



**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**

	24 July	31 July	7 Aug	14 Aug
	0	1	2	7
	0	0	0	0
	1	2	0	1
	1	1	4	5
	0	0	1	1
	2	0	1	4
	0	1	2	3
	0	1	3	0
	0	0	0	0
	2	1	1	2
	0	2	3	1
	0	0	0	2
	4	1	1	3
	2	0	3	1
	1	1	1	2
	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	1
	0	2	0	0
	0	0	0	1
	1	0	1	0
	0	2	0	1
	3	0	0	1
TOTALS	18	15	23	36

HNW Chairman: Following the sad loss of Ian Burch reported here last month, **Brian Walters** has assumed the role temporarily until May next year, at which time it is hoped that someone else will have come forward to take Brian's place. Look out for more about this next month.

Northern Sector Inspector/HNW Link Officer: Following the departure of Insp. Rob Bryan to pastures new in Uxbridge, we welcome **Insp. Paul Trice** who took up his post in mid-August. We look forward to working with him to increase the coverage of HNW throughout the Borough.

New watch registrations over the past month amount to 8, making a grand total, so far this year to 50. The latest newcomers are located in Heathrow (1), Hillingdon East (1), Northwood (3), S. Ruislip (1) and Uxbridge S (2). Thank you SNTs for your help in locating and encouraging these volunteers to step forward.

Distraction burglary is an ongoing problem. Be aware that callers at your front door may not be who they say they are. Remember the following when answering the door to strangers:

Lock – Make sure all your doors are locked. Some bogus callers may distract you whilst an accomplice is at the rear of your property.

Stop - Are you expecting someone? If not, look through the peephole or window to check who is at your door.

Chain – Before opening the door, put the door chain on (if you don't have one, it is a good idea to purchase one).

Check - With the door chain on, ask for an identity card. Take the card and check that the number is correct by comparing it on the company's website. 'Phoning the number on the card might not be a good idea as it could be false. **IF IN DOUBT KEEP THEM OUT!**

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 HNW 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



Doors insecurely locked continue to make life easy for the burglar. They are able to gain access through UPVC and wooden doors which have the multi-locking mechanisms which are operated by lifting the handle. If the handle is not lifted and locked with the key, then access can easily be gained from outside, by simply reaching through the letterbox and using an implement to push the handle down. The key message for anyone with these locks is always **lift** the handle, **lock** it with the key and **remove the key to a safe place out of sight, but within easy reach in case of fire.**

Parents of students, please make your offspring aware of the **money mule scam**. A money mule is someone who is recruited by those needing to launder money obtained illegally. Criminals advertise fake jobs in newspapers and on the internet in a number of ways, usually offering opportunities to make money quickly in order to lure recruits. Jobs offered include social media posts, copying genuine company websites to create impression of legitimacy, sending mass e-mails offering employment and targeting individuals who have posted their CVs on employment websites. Students are particularly susceptible to adverts of this nature. The mule (victim) will accept money into their bank account before following further instructions on disposal of the funds. The mule is generally paid a small percentage of the funds as they pass through their account. Remember that money laundering is a criminal offence which can lead to prosecution and a custodial sentence, plus the inability to obtain credit or a bank account in the UK.

More scams: Non-existent **drones** are being offered on-line at lower prices in order to attract custom. After agreeing the purchase, payment is requested via bank transfer in order to quicken delivery. Of course, having handed over the money, the purchaser never receives the drone and the fraudster blocks the victim in order to prevent further conversation.

Fake **letter boxes** are appearing on residential properties in an attempt to harvest the mail which is then used to open up various lines of credit with financial providers in the victim's name. Contact **ACTION FRAUD** via **0300 123 2040** or www.actionfraud.police.uk if you have been a victim.

Welcome to all our new members. Do look on our website for details of the SmartWater and CCTV offers, also a wealth of crime prevention information.

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BE ON WATCH AND
BE ON A WATCH**