

# Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch



## September 2014 Newsletter

### Residential Burglaries June and July

	June 14	July 14
Barnhill	4	3
Botwell	6	7
Brunel	6	5
Cavendish	2	4
Charville	3	2
Eastcote & East Ruislip	2	2
Harefield	1	3
Heathrow Villages	4	3
Hillingdon East	3	6
Ickenham	4	5
Manor	2	2
Northwood	3	2
Northwood Hills	2	5
Pinkwell	6	3
South Ruislip	2	2
Townfield	8	6
Uxbridge North	4	6
Uxbridge South	10	6
West Drayton	8	7
West Ruislip	1	6
Yeading	11	7
Viewsley	7	9

Data from MPS Crime Mapping

The Bar chart of these figures and car crime statistics are available on the HNW website.

**Credit and Debit Card Security:** Fraudulent phone calls from con-men impersonating police officers or bank officials have risen by 40% in the past year. Do remember that no genuine caller will ever ask for your card details and PIN.

A recent incident at Watford Tesco highlights the need to be ultra-careful when inputting your PIN at the till. When the shopper returned to his car afterwards, he was asked for directions to ASDA and during that distraction his cards were stolen and cash later removed from his account.

**Unexpected Callers:** Whilst the recent horrendous experience of a Wimbledon resident is thankfully a rare occurrence, all watch members, especially if they live alone, should take great care when someone unexpected calls at any time of day. HNW advice is four-fold: **LOCK** (keep front and back doors locked) **STOP** (is anyone expected) **CHAIN** (put chain on before opening door) **CHECK** (Ask for ID and check it by phone).

**Vehicle Crime:** Recent incidents have been reported, where door mirrors and number plates have been stolen. A trip to Halfords or similar stores to purchase locking screws for number plates would be a wise investment, as would locking nuts to secure wheels. Statisticians, please note that in addition to burglary figures, car crime statistics will also be published on the HNW website.

**Attention "Top-End" Car Owners:** Thieves are now able to trick the keyless ignition systems in some top-end cars with blank micro-chips that can be re-programmed to start the engine. Others use jammers to stop cars locking when drivers press their remote keys after parking, hence last month's advice to fit heavy duty steering wheel locks. If you own a garage, use it and lock it.

Co-ordinators and neighbours, please feel free to make contact on the HNW telephone number above, via e-mail or write to us at Ruislip Police Station, 5 The Oaks, Ruislip HA4 7LE

### Hillingdon Neighbourhood

**Watch** is supported by Hillingdon Community Trust and the London Borough of Hillingdon



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**Hillingdon Day of the Older People:** We plan to run our usual stall at this event in the Pavilions Shopping Mall in Uxbridge on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 10:00. Do come and see us there.

**Video Competition (£1000 prize):** The Trading Standards Institute is running a video competition on the theme of "Be a good neighbour, stop rogue traders". The aim of the competition is to encourage friends, family, carers and community members to prevent doorstep crime by watching out for their neighbours. They want people to submit 90 second videos by midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> October. More information is available at: <http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/events/VideoCompetition.cfm>

**Electronic copies of Monthly Newsletter:** This facility is available to Co-ordinators and Deputies who, if they wish, can pass them electronically to internet connected watch members. If you wish to be added to the list, please E-mail us. Don't forget, that the Newsletter is also available in PDF format to read and download from the HNW website.

**Some Good News (Volunteers):** Since the July and August newsletters we have received several offers of help. HNW is now busy following them up.

**BE AN ACTIVE GOOD NEIGHBOUR,  
BE ON WATCH AND  
BE ON A WATCH.**