

HILLINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER for JUNE 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 March and April 2013

Ruislip & Northwood		Mar	Apr
2544	Harefield	6	1
2545	Northwood	3	8
2546	Northwood Hills	11	7
2547	West Ruislip	10	7
2548	Eastcote & East Ruislip	6	4
2543	Ickenham	11	11
2549	Manor	10	7
2550	Cavendish	13	6
2011	South Ruislip	12	5
Uxbridge			
2782	Uxbridge North	5	9
2758	Uxbridge South	6	9
Hayes			
2553	Hillingdon East	9	9
2552	Charville	9	15
2554	Barnhill	7	4
2733	Yeading	11	3
2757	Botwell	13	13
2009	Townfield	8	6
West Drayton			
2551	Brunel	8	11
2713	Yiewsley	4	13
2018	West Drayton	4	3
2556	Pinkwell	7	3
2557	Heathrow Villages	11	9
Totals for Months		184	163

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

The summer season is upon us, when there should be some warmer days & nights. Could an open window or door be the opportunity that the burglar is looking for? When you go out make sure all accessible doors and windows are securely closed and locked. An open window may let in more than a cool breeze! In the summer as many as a quarter of all **burglaries** occur as a result of open windows - some when the occupant is at home. When you are at home you are advised to securely close all accessible windows unless you are in the same room and fully awake. External doors should be **fully locked** at night when you retire – note especially PVC doors!!

HNW - Further to our **recruitment** message over the last few months - we require persons to fill the positions of Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and an assistant for street sign installation, but other assistance will also be welcomed. For more details on the contribution you can make please contact HNW through the telephone and email links above. See also our updated website for more information.

Two **scams** have recently been reported to us **once again**; warnings about these types of scam have been given in this Newsletter before. One concerned an email from a friend urgently requesting financial assistance because of a serious problem that had arisen abroad. However the email was not in fact from the friend but from a criminal who had hijacked their address book. If possible always check with the supposed originator of such requests before responding or sending monies; the grammar in such emails can often raise suspicions. The second scam consisted of a letter from Spain requesting co-operation in releasing money from a Will in exchange for a share of the estate. No money was mentioned in the first instance but initial co-operation can result in a later request for a 'release fee' or 'administration fee'. A similar letter has been reported, originating from Hong Kong but posted in the UK. Do not respond to such letters. Any contact details of the suspected fraudsters given in the correspondence should be reported to the UK Police Action Fraud through www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040.

With **Gold** prices at a high, burglars are targeting homes for gold, especially Asian 22 and 24 carat gold. You know the value of your gold, both monetary and sentimental, so **protect your gold**. If you value it highly you should seriously consider a bank safety deposit box. If you keep it at home, install a strong safe securely fixed with appropriate bolts to a solid floor or wall. Also consider installing a burglar alarm; a Type A Remote Signalling Alarm is strongly recommended. www.securedbydesign.com

There have been reports of successful and attempted **thefts** of high value wheels from expensive cars. In one instance wheel locking nuts proved their value. An investment in special locking nuts obtainable from your car's dealer or motor goods outlet can reduce the risk of becoming a victim. Be warned however, that owing to the care taken by some thieves, motion sensitive alarms are often not activated.

A campaign is underway to recruit more **volunteer cadet leaders** who can help make a difference to the lives of young adults in the capital. The MPS needs around 400 extra cadet leaders aged 18 to 65 to support a drive to increase its volunteer Police Cadet (VPC) programme by 4000 cadets, as pledged in the recent Mayor's Policing and Crime plan. The campaign is urging Londoners who want to work with young people to get involved and give of their spare time. There are presently some 2500 cadets in the VPC across London supported by 303 leaders - with at least one VPC unit in every borough. Cadets help and assist in the community in a variety of ways, including working with Safer Neighbourhood Teams. To find out more about the VPC programme, visit www.met.police.uk/cadets. For details on how to apply, visit www.metpolicecareers.co.uk/cadets or call 0845 434 9519 to see if you're eligible for an application form.

Crime figures extracted from the MPS Crime Mapping website for Hillingdon Borough for the year April 2012 to March 2013 report:
 Residential Burglary – 2200 offences
 Theft of Motor Vehicle – 522 offences
 Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2148 offences
 Possession of Drugs – 898 offences
 Total Notifiable Offences – 20611 offences