



Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch



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Residential Burglaries

WEEK ENDING:

Barnhill
Botwell
Brunel
Cavendish
Charville
Eastcote & East Ruislip
Harefield
Heathrow Villages
Hillingdon East
Ickenham
Manor
Northwood
Northwood Hills
Pinkwell
South Ruislip
Townfield
Uxbridge North
Uxbridge South
West Drayton
West Ruislip
Yeading
Viewsley

	28 Dec	4 Jan	11 Jan	18 Jan	25 Jan
Barnhill	1	0	1	5	3
Botwell	1	3	6	6	7
Brunel	3	4	7	1	5
Cavendish	0	1	4	2	3
Charville	0	1	2	0	1
Eastcote & East Ruislip	2	2	1	2	0
Harefield	1	2	2	4	0
Heathrow Villages	0	0	1	5	0
Hillingdon East	2	4	1	1	4
Ickenham	1	6	3	3	0
Manor	0	1	2	0	1
Northwood	1	0	4	1	1
Northwood Hills	2	3	7	3	4
Pinkwell	2	5	3	1	4
South Ruislip	0	3	2	3	2
Townfield	2	5	1	2	5
Uxbridge North	1	1	1	1	1
Uxbridge South	0	6	1	5	3
West Drayton	0	0	3	4	2
West Ruislip	0	0	1	1	0
Yeading	2	8	7	3	0
Viewsley	0	2	2	1	3

Data from MPS Hillingdon

Burglary Statistics - update from Inspector Bryan

The method used to present burglary stats to you in the past unfortunately had quite a delay built into it - the numbers tended to be a few months old by the time they were released to NHW for publication.

To try and remedy this, and provide up-to-date and weekly stats, I will now provide burglary stats direct to Hillingdon NHW for inclusion in these newsletters. It does mean that they will be very new and very raw and may not match exactly with the later monthly figures i.e. where a crime is reported several weeks after the offence. However, I do think they need to be more relevant to when you are actually reading this newsletter. Any feedback would be appreciated either to all@hillingdonnhw.co.uk or to rob.bryan@met.police.uk

Cashpoint security: ipods are being used as spy cameras to steal PINs from unsuspecting members of the public as they use the machine's keypad. The scam also includes a small piece of plastic attached to the slot where cards are inserted which is designed to snare the card and stop it from being ejected. The fraudster then returns once the customer has given up trying to retrieve the card and hey presto the card can be used because the camera has captured the PIN. Please always be **vigilant** - using your free hand to cover the keyboard whilst entering your PIN will deny the fraudster that vital piece of information.

Vehicle crime prevention: A very useful booklet covering all aspects of vehicle crime can be downloaded from our website.

Catalytic converters are being stolen from commercial vehicles in the Ruislip area. A device known as "Catsafe" is available on-line via the vehicle manufacturer's website. If at all possible, keep your vehicle locked away overnight.

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

Thinking about **booking a holiday** or short break? Like many people you will probably be researching and booking online, so there are a few important points to remember. It is a widespread scam to set up fake websites and send e-mails for holidays or villas that do not exist. They require you to pay a deposit, which you will never see again. You may also be invited to participate in a competition where you will have to pay a fee to secure your dream holiday. Again, there is no holiday and no sign of your deposit. You could also risk losing your money or your bank details (or both) when paying on an insecure website. A few golden rules obeyed will avoid the above mentioned pitfalls:

- Book your holiday only through a reputable company which is a member of a recognised travel authority.
- If renting a private villa or apartment, call the owner or agent to check its authenticity, obtain the full address and check it out on Google Maps.
- Pay only by credit card and on a web page that has the '://' prefix and padlock in the browser window.

If you are contemplating the installation of a **burglar alarm**, as with all potential new purchases it is advisable to shop around. When asking for quotations for alarms it is essential that the companies you deal with are NACOSS GOLD APPROVED which is a scheme operated by the National Security Inspectorate, Telephone 01628 637512, Website: www.nsi.org.uk

Watch Co-ordinators: We have received several complaints recently that the monthly newsletter is not being pushed completely through the letterbox, thereby giving the impression to would-be burglars in the area that the premises may well be empty and therefore a possible target.

Within the next few months we intend to carry out our annual **database update** exercise on-line as far as is possible. There are still a number of Co-ordinators with on-line access for whom we still do not have E-mail addresses - if you fall into this category please do E-mail your address to us.

Welcome: This month we welcome new watches in Alandale Drive, Pinner and Greenfield Place, Hayes. Well done!

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



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