



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	07483 291091
Uxbridge North	020 7161 8170
Uxbridge South	07717 733782
West Drayton	020 8721 2018
West Ruislip	020 8721 2547
Yeading	07766 991019
Viewsley	020 8721 2713



Is your (house) number up (and visible)? The next time you arrive home, either by car or on foot, take a moment to see at what point you can clearly identify your house or flat number/name. Now think of this from the point of view of the emergency services – if ever you need to call upon the Fire, Police or Ambulance service, this is the first thing that they will need to do. Difficulty in locating the correct address can be a major cause of delay at a time when every second may count.



Many houses and flats, including blocks, have unclear naming or numbering, with signs having fallen down, numbers obscured by a hedge, or they may be simply too far from the roadside to be of any use. Some buildings have no signage at all, leaving the emergency services to work out the address from the nearest clearly labelled residence. **So, please make sure that your property is clearly numbered and visible from the roadside – IT MAY SAVE A LIFE!**

HNW's meerkat door/window stickers are issued to Watch Co-ordinators for distribution to each member when a new watch is set up. Several Co-ordinators have reported that very few of their members have opted to display the stickers in their front window/door. The stickers (along with HNW lamp-post signs) are meant to act as a deterrent to would-be burglars on the basis that occupants have taken all reasonable security precautions and it is not worthwhile trying to gain entry to their premises. Please don't waste this valuable resource.

OWL (Online Watch Link) has recently been introduced Borough-wide. **OWL** will allow you to be quickly alerted to crimes in your immediate area. Messages can be sent to residents by both the Police and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. **It is a huge leap forwards in enabling the Police and the public to work together in closer partnership.**

We invite you to sign up to **OWL** today at the following address:

www.owl.co.uk



Simply enter your postcode, fill out your details on the screen and submit. As soon as HNW receives your request we will put your details onto **OWL** and you will receive an email with your login and password, within a few days.

OWL is a **secure** system which is **free** to use and **your details will never be used or sold on for marketing purposes.** OWL is the **only** secure communications system in the UK that is Police approved under the "Secured by Design" scheme.

You won't need to log in to **OWL** to see alerts – **they will come straight to your email or mobile phone inbox** – the system is very simple to use.

OWL was launched in June 2018 and there are now over 8,000 Hillingdon residents signed up to receive email alerts directly from the Police and NHW. Are you one of them? If not, we recommend that you sign up today!

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

	May	June	July
Barnhill	6	4	9
Botwell	6	10	9
Brunel	5	3	5
Cavendish	9	3	2
Charville	4	0	5
E'cote & ERuis	6	6	6
Harefield	5	6	2
Heathrow	3	12	5
Hillingdon East	2	2	2
Ickenham	7	3	1
Manor	2	3	2
Northwood	4	6	1
Northwood Hills	4	5	5
Pinkwell	7	8	10
South Ruislip	5	0	4
Townfield	4	5	11
Uxbridge North	5	8	0
Uxbridge South	6	6	12
West Drayton	7	5	10
West Ruislip	12	5	1
Yeading	4	5	6
Yiewsley	2	4	7
TOTALS	115	109	115

It may only be early September but already the **darker nights** are fast approaching and with them comes the increased risk of residential burglary. Again, we remind you of measures you can take to reduce the chances of your property being targeted:

- Make your home look occupied when you are out by leaving lights on, preferably in rooms you use, not just in the hall.
- Use timer switches to operate your lights automatically.
- Install external lights both at the front and rear of your property, making sure they are positioned high enough not to be damaged by criminals.
- Securely close and lock all external doors and windows before leaving the house, remembering to remove keys from locks.
- Leave a radio playing on a talk station when you go out, preferably on a timer switch.
- Install an intruder alarm and CCTV – see website for details of CCTV offer to watch members. A video-enabled doorbell is also a very good deterrent, for example RING (other makes available).
- Consider using gravel on driveways and paths – burglars hate noise!
- Ensure that side and back gates are locked and secure. Repair broken fences and secure any easy route to the back of your property. Prickly bushes against garden fences are an added deterrent to intruders.
- Avoid high trees/shrubs to the front of your property –these can shield a burglar from view as attempts to gain entry your home are made.
- Don't forget to securely lock **garages** and **garden sheds**.
- When at home **never** leave accessible windows open **unless you are in the room and fully awake**. If you are in the front rooms of your house, always ensure that the back is securely locked and likewise if you are in the back, make sure that the front doors/windows are secure.

Fake texts and e-mails continue unabated. Here is a selection:

- **Argos texts offering refunds** – “Your Argos credit card has a refund of £270.00 from an overpayment. Verify your details”.
- **Amazon fake e-mails** - “This e-mail confirms your purchase of the following plan – Prime Gold Membership.”
- **British Gas refund e-mails** - “Get your refund – log into your account.” The links provided in these e-mails lead to genuine-looking British Gas phishing websites that are designed to steal the usernames and passwords for British Gas accounts.
- **Fake LinkedIn e-mails** – “You appeared in 6 searches this week. You were found by people from these companies. See all searches.” The e-mails claim that your LinkedIn profile has appeared in multiple searches and provide links you can click on to get more details. These links lead to malicious websites designed to steal your personal and financial details.

The advice is to **always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected e-mail or text.** Contact Action Fraud if you have become a victim – ‘phone number at top of page 1.

The Autumn celebrations – Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali, all take place before our next newsletter is published. For guidance on keeping safe at these times, please look at our website.

Welcome to members of the new watch at Dawson Close (Botwell). Do look at our website for additional crime prevention information and details of offers exclusive to watch members.

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