

October 2014 Newsletter

Residential Burglaries July and August

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Botwell	7	11
Brunel	5	9
Cavendish	4	6
Charville	2	7
Eastcote & East Ruislip	2	4
Harefield	3	5
Heathrow Villages	3	9
Hillingdon East	6	6
Ickenham	5	4
Manor	2	6
Northwood	2	5
Northwood Hills	5	8
Pinkwell	3	3
South Ruislip	2	5
Townfield	6	2
Uxbridge North	6	3
Uxbridge South	6	6
West Drayton	7	13
West Ruislip	6	4
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Data from MPS Crime
Mapping

Darker Evenings: When the clocks go back to GMT on Sunday 26th October, it is expected that burglaries will increase. You can reduce the risk by heeding the following advice:-

- Make your home look occupied when you are out; leave lights on, preferably in rooms other than hallway;
- Use time switches to operate lights automatically;
- Install external lights and position them high enough to deter damage by criminals;
- Leave a radio playing at home, perhaps operated by time switch;
- Securely close and lock all external doors and windows, removing keys;
- Consider using an intruder alarm and **USE** it;
- When at home, day or night, NEVER leave accessible windows open, unless you are in the room and fully awake.

Autumn Celebrations: The two week period from late October to early November will soon be here, during which time anti-social behaviour and general crime such as burglary and criminal damage is likely to increase, so do be particularly careful and vigilant. Remember that an organised public display is the safest way to enjoy fireworks, but don't forget that as in most crowded situations, pickpockets will be out in force. Follow the firework safety code if holding your own private display. Children's activities during this period should be supervised by a responsible adult and they should never knock on the doors of strangers, unaccompanied.

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

There is more information on our web site on all the topics in this Newsletter and other matters
www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk



Neighbourhood
Watch

Bank Account Security: Remember that no bona-fide organisation will ever ask for bank account details. A recent text sent to a watch member read: "We have £2400 owing to you. Please let us have your account number". Fortunately, the recipient ignored it and informed HNW.

Chalk Symbols on Residential Property: We have received reports from readers that several garage doors have been so marked. It is highly likely that these are "codes" for the vulnerability of target properties for burglars. If you find such markings on your property, contact the Police on **101** and remove the offending mark promptly.

Computer Security: The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has received the first reports from victims of a new type of e-mail containing an attachment which will, once opened, download "Malware" onto the victim's computer. The e-mail purports to be an invoice or a transaction which has taken place. Opening this attachment may infect your computer with a virus. Do ensure that you have up-to-date anti-virus software and perform regular scans. If you do become a victim of this type of crime, report it to www.actionfraud.police.uk. See our website for more details.

Bogus requests for Sponsorship: Be aware that anyone carrying out door to door collections must have ID and be licensed by the Police. In a recent incident, two teenage girls were seeking sponsorship for a scheme allegedly approved by their school. The school had no knowledge of this.

Freebies: A limited quantity of anti-theft vehicle number plate screws are available from Halfords in Uxbridge, on a first come first served basis. Number plates must already have holes drilled in them. See our website for more details.

Local Policing Changes: Inspector David George has moved to head the South Cluster of Neighbourhood Police Teams replacing Inspector Kevan Baylie who has retired. Inspector Rob Bryan has taken charge of the North Teams.

Welcome: This month we welcome new and revitalised watches in: Hill Lane / Hill Rise, Field Way, Ruislip and Marsworth Close, Yeading. Well done!

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