



**Hillingdon
Neighbourhood
Watch**

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Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

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- 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

**Hillingdon
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Hillingdon Community
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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
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Role of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch: It is important that from time to time that we clearly communicate the role of HNW – for the benefit of new Watch Co-ordinators and members and to serve as a reminder to others reading this newsletter.

HNW primarily exists to support the Police, by offering advice to residents on crime prevention and to set up new Watches and to work with Watch Co-ordinators. By our combined actions we help the Police to detect offenders, thereby helping to keep our streets safer. Our actions can help harness witnesses who might otherwise not be reached when an incident occurs, or secure key evidence that might not otherwise be found.

HNW exists in an advisory capacity and cannot, for example, take action on crimes which have been committed, which should be reported to the Police, or assist with any complaints which residents may have against the Police.

For these purposes each Ward has a Ward Panel which comprises local residents and the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) whose combined role is to assess local concerns and establish priorities for policing in the Ward area. Contact details for your local Ward Panel can be found via the Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board at <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/snb> or via your local SNT – contact details in panel opposite.

Reporting crimes to the Police: Should you witness a crime taking place or become a victim of crime which has just occurred you should always dial **999**. To report crimes which have already taken place or are of a non-urgent nature, you should dial **101**.

Maintaining the **safety** of your **possessions (handbags, wallets, 'phones, etc.)** is always paramount, but especially so at this time of year when you are likely to find yourselves in crowded situations at transport hubs, entertainment venues, etc. Here are some useful (common sense) hints:

- Be aware of who is around you. Pickpockets often operate in pairs and use distraction techniques to avert your attention whilst they steal your bag/wallet.
- Wear your bag across your body, so that it opens on the side facing you. You are an easy target if you leave your bag facing backwards over your shoulder or carry it over one shoulder. Never wear your rucksack on your back in these situations – for obvious reasons.
- Never leave your bag unattended –always keep it on your person. Cafes, restaurants, pubs, clothes and shoe shops are places where people tend to be careless with their bags. If you're eating/having a drink keep it where you can feel it – on your lap or touching your feet, never on the back of your chair.
- Keep your keys in a different section of your bag from anything that has your address on it. Ideally, keep your keys in your pocket rather than in a handbag so that if the worst happens you can at least access your home/car.
- Don't keep the PIN number of your cards with you. Instead, keep the emergency number to cancel your cards handy so you can 'phone immediately if you have to.
- Mobile 'phones, MP3 players, etc. are attractive to thieves so be careful where you use them and be aware of what is happening around if you are using them.
- Cover up expensive jewellery.

If you have still have a **holiday** away to look forward to this year, do make sure that your home looks occupied, the milk and papers have been cancelled, mail collected by a neighbour, lawns freshly cut, doors, windows garages, sheds securely locked and alarms set. Finally,

NEVER PUT YOUR HOME ADDRESS ON LUGGAGE FOR THE OUTWARD JOURNEY OR GIVE OUT DETAILS OF YOUR HOLIDAY MOVEMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



Smishing Fraud Alert: Smishing is an activity which enables criminals to steal victims' money or identity, or both as a result of a response to a text message. Smishing uses your mobile phone (either a smartphone or traditional non-internet connected handset) to manipulate innocent people into taking various actions which can lead to being defrauded. Fraudsters are targeting victims via text message purporting to be from their credit card provider stating that a transaction has been approved on their credit card. The text message further states to confirm if the transaction is genuine by replying "Y" for Yes and "N" for No. Through this information the fraudster would receive confirmation of the victim's active phone number and would be able to engage further by asking for the victim's credit card details, CVV number (the 3 digits on the back of your card) and/or other personal information.

Protect yourself by:

- Always checking the validity of the text message by 'phoning your card provider (number on back of card or on statement).
- Beware of cold calls purporting to be from banks and/or credit card providers.
- If the phone call from the bank seems suspicious, hang up the phone and wait for 10 minutes before calling the bank back. Again, refer to the number at the back of card/bank statement in order to contact your bank.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, you are advised to report it to Action Fraud at <http://actionfraud.police.uk/> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

HNW Newsletter: This is the second of our three trial bi-monthly issues. We welcome your comments both positive and negative, please, by E-mail to all@hillingdonnhw.co.uk

Residential burglary figures for Week Ending as shown – figures supplied by MPS Hillingdon

	APR 2	APR 9	APR 16	APR 23	APR 30	MAY 7	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28	JUN 4	JUN 11	JUN 18	JUN 25	JUL 2	JUL 9	JUL 16	JUL 23
Barnhill	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	3	1
Botwell	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2
Brunel	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	4
Cavendish	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	2
Charville	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	5	1
E'cote & ERuis	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	5
Harefield	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Heathrow	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	1
Hillingdon East	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	3
Ickenham	0	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0
Manor	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Northwood	0	5	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	2
Northwood Hills	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	4	1
Pinkwell	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
South Ruislip	0	2	2	4	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	4
Townfield	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	5
Uxbridge North	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
Uxbridge South	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
West Drayton	0	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	0	1	2	2	1
West Ruislip	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Yeading	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	2
Yiewsley	1	1	3	1	3	4	1	0	4	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	2
TOTALS	7	35	25	27	27	23	24	25	28	22	20	25	17	26	23	30	44

The **weekly breakdown of burglary statistics** is back.

We have reproduced the figures missing, owing to reasons beyond our control, from the June newsletter in this "bumper" grid.

Avid readers comparing these figures with those published earlier in the year will note a considerable reduction in incidents, possibly down to residents taking heed of crime prevention advice offered by ourselves and other agencies and success by the Police in bringing the perpetrators to book – until last week, that is!

Welcome to new watches in:

Churchill Road, Deblin Drive, Fowler Way, Lawrence Grove (Uxbridge North) and the re-activated watch in Philpots Close (Yiewsley).

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