

# HILLINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER for APRIL 2013



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 January and February 2013

Ruislip & Northwood	Jan	Feb
2544 Harefield	2	3
2545 Northwood	7	5
2546 Northwood Hills	12	11
2547 West Ruislip	4	14
2548 Eastcote & E. Ruislip	9	4
2543 Ickenham	9	7
2549 Manor	6	3
2550 Cavendish	5	8
2011 South Ruislip	8	10
<b>Uxbridge</b>		
2782 Uxbridge North	3	6
2758 Uxbridge South	7	16
<b>Hayes</b>		
2553 Hillingdon East	12	12
2552 Charville	10	3
2554 Barnhill	3	11
2733 Yeading	10	4
2757 Botwell	13	6
2009 Townfield	3	10
<b>West Drayton</b>		
2551 Brunel	3	13
2713 Yiewsley	9	5
2018 West Drayton	6	10
2556 Pinkwell	11	14
2557 Heathrow Villages	19	9
<b>Totals for Months</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>184</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**

**Operation Big Wing** on the 27 February was a major day of coordinated activity to cut crime and disrupt those who cause harm to London's communities.

Criminals from drug dealers and gang members to uninsured drivers and burglars were targeted by all Units of the Met Police in all 32 London Boroughs.

By late afternoon Officers had arrested 343 people across the capital. The arrests were for a range of offences including theft, possession of class A and class B drugs, possession with intent to supply, money laundering, burglary, robbery, handling stolen goods, vehicle crime and possession of an offensive weapon.

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 and its 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.

In particular we wish to encourage those people born between 1945 and 1959 to come forward to replace the gradual loss of the pre World War 2 generation, although anyone who can be of assistance would be welcome.

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

The Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (England & Wales) has secured a continuation of free **Public Liability Insurance** for all NW schemes to enable volunteers to carry out their roles. The policy starts from the 1 April 2013 and will run until the 31 March 2014.

A comprehensive range of activities is covered by the policy, further details of which can be obtained from the HNW website or [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk).

DCI Steve Kershaw, the Borough Commander, has now presented proposals to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner for Hillingdon's execution of the MOPAC **New Policing Model** which is due to 'go live' during June. Personnel are currently being allocated to the posts on the new Neighbourhood Teams which are being organised by wards grouped under four police stations.

The challenge for HNW will be to find volunteers for each ward to be Ward Co-ordinators and act as the principle point of contact for other co-ordinators within the ward and the new Neighbourhood Teams. Building personal relations of trust between the neighbours and the officers will be key.

Thinking about **booking a holiday** or short break? Like many people, you will probably be researching and booking online, so there are a few important things to remember.

It is a widespread scam to set up fake websites and send emails for holidays or villas that do not exist. They require you to pay a deposit, which you will never see again. You may also be invited to participate in a competition where you have to pay a fee to secure your dream holiday. Again, there is no holiday, and no sign of your deposit.

You could also risk losing money or your bank details (or both) when paying on an insecure web page. A few golden rules:

- Book your holiday only through a reputable company which is a member of a recognized travel authority
- If renting a private villa or apartment, call the owner or agent to check its authenticity, get the full address and check it out on Google Maps
- Pay only by credit card, and on a page which has the 'https://' prefix and padlock in the browser window.

As you move further into this new year, you may be planning some home improvements, new windows or new doors, or extending your home. If this is the case and you intend to install **doors or windows** the Police would recommend:

- Windows certified to British Standard BS7950 'Windows of Enhanced Security', and consider using laminated glass, particularly in ground-floor and accessible windows, as this is more difficult to break.
- Doors certified to British Standard PAS 24 'Doors of Enhanced Security'. See also the police website [securedbydesign.com](http://securedbydesign.com).