes</b>		
2553 Hillingdon East	8	7
2552 Charville	12	15
2554 Barnhill	13	18
2733 Yeading	12	8
2757 Botwell	16	19
2009 Townfield	16	10
<b>West Drayton</b>		
2551 Brunel	9	1
2713 Yiewsley	9	10
2018 West Drayton	9	6
2556 Pinkwell	8	7
2557 Heathrow Villages	23	11
<b>Totals for Months</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>174</b>

The above burglary figures are those current for the months shown (Source – MPS Crime Mapping). Later reassessment can lead to a revision of these figs. Please note that the Police take into account both recent and long term trends when deciding how and where to prioritise resources and operations. All SNTs hold Crime Prevention ‘surgeries’ at various sites and premises in their ward to offer CP advice and items such as timers to residents. For details of times and locations see [www.met.police.uk/teams/hillingdon](http://www.met.police.uk/teams/hillingdon).

**MPS Non-emergency Tel. No. 101**  
**Crimestoppers Tel. No. 0800 555 111**

Over the past few weeks there has been a spate of **residential burglaries** in the area of Cavendish, Manor and Eastcote wards where jewellery has been stolen. During the same period and in the same areas, a male has been distributing ‘CASH for GOLD’ leaflets and making enquiries with home owners to buy unwanted gold. Other wards please be aware. Hillingdon Police wish to identify this male. If you have any information regarding the distribution of ‘CASH for GOLD’ leaflets please contact your Police Safer Neighbourhood team on the non-emergency number 101.

Earlier this year HNW advertised for new members for its Steering Group, in particular for a **new Chairman** to replace Ken MacGregor. Fortunately for the continued existence of HNW a new volunteer came forward to fill that important position and who took office in September. Our new Chairman introduces himself as follows:  
**Ian Burch**, sole volunteer out of a population of 270,000 in Hillingdon. I retired early from being a City Property Manager at 60 in 2008 and am now 64. I have been married to Pam for 21 years. We have no children but are close to our nephews and nieces (all four now adults). We used to own two English Springer Spaniels but now only have a fourteen year old skewbald mare as a dependant. Before working in the City for 22 years I had a varied career: 2/3 law degree, Tax Officer, Customs & Excise Officer, Advertising, information and media. In the City our firm worked closely with the City of London Police in relation to IRA bombs, and the 11 September and 7 July terrorist attacks. My vision for Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch is to revitalise it from simple neighbourliness. In order to achieve this we need to double the number of watch co-ordinators and to find between 12 and 20 ward level volunteers. I am extremely ambitious for the Borough to be a peaceful and thriving place to live, grow, work and love.

DCS Steve Kershaw, the Hillingdon Borough Commander, as part of his commitment to provide a more efficient service to the residents of Hillingdon, is **realigning police resources**. His main aims are to improve the response times for the 999 calls, address instances of anti social behaviour and increase public confidence and satisfaction. From the 24 September, Ruislip Police Station began to be used by Response Team Officers as a base for their patrols. This is in addition to the response service already provided from Hayes Police Station. Response Team Officers patrol 24 hours a day and deal with the 999 calls coming in for Hillingdon. By having an additional base in the North of the Borough it is anticipated that a quicker response will be provided to the victims who are requesting assistance. It is an initiative which will be trialled for some months and be constantly reviewed to assess it’s viability for the future. Mr Kershaw said: “I want to explore the use of Ruislip Police Station to improve the overall service provided to our residents. I want to demonstrate that we can flex our resources quickly to meet the needs of our community”.

The **crime figures** for Hillingdon Borough covering the six months from April to September 2012 compared with the same period in 2011 show a fall of 12.3% in total notifiable offences compared to last year, or 1421 fewer crimes. Details will be given next month.

**Think like a Burglar - don't let your home become a target**  
The MPS is urging residents to take simple steps to guard against the risk of being targeted by burglars this winter. As evenings get darker, burglars are on the prowl for valuables and cash, recognising that homes tend to be getting ready for seasonal celebrations and may have gifts and items around and on display. At this time of the year properties remain in darkness for much longer periods, which make them easier to target, especially if there are no obvious signs there is anyone at home. A burglar will select their target because it offers them the best opportunity to carry out their crime easily and undetected. A building that presents itself as unoccupied and insecure is far more likely to be targeted than one which is properly protected. Don't let your home become a target. Protect your home by taking simple steps such as using timers to turn lights and radios on; fitting alarms; making sure homes are locked before going out and keeping valuables out of view. Burglary can be very distressing to its victims.