



**Hillingdon  
Neighbourhood  
Watch**

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Ruislip Police Station: 020 82461825

**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](http://www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk)

**A message from HNW's Chairman:**

Firstly, I should like to extend a warm welcome to our newly arrived Link Officer, Sergeant James Last who has replaced Sergeant Samantha Quinn, the latter having moved to an appointment away from the Borough.

I should also like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my Neighbourhood Watch colleagues to say a huge thank you, and express our gratitude to Brian Walters who has stood down from our Steering Group. Brian has made an immense contribution in helping the residents of Hillingdon during his several years working with us. The good news is that Brian is staying in touch and has agreed to provide advice so we will not lose his skills and expertise.

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch is however growing with a need for more volunteers to support our cause. We need people who can be OWL advocates, especially in the south of the Borough, and of course we always need residents to come forward to be Street Co-ordinators - we have about 500 so far. This is an important role as the co-ordinator is the link with Neighbourhood Watch and with their neighbours. We know there is a host of talent out there and we would like people to get in touch if they can offer help and support in some way. To get in touch please drop me a line to [all@hillingdonnhw.co.uk](mailto:all@hillingdonnhw.co.uk) with the area that interests you.

**Roy Parsons, Chair, Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch**

To contact your ward Local Neighbourhood Police Team, phone:

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Barnhill</b>           | 020 8721 2554 |
| <b>Botwell</b>            | 020 8721 2757 |
| <b>Brunel</b>             | 020 8721 2551 |
| <b>Cavendish</b>          | 020 8721 2550 |
| <b>Charville</b>          | 020 8721 2552 |
| <b>E'cote &amp; ERuis</b> | 020 8721 2548 |
| <b>Harefield</b>          | 020 8721 2544 |
| <b>Heathrow Villages</b>  | 020 8721 2557 |
| <b>Hillingdon E</b>       | 020 7161 8171 |
| <b>Ickenham</b>           | 020 8721 2543 |
| <b>Manor</b>              | 020 8721 2549 |
| <b>Northwood</b>          | 020 8721 2545 |
| <b>Northwood Hills</b>    | 020 8721 2546 |
| <b>Pinkwell</b>           | 020 8721 2556 |
| <b>South Ruislip</b>      | 020 8721 2011 |
| <b>Townfield</b>          | 07483 291091  |
| <b>Uxbridge North</b>     | 020 7161 8170 |
| <b>Uxbridge South</b>     | 07717 733782  |
| <b>West Drayton</b>       | 020 8721 2018 |
| <b>West Ruislip</b>       | 020 8721 2547 |
| <b>Yeading</b>            | 07766 991019  |
| <b>Yiewsley</b>           | 020 8721 2713 |



**Attention all CCTV and Video Doorbell owners:** The good news is that since May 2018 domestic properties with CCTV filming into a public area such as the road or pavement **do NOT have to register** with the Office of the Information Commissioner (ICO). However, there is a requirement to affix a yellow/black sign stating that CCTV is recording on the premises. These can be purchased from online shopping or auction sites for a small sum. They need not be large and you only need one sign to be visible as you walk onto the property.



**Lonely Hearts Romance Fraudster Alert:** Action Fraud has become aware of the techniques used by romance fraudsters against people using dating sites. Not only will they steal your heart but they will also steal your money and your Identification. They do this by using a fake profile to form a relationship with you by gaining your trust, asking for money or enough personal information to steal your identity.

**What you need to do to avoid becoming a victim:**

- Avoid sharing too many personal details when on online dating profiles. Revealing your full name, date of birth or full home address may lead to your identity being stolen.
- Never respond to any requests to send money, or have money transferred into your account by someone you don't know and trust. These types of requests should always raise a red flag. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it.
- Pick a reputable dating website or app. and use the built-in messaging service. Fraudsters want to quickly switch to social media or texting so there's no evidence of them asking you for money.

