



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 December 2012 and January 2013**

Ruislip & Northwood		Dec	Jan
2544	Harefield	2	2
2545	Northwood	4	7
2546	Northwood Hills	9	12
2547	West Ruislip	5	4
2548	Eastcote & E. Ruislip	5	9
2543	Ickenham	4	9
2549	Manor	10	6
2550	Cavendish	7	5
2011	South Ruislip	12	8
Uxbridge			
2782	Uxbridge North	12	3
2758	Uxbridge South	4	7
Hayes			
2553	Hillingdon East	16	12
2552	Charville	13	10
2554	Barnhill	9	3
2733	Yeading	13	10
2757	Botwell	13	13
2009	Townfield	6	3
West Drayton			
2551	Brunel	7	3
2713	Yiewsley	8	9
2018	West Drayton	6	6
2556	Pinkwell	17	11
2557	Heathrow Villages	16	19
Totals for Months		198	171

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.

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

A **distraction theft** reported to have occurred at Ruislip's Waitrose car park recently has also been recorded elsewhere. The *m.o.* comprised a man approaching a customer about to put their purchases in the boot of the car, bringing 'honest' attention to paper currency lying on the ground, and then asking directions by spreading out a map over the shopping. Using the cover of the map the thief was able to steal from the victim's bag, perhaps having previously noted bag/purse details in the store. This is just one example of several ingenious distraction thefts – always be wary of such distractions, which usually target the elderly or the vulnerable.

The primary aim of **Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch** is to give advice on home security and personal safety, together with information regarding several other areas of crime prevention, in conjunction with the Police, Borough Council and other partners.

In order to reinvigorate HNW and expand its reach within the Borough the organisation is seeking to **recruit** more Watch Co-ordinators and members to its Steering Group. More Steering Group members are required, firstly to improve representation across the Borough, and secondly to share and expand the administrative duties of HNW.

An idea for HNW from its new Chairman Ian Burch is to consider - *that every citizen is a member; but ask how much are you prepared to do to support its neighbourly community aims?*

For more details on the contribution you can make please contact HNW through the telephone and email links above.

HNW recently received a report of a **money transfer scam** from a victim. The victim received a seemingly genuine urgent email request for money from a friend abroad on holiday. Money was duly transferred through Western Union. It subsequently transpired that the email address used was out of date and had been hacked from the friend's contact list some months earlier. The friend now has a new email address but the old address had been used by criminals to request the money fraudulently.

The victim admitted that there were elements of the email request that should have raised suspicion, such as poor wording and why the friend did not first approach the family. Always be cautious about transferring money or giving access to a financial account.

Hillingdon Police recently reported the following **crime figures** for the Borough covering the two month period between 1/11/2012 and 31/12/2012 compared to the same period in 2011:

- Total crime has reduced from last year's figures with 3391 offences. This means that the Borough has seen a fall of 14.4% in total notifiable offences, or 570 fewer crimes.
- Residential Burglary offences are lower with 428 reported. This represents a decrease of 17.9%. Burglary sanctioned detections have increased from 3.1% to 14.5%.
- Youth Violence is up by 25.3% and serious youth violence has also increased by 42.9%.
- Theft from motor vehicle offences are down by 24.3% with 346 offences recorded in this period compared with 457 in 2011. Detections are up to 5.2%.
- Theft of motor vehicles has decreased by 26.3% with 73 offences recorded in 2012 compared with 99 in 2011. Detections are down at 5.5%.
- Offences of most serious violence are down, with an 18.2% reduction.
- Gun crime figures have decreased by 28.6%, which equates to a decrease of 2 offences.
- Personal Robbery has seen a decrease of 9.0% on the Borough. Detections for this type of crime have decreased from 145 offences in 2011 to 132.
- Domestic Violence shows an increase of 5.4%.

One way to avoid **Rogue Traders**. Age UK London is launching its London Business Directory of Trusted Traders, to let older people know about relevant local businesses and services in their area.

The Directory is an interactive online list of selected, trusted tradesmen that have been checked by Age UK London staff. The directory is free to use and is available online at www.aubdlondon.co.uk Alternatively, older people, or indeed anyone else, can contact Age UK on Freephone number 0800 334 5056 and a member of staff or volunteer will carry out a search for them.