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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**

	26 June	3 July	10 July	17 July
	1	0	1	0
	0	1	0	1
	1	0	0	1
	0	0	1	2
	1	1	2	2
	0	3	1	0
	0	1	0	0
	1	0	3	0
	0	0	0	1
	0	3	1	0
	0	2	0	0
	0	2	0	1
	0	1	1	1
	0	1	1	0
	0	1	0	2
	1	1	1	4
	0	0	0	1
	1	0	1	1
	4	1	0	1
	1	1	0	0
	1	2	1	1
	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	12	22	14	19

Ian Burch, HNWS Steering Group Chairman: It is with great sadness that we have to inform Watch Co-ordinators of Ian's sudden death on 4 July. Ian assumed the role of Chairman from the late Ken MacGregor in September 2012, his vision for HNWS being to double the number of watches, thereby helping the Borough "to become a peaceful and thriving place in which to live, grow and love." Despite a bout of ill health in 2014, Ian has worked tirelessly towards this aim, latterly with input from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, with noticeable success. His sense of humour, coupled with an astute brain and ability to turn his hand to even the most menial of office tasks, has endeared him to us all. He will be sorely missed by all of us at HNWS but our thoughts and sympathy are also with his widow, mother, family and friends at this very sad time.

New watches continue to be registered – 8 over the past month in the following wards: Botwell (1), Brunel (1), Cavendish (1), Northwood (2), Northwood Hills (1), S Ruislip (1), Uxbridge S (1) and there are many more in the pipeline.

Newsletter by E-mail: Many watch members now receive this newsletter electronically from their Co-ordinator. If you know of any of your fellow watch members who do not have internet access and who do **not** receive a **paper copy** of the newsletter, you need to let your Co-ordinator know, please.

Holiday crime prevention measures have been written about at length in the last two newsletters. If you have missed either or both of them, they are available from the website archives.

For new members details of the **SmartWater** and **CCTV** offers can also be accessed via the website, along with a wealth of other useful information.

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch is supported by Hillingdon Community Trust and the London Borough of Hillingdon

Keep in Touch
Co-ordinators and neighbours, please keep in contact on the HNWS telephone number above, via email or write to us at Ruislip Police Station, 5 The Oaks, Ruislip HA4 7LE. Our website also contains further information on topics in this newsletter
www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk



Distraction crime – fraudsters try out new trick at ATMs by targeting members of the public, particularly the elderly and pregnant women, at cash machines with a sophisticated theft in which bank cards are switched for dummies whilst the victim is distracted. It works like this:

1. Customer enters PIN at ATM
2. One of at least two fraudsters makes a commotion (dropping coins, etc,) having previously recorded the victim's PIN by looking over his/her shoulder.
3. As the victim looks away, a second thief switches the victim's card on the ATM for a fake, leaving the money at the machine to be collected.
4. The first fraudster gives the accomplice the code and the pair are then free to steal up to the daily limit from the victim's account that day and subsequent days until the card theft is discovered and reported.

Upgrade Fraud: Fraudsters are impersonating telephone service providers and contacting their clients offering a 'phone upgrade on a low monthly payment contract. The fraudsters will glean all your personal and financial details which will then be used to contact the genuine 'phone provider and order a new mobile 'phone handset. The fraudsters will then either intercept the delivery before it reaches the victim's address or order the handset to a different address. Protect yourself by:

- Never providing personal information to a third party from an unsolicited communication.
- Obtaining the genuine number of the organisation being represented and verifying the legitimacy of the communication.
- Realising that if the offer is too good to be true then it probably is.
- Considering Cifas Protection Registration if you have provided personal information and you are concerned that your identity may have been compromised.
- Reporting to Action Fraud on **03300 123 2040** or <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk> if you have been a victim of this or any other fraud.

DO BE VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES WITH THE SAFEGUARDING OF YOUR PERSONAL AND BANKING DETAILS.

Be aware that neither the Council nor HMRC will ever 'phone or E-mail you about Council Tax or Income Tax refunds. Regard any such message with suspicion.

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