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June 2015 Newsletter

Residential Burglaries

| | 3 May | 10 May | 17 May | 24 May |
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| | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
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Data from MPS Hillingdon

As the **holiday season** gets into full swing, many of our readers may well be reaching for the computer to make a last minute booking. Following these hints may well keep the website scammers at bay:

- Check the website address is legitimate and has not been altered by slight changes to a domain name – such as going from .co.uk to .org
- Read reviews of the accommodation or company. People who have been defrauded are likely to have posted warnings on-line.
- Is the company a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA? You can verify membership of ABTA online at www.abta.com
- Never pay directly into an owner's bank account. Paying by direct bank transfer is like paying by cash – the money cannot be traced and is not refundable. Where possible, pay by credit card or a debit card that offers protection.
- Study invoices and the terms and conditions. Be very wary of companies that do not provide any.
- Take notice of your instincts. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Report it. Victims should contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

Wall-mounted letterboxes: If you have one of these, do ensure that it is robust , firmly fixed to the wall and securely locked. We have had reports of someone attempting to tamper with such boxes in order to steal the contents. You have been warned!

Top tips to protect your identity:

- Pickpockets often hang around near "Beware of Pickpockets" sign and then watch people instinctively tap their pockets to pinpoint their valuables.
- Smartphones are valuable but not nearly as valuable as the information they contain. Make sure your phone is protected with a PIN.
- Beware of showing your phone to potential thieves. Keep conversations short in public areas. If you're not using it, keep it hidden.
- Disable or block Bluetooth and Wi-Fi on your mobile phone if you are not using it.
- Don't keep your driving licence with your credit cards. Losing your cards is bad enough without giving the thief your address, full name and date of birth too.
- Carry your travel cards, such as train tickets or an Oyster card separately from you debit and credit cards to avoid flashing them unnecessarily.
- The easiest target for a pickpocket is the back trouser pocket. Inside jacket pockets are safer.
- Backpacks are not secure. In crowded areas, wear them on your front.
- At home when clearing out your old bank statements, utility bills, car insurance documents, etc., Do ensure that you remove and **shred** all personal details/account numbers etc. before consigning the residue to the recycling bag.

Car number plate thefts occur from time to time. HNW does have a small stock of secure screws available free of charge from our office at Ruislip on a Friday morning between 1000 and 1230. Alternatively, Halfords do stock a range of similar devices.

Collection of newsletters from Ruislip Police Station: Co-ordinators please note that if you are **not** collecting on a Friday **morning** you should 'phone the front desk on 0208 246 1825 **before leaving home** to check that the police station front doors are open. Should the doors be closed on a Friday, ring HNW on 0208 246 1869.

Suspicious of unsolicited incoming 'phone calls? The advice is to put the receiver down and not engage in conversation with the caller.

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To contact your ward
Local Neighbourhood
Police Team, phone:
0208 721 followed by:

2554 - Barnhill
2757 - Botwell
2551 - Brunel
2550 - Cavendish
2552 - Charville
2548 - E'cote & E Ruis
2544 - Harefield
2557 - Heathrow
2553 - Hillingdon East
2543 - Ickenham
2549 - Manor
2545 - Northwood
2546 - Northwood Hills
2556 - Pinkwell
2011 - South Ruislip
2009 - Townfield
2782 - Uxbridge North
2758 - Uxbridge South
2018 - West Drayton
2547 - West Ruislip
2733 - Yeading
2713 - Yiewsley
If no reply call 101

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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