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Data from MPS Hillingdon

Residential Burglaries

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To contact your ward
 Local Neighbourhood
 Police Team, phone:
0208 721 followed by:

2554 - Barnhill	7	9	4	3
2757 - Botwell	1	3	7	4
2551 - Brunel	5	4	4	5
2550 - Cavendish	3	6	3	2
2552 - Charville	5	6	3	2
2548 - E'cote & ERuis	3	5	9	2
2544 - Harefield	2	0	1	4
2557 - Heathrow	4	3	3	5
2553 - Hillingdon East	2	5	2	6
2543 - Ickenham	2	7	5	1
2549 - Manor	3	7	2	1
2545 - Northwood	5	7	3	3
2546 - Northwood Hills	4	7	4	1
2556 - Pinkwell	2	4	2	3
2011 - South Ruislip	2	10	12	3
2009 - Townfield	2	3	1	4
2782 - Uxbridge North	3	6	3	5
2758 - Uxbridge South	5	4	3	4
2018 - West Drayton	1	6	5	4
2547 - West Ruislip	1	6	3	4
2733 - Yeading	3	4	7	1
2713 - Yiewsley	2	9	3	5
TOTALS	67	121	89	72

Burglary statistics: Since weekly burglary figures are no longer readily available from Met. Police sources, we have reverted to the pre-2015 monthly format which includes data from the previous year for comparison.

Frequency of newsletter: Many readers may have noticed that the newsletter was not published in May. For a variety of reasons, not least to reduce the impact of a monthly distribution on Co-ordinators and their helpers, it has been decided to trial a bi-monthly newsletter for three issues – June, August and October. We welcome feedback from our readers, both positive and negative, via our E-mail facility. A decision based on readers'/Co-ordinators' comments will be taken at the end of the trial period.

HNW's new Chairman: Following the quest for a volunteer, highlighted in last October's newsletter, **Roy Parsons** came forward and was duly elected Chairman at the Steering Group's AGM on 16 May and has commented as follows:

"I have found the team to be a truly dedicated and effective group of volunteers with common goals and my joining will help spread the efforts. I can see that there has been so much good work on Watches but there is a need to achieve greater coverage in some areas of the Borough and this is something I will work towards. Please do visit the website which is regularly updated with useful information."

HNW is indebted to the outgoing Chairman, Brian Walters, for stepping into the role, following the untimely death of Ian Burch in July last year.

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Neighbourhood
Watch** is supported by
 Hillingdon Community
 Trust and the London
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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



Now that the warmer weather seems to have arrived there always tends to be an increase in **unsolicited doorstep sellers/charity collectors**. Please be aware that charity collectors must be in possession of a Met.Police licence. Last year we cited the example of unauthorised individuals knocking on doors to collect Christian Aid donation envelopes and pocketing the proceeds. It is therefore crucial that ID/licences are carefully checked before any donation is handed over. From time to time, mainly during the school holidays, we do hear of young people knocking on doors seeking sponsorship for bogus causes, often involving their school, which when contacted, has no knowledge of the cause. If in any doubt, **do not part with your cash**.

Wonga Data Breach: A month or so ago Wonga confirmed a data breach where up to 250,000 accounts were compromised. The incident is being investigated by the Police and has been reported to the Financial Conduct Authority, Wonga has updated their website with further information and are contacting all members of the public affected. There are also some measures you can take to make yourself safer:

- If any of your financial details were compromised, notify your bank or card company as soon as possible.
- Review your financial statements regularly for any unusual activity as criminals can use personal data obtained from a data breach to commit identity fraud.
- Consider using credit reference agencies, such as Experian or Equifax, to regularly monitor your credit file for unusual activity.
- Be suspicious of any unsolicited calls, E-mails or texts, even if they appear to be from a company you know of. Don't open any attachments or click on links within unsolicited E-mails and never disclose any personal or financial details during a cold call.



Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch



Ransomware Cyber Attack: Following the recent cyber attack which affected the NHS and other organisations globally, the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has issued an alert urging both individuals and businesses to follow protection advice as soon as possible.

Ransomware is a form of malicious software (Malware) that enables cyber criminals to remotely lockdown files on your computer or mobile device. Criminals will use ransomware to extort money from you (a ransom), before they restore access to your computer files. There are many ways that ransomware can infect your device, whether it be a link to a malicious website in an unsolicited E-mail, or through a security vulnerability in a piece of software that you use. Here is some advice for **individual users**:

- Install system and application updates on all devices as soon as they are available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device (such as a memory stick) that isn't left connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that too.
- Only install apps from official app stores, such as Google's Play Store or Apple's App Store as these offer better levels of protection than some third party stores. Jailbreaking, rooting or disabling any of the default security features of your device will make it more susceptible to malware infections.
- Fraudsters may exploit this high profile incident and use it as part of phishing/smishing campaigns. Users are urged to be cautious if they receive any communications from the NHS - follow the advice overleaf regarding the opening of unsolicited communications.

For **businesses** The National Cyber Security Centre's technical guidance includes specific software patches to use which will prevent uninfected computers on your network from becoming infected with the "WannaCry" Ransomware. Contact <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/ransomware-latest-ncsc-guidance>. Additional in-depth Guidance is available from <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/protecting-your-organisation-ransomware>

Tourists/others believed to be unfamiliar with their surroundings are being targeted by a lone fraudster who asks for directions or offers a recommendation of a good hotel. After this interaction several other fraudsters will intervene, purporting to be police officers in plain clothes and will sometimes present false identification as proof. The fake officers will then give a reason to examine the victim's wallet, purse or personal items. They may also examine the first fraudster's items or try to tell victims that the first fraudster is suspicious in order to gain victim trust and appear more realistic in their guise. After all the fake police "Checks" are finished, victims have then reported being handed back their personal items, only to later realise that a quantity of money or valuables were missing.

How to protect yourself:

- If an individual claims to be a police officer, ask for their name and rank, force and examine any identification presented. This is always good practice but especially important if they are not wearing uniform.
- The Police will never ask for your passwords or PIN details. Do not give this information to anyone.
- The Police will never request that you withdraw/transfer any money to them or to a "safe" account

If you have been affected by any fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

HNW lamp-post signs: Many of you will be aware that LBH is replacing the old concrete posts with a metal variety. Unfortunately, it has come to our notice that HNW signs attached to the old posts are not being transferred to the new posts. If you happen to spot an old post, with sign, being dismantled, it would be most helpful if you could remind the LBH operative that the sign should be retained for the new post. For those new Co-ordinators who have been waiting patiently for some time for signs to be erected, the wait is almost over!

Car security at the petrol pump: We all know to lock our cars when going to the booth to pay. A recent video on social media indicates that this needs to be done whilst operating the petrol pump.

Welcome to new watches in: Copse Close (West Drayton), Hughes Road (Townfield) and Redwood Close (Hillingdon East). Do look on our website for CCTV, SmartWater and insurance offers, also crime prevention information.

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