



Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

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Winners of Hillingdon's *Volunteer Team of the Year Award 2017*

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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

To contact your ward Local Neighbourhood Police Team, phone:

Barnhill	020 8721 2554
Botwell	020 8721 2757
Brunel	020 8721 2551
Cavendish	020 8721 2550
Charville	020 8721 2552
E'cote & ERuis	020 8721 2548
Harefield	020 8721 2544
Heathrow Villages	020 8721 2557
Hillingdon E	020 7161 8171
Ickenham	020 8721 2543
Manor	020 8721 2549
Northwood	020 8721 2545
Northwood Hills	020 8721 2546
Pinkwell	020 8721 2556
South Ruislip	020 8721 2011
Townfield	020 8721 2009
Uxbridge North	020 7161 8170
Uxbridge South	07717 733782
West Drayton	020 8721 2018
West Ruislip	020 8721 2547
Yeading	07766 991019
Yiewsley	020 8721 2713



HNW's Steering Group is proud to have been presented with the above award for "outstanding volunteer achievement" at a ceremony just before Christmas. Whilst the Group aims to represent the three Borough Sectors, it is currently short of members from the West (Brunel, Hillingdon E, Uxbridge N & S, West Drayton and Yiewsley). Anyone from these wards, ideally, but not essentially, with Watch Co-ordinator experience, is welcome to observe at the Group's next quarterly meeting at Ruislip Police Station on Tuesday 6 February, commencing at 1900. Please E-mail us if you wish to attend.

Our colleagues at the Council's Community Safety Department Have asked that we draw your attention to the increase in incidences of **Domestic Violence and Abuse** and who to contact should any anyone need help. Here is their advice:

One of the safest places in the world should be our own homes. So, many of us take this for granted. However, for many women cases and children if is one of the most dangerous places to be. Why?

Domestic violence and abuse is all around us. There is every likelihood that each of us will know of someone who has or is experiencing such violence and abuse.

Annually there are a staggering 1.1 million domestic violence incidents and crimes recorded by poplice forces in the UK; **over 6500 cases were recorded by police in Hillingdon in the last 12 months**. 3000 of the domestic violence victims in Hillingdon experienced crimes including

physical and sexual assaults, threats, stalking, harassment, intimidation, the theft of and damage to their property. In addition,100s of local children are exposed to emotional trauma and abuse too.

Sadly, we know from experience that many families will face terror, fear and violence at the hands of a husband, wife, partner, adult child and/or sibling. We know that domestic violence will increase at the weekends and throughout holiday periods, fuelled by excessive alcohol consumption and/or drug misuse.

We all have a public duty and moral responsibility to take action. In short, 'what happens behind closed doors is everybody's business!' Domestic violence is a crime and is never acceptable. If you are experiencing domestic violence you are not alone. Advice and support can be sought by contacting the

National Domestic Violence helpline free on **0808 2000 247** or by calling the **Hillingdon Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service** on **020 8246 1745**.

In an emergency call **999**. In additions, local residents can find out about local services by visiting the Council's website <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/dv>

where information about safety planning can be found. Male victims can call the **Men's Advice Line** free of charge on **0808 801 0327** or by e-mailing info@respectphoneline.org.uk. Further advice can also be found by visiting <http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk>

If you know or suspect that someone, whether a family member, friend, neighbour or co-worker is experiencing domestic violence then please take action by calling the **police** on **101** or in an **emergency** dial **999**. If you know a perpetrator you could also call **CrimeStoppers** anonymously, as above. Are you in an abusive relationship or suspect someone else is? The website <https://womensaid.org.uk/the-survivors-handbook/am-i-in-an-abusive-relationship/> may help you decide.