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

|                 | Nov 2018   | Dec 2018   | Jan 2019   |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Barnhill        | 6          | 17         | 9          |
| Botwell         | 5          | 9          | 10         |
| Brunel          | 11         | 7          | 5          |
| Cavendish       | 10         | 7          | 7          |
| Charville       | 5          | 4          | 11         |
| E'cote & ERuis  | 16         | 17         | 19         |
| Harefield       | 9          | 7          | 8          |
| Heathrow        | 6          | 9          | 10         |
| Hillingdon East | 7          | 5          | 9          |
| Ickenham        | 12         | 6          | 10         |
| Manor           | 8          | 11         | 12         |
| Northwood       | 14         | 7          | 8          |
| Northwood Hills | 14         | 8          | 11         |
| Pinkwell        | 7          | 8          | 11         |
| South Ruislip   | 7          | 3          | 16         |
| Townfield       | 9          | 7          | 6          |
| Uxbridge North  | 2          | 6          | 15         |
| Uxbridge South  | 6          | 4          | 11         |
| West Drayton    | 9          | 10         | 15         |
| West Ruislip    | 6          | 12         | 13         |
| Yeading         | 4          | 6          | 14         |
| Yiewsley        | 2          | 4          | 7          |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   | <b>175</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>236</b> |

### HM Revenue and Customs Alert

Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls, voicemails, text messages or emails to members of the public, purporting to be from HMRC. The fraudsters state that as a result of their non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings such as the re-possession of belongings in order to settle the balance. In order to avoid these actions, the fraudster asks for payment to be made immediately by bank transfer or iTunes gift card. If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, the fraudster makes threats such as immediate arrest, bailiffs or in cases where the victim appears to be of overseas origin, deportation. Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due, is distant enough to guarantee that the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money has been paid, the fraudsters sever all contact with the victim.

#### To avoid becoming a victim:

- Always question unsolicited requests for personal or financial information. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as name/contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or 'phone number.
- Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. No genuine organisation will ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using iTunes gift cards or any other type of voucher.
- Don't be rushed or pressurised into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.
- If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, report this as a phishing attempt to Action Fraud –phone number at top of previous page.

**Holiday advertisements** are hard to avoid at this time of year. If you are thinking of **booking a holiday**, you will probably be researching and booking online, so there are a few important points to remember. It is a widespread scam to set up **fake websites** and send emails for holidays or villas that do not exist. These websites require you to pay a deposit which you will never see again. You may also be invited to participate in a competition where you will have to pay a fee to secure your dream holiday. Again, there is no holiday and no sign of your deposit. You could also risk losing your money or your bank details (or both) when paying on an insecure website. Here are a few golden rules which will avoid some of the aforementioned pitfalls:

- Book your holiday only through a reputable company which is a member of a recognised travel authority.
- If renting a private villa or apartment, call the owner or agent to check its authenticity, obtain the full address and check it out on Google Maps.
- Pay only by credit card and on a web page which has the https:// prefix and padlock in the browser window.

Just a **reminder** on how to protect yourself from **ATM theft**:

- Be aware of anyone standing close by and always check for devices attached to the machine before you insert your card/enter your PIN. If you see something suspicious, steer clear and if possible go inside the bank where it will be safer. Always keep a regular check on your transactions.
- When using the ATM be extremely vigilant – cover your PIN and keep an eye on your card at all times. If someone taps you on the shoulder or tries to speak to you, just ignore them.

**OWL**, used by the Police and NHW to send out crime alerts and crime prevention advice directly to residents, now has over 11,000 members! It is the only secure communications system in the UK that is Police approved under the "Secured by Design" scheme. We invite **YOU** to sign up to OWL **today** at: [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)



**Welcome** to new watches in: Breakspear Road (W Ruislip), Ravenswood Park (Northwood Hills) and Whiteheath Avenue (W Ruislip).

**Please note that HNW's Office will be closed on Good Friday, 19 April 2019.**

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