



**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**

	21 Aug	28 Aug	4 Sept	11 sept	25 Sept
1	2	1	1	0	
3	0	0	3	0	
2	2	2	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	2	
0	1	1	1	1	
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2	0	1	1	2	
2	2	0	3	2	
0	0	3	1	5	
1	3	2	0	0	
1	1	1	2	0	
0	1	3	1	0	
4	2	1	3	1	
1	0	2	1	0	
2	0	0	0	0	
2	1	0	1	0	
0	0	1	0	2	
3	0	2	1	1	
2	1	0	1	0	
0	2	0	0	2	
0	1	1	0	1	
26	19	21	21	20	

Volunteer needed to become HNHW's next **Chairman** in May 2017. If you have time on your hands, have enthusiasm and vision for the future development of HNHW, be able to promote HNHW to community groups, be prepared to undergo the police vetting procedure, we would like to hear from you now so that you can "learn the ropes" before taking over the role. More details available on our website.

Darker nights accompanied by shorter daylight hours are fast approaching – clocks revert to **GMT** on Sunday **30 October**. Insp. Paul Trice offers the following advice: "It is at this time of year that Burglary offences increase nationwide. Whilst not wishing to alarm our residents, it is important that awareness is raised as homes are potentially more vulnerable to burglary. Herewith some top tips to make your home more secure:

- Leave lights on inside your home, or better still set a timer to switch lights on in darkness.
- Keep valuables out of view.
- If you have an alarm, use it! Ensure that the siren boxes are clearly visible from the outside of your house.
- Consider installing an alarm. These can be purchased relatively cheaply from DIY stores, from £150 upwards, with no monthly costs.
- Insist on checking ID of official visitors. If unsure do not let them in.
- Ensure ALL your windows and doors are locked and secure. Make it harder for your home to be targeted.
- Report any suspicious activity to police by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency.
- Ensure your side and back gates are locked and secure. Repair broken fences and secure any easy route to the back of your property.
- Consider installing security lights and keep them well maintained.
- Check and ensure that your garage and shed doors are locked and secure.

Additional police patrolling will be taking place during this period, together with combined Policing Operations. Follow us on **Twitter: @MPSHillingdon** for further updates."

**Hillingdon
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Keep in Touch

Co-ordinators and neighbours, please keep in contact on the HNHW 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



Autumn Celebrations: The two-week period from late October to early November will soon be here, during which time anti-social behaviour and general crime such as burglary and criminal damage is likely to increase. Do be particularly careful and vigilant. Remember that an organised public display is the safest way to enjoy **fireworks**, but don't forget that as in most crowded situations, the pickpockets will be out in force. Follow the **firework safety code** if holding your own private display. Children's activities during **Halloween** should be closely supervised by a responsible adult and they should never knock on the doors of strangers unaccompanied. Remember also that **elderly and vulnerable residents** will be especially anxious when disturbed by unexpected callers.

New watches over the past month amounting to 7 have been registered from the following wards: Botwell (1), Hillingdon E (1), Northwood Hills (1), Ruislip Manor (2), Uxbridge N (1), Uxbridge S (1). Thank you SNTs for your help in encouraging these volunteers to come forward.

Scams: There is a **phishing E-mail** currently in circulation that claims to be from the City of London Police. The departments that it claims to represent include the "Fraud Intelligence Unit" and the "National Fraud Intelligence Bureau". The message is entitled "Compensation Fund" and has a letter attachment that claims to be offering financial compensation to the victims of fraud. The letter uses the City of London Police logo. The letter states that in order for compensation to be arranged, the recipient should reply, disclosing personal information. It states that HSBC and the South African Reserve Bank have been chosen to handle the compensation claims. All of these claims are false. **The E-mail and letter are fraudulent and should not be replied to.**

Two of our readers have been targeted by scammers. One call claimed to be from **BT Openreach** concerned that someone may have "planted a virus on the router" and the other scam originated from a caller purporting to be from a **Talk-Talk** call centre, again indicating a security problem with the router. Fortunately, both intended victims were not taken in by the scammers.

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.

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