



Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

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Data from MPS Hillingdon

Residential Burglaries =WEEK ENDING=

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 & ERuis
- 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
- TOTALS**

	1 May	8 May	15 May	22 May
2	1	0	1	
2	3	0	2	
0	0	2	2	
1	2	0	0	
0	2	0	1	
4	0	4	1	
0	1	0	0	
2	0	1	0	
0	0	1	1	
2	0	1	2	
1	1	0	0	
1	0	1	1	
1	0	1	2	
0	1	1	0	
10	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	
1	0	2	0	
0	0	3	0	
2	0	2	1	
3	1	1	0	
2	2	2	1	
2	0	1	0	
37	15	24	15	

Summertime Security: Now that summer seems to have arrived, the temptation is to open windows throughout the house. However, do please be vigilant – whilst you are enjoying that barbecue in your back garden, it only takes a moment for the opportunist thief to take advantage of lax security. Your front door and windows should be securely locked when you are elsewhere in your property.

Whilst you are away the best burglary deterrent is to make your home look occupied. Use automatic timer switches to turn lights on/off at appropriate times. Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries. Avoid discussing holiday plans where a stranger may hear about your absence. Give a trusted person a set of keys and ask them to remove any accumulating mail that may be visible from the street. Ask them also, if appropriate, to park a car on your driveway and cut your lawn. If you normally leave bikes or similar items in your shed, consider putting them in the house. Make sure that you lock all outside doors and windows before you leave and set the alarm system if you have one.

Last-minute bookings may well be made on-line. Fake travel websites have increased fivefold in the last year, British holidaymakers losing almost £12 million.

- Check that the web address is legitimate. Has a popular website been altered by slight changes, such as going from .co.uk to .org?
- Don't rely on one review (which could be fake). Do a thorough online search. There's a good chance that victims will post details of their experiences.
- Look for the logo. Check whether the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA.
- Never pay directly into an owner's bank account. Wherever possible pay by card.
- Check paperwork – receipts and invoices. Be very wary of companies that fail to provide terms and conditions.

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also contains further
information on topics
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Be aware that **hotel key cards** contain all the personal information which you will have given to the hotel – name, bank details, home address, etc. If the card is handed back at the end of the holiday, it is all too easy for any member of staff to access that information. It is therefore essential to either de-activate the card by running a magnet across the information strip, or to take the card away with you.

Still on the holiday theme, this is **Inspector Rob Bryan's** timely reminder. Remember the time when you would go on holiday, take some snaps and when you got home you would develop the film and then show the pics to family and friends. The world has moved on and now everything is so immediate. Unfortunately, this immediacy can help people who want to burgle your home. If you go away, don't advertise it by updating your status on social media or posting those lovely sunsets as they happen. Wait until you get home. There are ways to secure your social media footprint so only selected people can see what you post. Please review your security settings today and make sure you can't be snooped upon.

This month's burglary stats: You will notice that there were ten burglaries in one week in South Ruislip. Inspector Bryan explains that these attempted break-ins were two incidents where multiple front doors had signs of tool marks. No entry was gained.

Apple ID/icloud Phishing Scam: Fraudsters are sending phishing texts and e-mail messages, claiming to be from Apple. The messages typically state that the recipient's iCloud or iTunes account is out of date and that they need to follow a link to avoid account suspension. Once the link has been followed, victims are prompted for personal information, such as their bank account details. If you receive one of these unsolicited messages, do not open any web links. You are urged to report it to: reportphishing@apple.com and to www.actionfraud.police.uk (this website has lots of other useful information about fraud in general).

Welcome to all new watch members. Look at our website to find details of the SmartWater and CCTV offers, as well as a wealth of other useful information.

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