



**Hillingdon
Neighbourhood
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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**

	30 Oct	6 Nov	13 Nov	20 Nov
1	1	0	2	
1	1	1	0	
7	6	10	4	
1	1	1	0	
1	1	1	2	
5	2	1	0	
0	2	1	0	
4	1	6	3	
2	1	0	2	
1	4	0	2	
1	1	4	3	
1	0	1	3	
5	1	4	4	
4	8	0	3	
4	6	4	4	
1	1	0	1	
1	1	2	1	
3	5	4	4	
0	4	0	2	
3	1	1	3	
1	0	2	5	
5	4	2	5	
52	52	45	53	

Burglary statistics: Avid newsletter readers cannot fail to note the increased weekly burglary figures since early October as the impact of darker nights is felt. Despite increased Police patrols, the statistics continue to rise. We therefore make no apology for repeating yet again the following common sense precautions which everyone should be taking to make the burglar's life as difficult as possible:

- Keep keys and ID documents well away from doors, letterboxes and windows.
- Close and lock all doors and windows. Remember LIFT, LOCK, REMOVE if you have multi-locking door handles, remembering to leave the key in a safe place out of sight in case of fire. Do this even if you are at home - do not give a burglar easy access through the front door whilst you are watching TV in the back rooms. Likewise, secure the back doors if you are using the front of the house.
- Lock garages and sheds – ladders /garden tools can be used to break into your house.
- Keep side gates locked and wheelie bins stored behind them, well away from perimeter fences. Gravel pathways are a deterrent to burglars.
- Use time switches linked to lights and a radio on so it appears that someone is at home.
- Invest in a safe for valuables and securely fix it to a solid surface.
- Install a visible intruder alarm – burglars don't want to be seen or heard.
- Install low level 'dusk till dawn' security lighting to increase visibility and deter burglars.
- Keep side and rear boundaries high to restrict access and front boundaries low to remove hiding places.
- Photograph and mark valuables with your postcode and house number/name. Register items with serial numbers at www.immobilise.com

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



Scams: Although we have not been notified of any new scams for some weeks, rest assured that there can be no let-up in vigilance - the scammers are still out there waiting to pounce. If you are faced with a suspect situation, **STOP, THINK AND REMEMBER:**

- Never to disclose security details such as a PIN or full banking password.
- Not to assume that an e-mail, text or phone call is authentic.
- Don't be tempted to rush – a genuine organisation won't mind waiting.
- To listen to your instincts – you'll know if something doesn't feel right.
- To stay in control – don't panic and make a decision you'll regret.

Christmas shopping reminder (from last month):

- Do not leave bags unattended even for a second.
- Ensure that wallets, purses, phones are not left unattended or hanging out of bags.
- Be vigilant at cashpoints and put money away securely before leaving.
- Do not leave purchases on show in your car – put them in the boot and ensure that the vehicle is locked.

CHRISTMAS -Seasonal Opening Hours – HNW Office: We will be open as usual on Friday 23 and 30 December. **January newsletter:** As a consequence of the extended holiday period, it is possible that the newsletter publication date may be delayed until 20 January. Co-ordinators with E-mail addresses will be advised in the usual way. Co-ordinators without internet access should telephone the office before visiting their collection point, to check newsletter availability.

HNW thanks all Co-ordinators, Deputies, Helpers and readers for their support over the year and wishes them all a very Happy and Crime-free Christmas and New Year. Finally, do observe the Revised Refuse Collection Schedule so that our streets stay as tidy as possible and please keep an eye on your elderly/vulnerable neighbours over the festive season – they will appreciate it.

Welcome to all members of the latest new watches (2) in Ickenham. Do look on our website for the various offers available to watch members.

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