

# HILLINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER for OCTOBER 2013



Contact your ward Local 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 July and August 2013

Neighbourhood North		Jul	Aug
2544	Harefield	3	2
2545	Northwood	2	8
2546	Northwood Hills	7	6
2547	West Ruislip	4	13
2548	Eastcote & East Ruislip	2	2
2543	Ickenham	5	4
2549	Manor	5	0
2550	Cavendish	3	3
2011	South Ruislip	4	4
Neighbourhood West			
2782	Uxbridge North	3	1
2758	Uxbridge South	5	4
2551	Brunel	10	7
2553	Hillingdon East	8	7
Neighbourhood East			
2552	Charville	6	7
2554	Barnhill	7	7
2733	Yeading	7	4
2757	Botwell	13	7
2009	Townfield	5	9
Neighbourhood South			
2713	Yiewsley	13	4
2018	West Drayton	7	8
2556	Pinkwell	9	11
2557	Heathrow Villages	12	12
Totals for Months		140	130

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.

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

**A prevalent scam** is one where a person is cold called on the telephone from a fraudster who alleges to be from an authority (e.g. police or bank) and advises that there is a problem with their bank account and that their bank card must be collected.

If the victim is unconvinced that the call is genuine they are instructed to hang up and call a genuine number, such as the phone number on the rear of their bank card.

However, the fraudster keeps the telephone line open and so the call goes straight back to the fraudster who deals with the subsequent call convincing the victim of their authenticity.

The victim is then content to reveal their bank details, including the PIN. An accomplice or an unwitting courier then collects the victim's card which is delivered to the fraudsters who then **empties the bank account !!!**

**HNW** (Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch) needs the following:

- **Two more Steering Group members** (ideally those who are already Co-ordinators) who can commit to a couple of hours a week (40 or so weeks of the year) at Ruislip Police Station where our base is (are you 50+ recently retired and bored?)
- **More Co-ordinators** (the need is most urgent in the South of the Borough) who are prepared to Register with us and Collect and deliver 20/50 Newsletters every month to their Watch (a commitment of possibly 2 hours per month) and possibly participate in the running of HNW by attending social events and helping with our stand on days like the 60+ Fair (1st October at The Mall/Pavilions)

The clocks go back to GMT on the 27 October and when the **darker evenings** arrive, burglaries often increase. You can reduce the risk:

- Make your home look occupied when you are out. Leave lights on, preferably in rooms, not just in the hallway.
- Consider using time switches to operate your lights automatically, particularly if you're out.
- Consider installing external lights. Position them high enough to deter damage by criminals.
- When you go out leave a radio playing at home, perhaps operated by a time switch.
- When you go out, securely close and lock all external doors and windows. Do not leave keys in locks.
- Consider installing an intruder alarm system. If you already have one please use it.
- When you're at home, day or night, NEVER leave accessible windows open, unless you are in the room and fully awake.
- If you have a uPVC front door and other multi-point locking doors, you must always throw the door handle upwards to engage the multi-point locks and use the key to secure the multi-point locks at all times, day or night.

For more advice and information visit [www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk)

The period around **Halloween and 5 November** will soon be here. Over this two-week period anti-social behaviour and general crime such as burglary and criminal damage is likely to increase, so be particularly careful and vigilant. There will be focused policing in an effort to ensure that everyone stays safe and has an enjoyable time.

- An organised display is the safest way to enjoy fireworks – several will be advertised for the Borough
- In the excitement of leaving home with children for a firework display remember the 'darker evenings' advice given above
- It is known that burglars often take advantage of the noise of firework celebrations to cover the sound of breaking in to premises. Be alert for yourself and your neighbours on such occasions.

Fireworks are not a statutory 'noise nuisance'; however they can cause distress to very young or elderly people as well as pets. They can also cause damage and serious injury if not used properly, so exercise care and consideration.

- Children should never go trick or treating, or collecting 'pennies for the guy', alone – they should always be accompanied by a **responsible** adult
- Discourage children from knocking on the doors of strangers, especially those who display a poster asking 'trick or treaters' not to call – for their own safety always visit people they know.
- Keep your 'tricks' safe – anything that results in damage to property or injures someone is a crime
- When answering the door to Halloween callers: have any treats near the door, use a door chain if you have one, never give money, or invite them into your home.