



**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**

| | 29 Jan | 5 Feb | 12 Feb | 19 Feb |
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| | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
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| | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 32 | 27 | 36 | 38 |

Securing your valuables: Should you be unfortunate enough to become a burglary victim, despite having taken the recommended measures to prevent such an event, an added recommendation is to mark your valuables. If theft then takes place and the items are recovered by the Police, your property can be identified and returned to you. Here are some recommendations:

- Property mark valuables with the postcode and house name or number.
- This can be done with an ultra violet pen or with a specialist marking kit, such as a purpose made stencil with etching liquid, a unique chemical trace liquid or microdot system. Consult our website for details of the current **SmartWater** offer, exclusive to watch members.
- Photographs of stolen objects greatly improve the chances of recovery. Concentrate on what makes this object unique or identifiable. Indicate the object's size and dimensions by placing a ruler next to small items, or writing down the measurements. Try to use a plain, dark background. Store a copy of the photograph on a CD and leave with a relative or friend.
- Record any valuables with serial numbers using a free account at **www.immobilise.com** which the police will always search if property is recovered.
- Burglars very rarely come equipped to deal with safes that are fitted to solid floors and/or solid walls with the correct fixings. A safe will reduce the likelihood of important documents, valuables and sentimental items being stolen if a property is burgled.

Home Insurance offer: Co-operative Insurance is offering NW members who are new customers, a 10% reduction on their first year's premiums, up until 31 March. To take advantage of the offer, 'phone the Co-op Insurance contact Centre on 0800 781 1390 quoting NHW 10. Full details of this and another offer from the Co-op are on our website.

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



Vehicle crime continues to take place throughout the borough. Here are some proven ways of lowering the risk of your vehicle being stolen or broken into:

- Install a Thatcham approved **alarm/immobiliser**. Good security acts as a deterrent by slowing the thief down and increasing his/her chances of being seen or heard.
- **Don't leave anything on display** – it's a prime invitation to passers-by. Even an old coat or plastic bag can tempt a thief. If items have been left in the vehicle, put them out of sight in the boot.
- Portable **satnav** systems are often held in a cradle attached to the windscreen or dashboard on full view, so take the satnav out of the cradle and put the cradle out of sight in the boot.
- Cradles alone indicate to offenders that cars have satnav systems so ensure that you remove all suction marks from the windscreen before leaving the parked vehicle.
- **Property mark** the satnav with your **Vehicle Registration Number**. Make a note of the make, model and serial number and register it with **www.immobilise.com**
- Ensure that your music system is removable or has a front that can be taken off.
- **Driving documents** and personal correspondence could help a thief to sell the vehicle or provide a cover story if stopped by the Police – don't keep them in the vehicle.
- Some thieves **break into houses to steal vehicle keys**. Always keep your keys in a safe place – don't leave them in a hallway or kitchen, as these are obvious places where a thief will look.
- **Alloy wheels** should be secured with locking wheel nuts which have been tested to withstand attack and meet Category 4 Thatcham approval.
- **Steering wheel locks**, which have been tested to Thatcham Category 3 should be applied every time you leave your vehicle.
- **Number plates** should be secured with one-way security screws to prevent them being removed and used in crime.
- If you have a **garage** at home, use it. If not, park in a well-lit place. Always look for public car parks that are part of the Police-approved '**Park Mark**' Safer Parking Scheme.

Welcome to members of the **new watches** in Teal Drive (Northwood) and Hinton Road (Uxbridge South).

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