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## January 2015 Newsletter

### Residential Burglaries

	Oct 14	Nov 14
Barnhill	11	12
Botwell	16	26
Brunel	16	5
Cavendish	9	7
Charville	15	6
Eastcote & East Ruislip	14	25
Harefield	2	5
Heathrow Villages	18	12
Hillingdon East	9	4
Ickenham	7	6
Manor	1	10
Northwood	11	11
Northwood Hills	19	10
Pinkwell	11	15
South Ruislip	10	26
Townfield	10	4
Uxbridge North	4	6
Uxbridge South	11	10
West Drayton	8	7
West Ruislip	6	10
Yeading	17	14
Yiewsley	10	14

Data from MPS Crime Mapping

### Burglary figures – a message from Insp. Bryan:

“At this time of year when the clocks have changed, opportunist burglars do strike. The spike we are seeing is bigger than previous spikes, but I also want to reassure you that it is not an epidemic. Ironically, even with this spike, because of low numbers earlier in the year, Hillingdon may still see a decrease in burglaries compared to last year. Operation Bumblebee runs each year to combat this spike. In the north that includes “cocooning” (visiting addresses around a burglary to provide crime prevention advice and seek out leads), additional resources from the Borough Tasking Team and TSG and proactive targeting of suspected offenders.”

It is crucial that everyone follows the detailed crime prevention advice published in the October 2014 newsletter which is still available on our website.

**Newsletter collection:** Each month we bag up newsletters for collection by Co-ordinators from our collection points at Age UK Uxbridge and Hayes Police Station. Sadly, some of these packages have not been collected for some time. As you may appreciate, the bagging-up process is very time-consuming – if you do not intend to collect your package, please do let us know. We would like to point out, however, that the monthly newsletter is HNW’s sole means of communication with Watch members without internet access, without which they will be unable to receive crime prevention advice.

**Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board Annual Event:** Watch Co-ordinators may be interested in this event which is being held on Saturday, 7 February in the Middlesex Suite, Civic Centre from 1000-1300, followed by a buffet lunch. Full details available on our website. Places are strictly limited, so book early.

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

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There is more information on our web site on all the topics in this Newsletter and other matters  
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**A well-established scam** has reared its ugly head again. An elderly lady received a call from someone claiming to be from a detective at Hammersmith Police Station. He told her that he had a family member of hers in custody and needed £400 from for that person’s release. The “detective” asked her if she had her cards and wanted payment over the ‘phone. Luckily the lady’s sister was there and dealt with the caller, asking him to send a police officer to the house. Whilst this may seem dubious to us, the lady was taken in and was concerned that a grandchild might be in trouble. These fraudsters obviously target the elderly and vulnerable, knowing that they are unlikely to challenge someone considered to be in a position of authority.

**Doorstep selling** occurs when someone sells goods or services in your home or on the doorstep. If you are tempted to shop this way, do think twice before you buy. If you feel under pressure to make a purchase, have the confidence to say that you do not buy goods or services at the door (an HNW sticker is available). Double check the facts – do you fully understand the total cost of the transaction, including estimates, delivery and installation? Do you understand your rights if you sign a contract? Remember – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Buy wisely – don’t sign on the spot, consider carefully whether you want the goods or service. Always shop around for the best price and be wary of special offers or warnings about your home. Don’t hand over a cash deposit and always get a second opinion from a relative or friend. You need to know your rights – if you spend more than £35 with a trader in your home or on the doorstep, you usually have **seven** days to change your mind and cancel and get back any money you have paid. Do be very wary of traders who try to begin work before the end of the cooling off period. Your right to cancel should also be given to you in writing. In the absence of this written information, the trader cannot hold you to anything in the contract and you do not have to pay anything. Finally, always keep a copy of your letter or E-mail as proof of cancellation.

**The Age UK Business Directory of Trusted Traders** is designed to reduce the risk to older people from rogue traders by listing reputable businesses and services by local area. All member traders on the Directory have been checked by Age UK London staff. The directory is free to use and is available on-line at [www.aubdlondon.co.uk](http://www.aubdlondon.co.uk) Alternatively, older people, or indeed anyone else, can contact Age UK on Freephone number 0800 334 5056

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