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

	SEPT 2017	OCT 2017	NOV 2017
Barnhill	6	6	11
Botwell	3	9	4
Brunel	6	13	5
Cavendish	4	5	6
Charville	7	7	10
E'cote & ERuis	7	5	6
Harefield	3	9	7
Heathrow	5	2	5
Hillingdon East	4	9	5
Ickenham	4	7	7
Manor	3	3	5
Northwood	3	3	4
Northwood Hills	4	6	9
Pinkwell	10	12	14
South Ruislip	6	6	4
Townfield	8	7	8
Uxbridge North	9	6	4
Uxbridge South	7	8	9
West Drayton	13	10	20
West Ruislip	5	7	3
Yeading	8	2	10
Yiewsley	7	9	8
TOTALS	132	151	164

The latest **scam** to be reported to us comes in the form of a **Fake Government Grants Fraud**. Both individuals and businesses are being warned to watch out for cold calls and online contact from fraudsters who are offering the opportunity to apply for Government grants for an advance fee.

To make the grants look legitimate the fraudsters have set up bogus companies and convincing-looking websites that claim to be operating on behalf of the UK Government.

The fraudsters cold call businesses and individuals offering the grant and if they're interested direct them to fill out an online application form with their personal information. Once the fraudsters have that information they'll contact the victims and congratulate them on being accepted onto the grant programme.

Applicants are then asked to provide identification and are instructed to obtain a pre-paid credit card to deposit their own contribution to the fake Government grant scheme. Victims will then be contact either by 'phone or e-mail for details of their pre-paid card and copies of statements, in order for the grant funds to be added to the account. Of course, the grant funds are never given by the fraudsters and the money that has been loaded by the victim onto the card, is stolen.

If you receive one of these calls, **hang up immediately and report it to Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** or via www.actionfraud.police.uk If you think your bank or personal details have been compromised or if you believe you have been defrauded, contact your bank immediately. Stop all communication with the 'agency' but make a note of their details and report to Action Fraud.

How to protect yourself: Be wary of unsolicited callers implying that you can apply for grants. You should never have to pay to receive a government grant and they definitely won't instruct you to obtain a pre-paid credit card. The government should have all the information they need if a genuine application was made, therefore any requests for personal or banking details over the 'phone/online should be refused.

Fake Police scams are increasing all over Greater London, particularly in Hillingdon, Westminster, Ealing and Twickenham where over the past 15 weeks a total of £750,000 has been lost to fraudsters targeting the elderly and vulnerable. The fraudsters contact people, usually by 'phone claiming to be investigating fraud at a local bank where fake notes are being issued. The victim is asked to support the "police" by visiting the bank to withdraw the so-called fake banknotes for analysis. During this process the victim's bank details are revealed to the fraudsters. There are several variations of this scenario to watch out for. Do remember that police and banks **never** ask members of the public to partake in an anti-fraud operation or to transfer money to a so-called "safe account". **If you or someone you know is contacted by an individual claiming to be police or local bank and asks you to help with such a situation as described above, hang up and either contact your bank directly or call 999.**

As you will have noted from the grid above, **Residential Burglary figures** are now being presented in a monthly format as the MPS is no longer providing weekly breakdowns. Since the newsletter is now bi-monthly, eight or nine rows of weekly figures, even if they were available, take up an inordinate amount of space, as previous bi-monthly trial editions last year have shown. We hope you understand. For your information, since April of last year shed and garage break-ins have been included in the statistics for residential burglary which is why there has been an increase compared with 2016. Business break-ins continue to be counted separately.

The **value of CCTV both in deterrence and the solving of crimes** cannot be overstated. One example involved £5000 worth damage done to a parked car by another vehicle which failed to stop. A search of neighbours' CCTV cameras revealed the perpetrator's registration details, by which means he was traced and admitted the offence. Motor vehicle crime is on the increase – ensure that your car are always locked, emptied of any valuables and fitted with a steering wheel lock.

FOR CCTV AND SMARTWATER OFFERS, EXCLUSIVE TO MEMBERS OF ACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES, CONSULT HNWS WEBSITE, WHERE THERE IS ALSO A WEALTH OF ADDITIONAL CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION.

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