



# HARINGEY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES

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## NEWSLETTER

### Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Haringey Borough Association of Neighbourhood Watches Newsletter.

First of all let me introduce myself, I am Stuart Clarke the new Neighbourhood Watch Link Manager based up at Muswell Hill Police Station.

Having looked at the previous editions of the newsletter and the mentions of my impending arrival I feel as if you should almost know me already!

The last issue mentioned that I had a months notice to work, in this edition I can tell you I have been in post a month and am settling in well.

During my first month I have been calling all of the coordinators who hadn't returned their

Watch Health Check Forms. If you haven't filled it in or spoken to me, please get in touch, its important that I have the information so that I know how many Newsletters, Tax discs Data link pots and Alarms we need!

I am sure that I will get to meet more of you in person soon, and look forward to doing so.

This will also be the last newsletter of 2003 so I hope you will all have a safe and happy festive period and a great start to the new year!

I hope this newsletter is of interest to you and if you can think of any other items to include or cover feel free to get in touch.

You can contact me on 02083452130 or 07745123137



alternatively you can email me on Stu-

art.Clarke@met.police.uk.

Regards,

### Twyford Watch Open Day

Charlotte and Terry Rushton and the Twyford Watch recently held a community event in the church hall of All Saints Church . Whilst the event concentrated on Crime Prevention, there was a real sense of bringing the community together. Items of property were property marked and security equipment such as personal alarms secur-i-disc and data link pots were distributed.

The Highlight of the day was a Crime prevention talk by Crime Prevention Officer Sean Sweeney who told members how to guard against becoming a victim of Crime. Police Community Support Officer Pauline Hearfield was also on hand to offer advice and information about the role of PCSO's

If you would like information about the funding for Neighbourhood Watch events call me on 0208 345 2130

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## Bogus Callers

In Haringey there has recently been an increase in distraction burglaries. A distraction burglary is where someone gains access to your home pretending to be someone else such as an official from the council or the gas company. Nearly all the victims of these crimes are elderly or vulnerable persons. Therefore we want everyone to be vigilant to prevent further distraction Burglaries.

When someone knocks at your door use some simple techniques to stay safe and sound.

Look through your spyhole and see who it is, If you don't know them or you don't expect them don't let them in. Keep your door closed, and ask who it is and what they want. If they do have an appointment check any identification that they show you, if they don't show you any ask them for some. Phone the company to see if its genuine.

If they are from the Gas, Electricity or Phone company ask them for your account number or password. They should know this if they are genuine. Keep a list of account numbers near your door to check what they say.

If in doubt don't let them in and dial 999 straight away.

Remember its your home and its your choice who can come in



## Haringey Police Commended

The Commissioner Sir John Stevens at a ceremony at new Scotland Yard presented Borough Commander Stephen Bloomfield with two framed commendations. These awards acknowledged the outstanding contribution made by all Haringey Staff in the last performance year.

The First Award was for achieving the best service wide performance for judicial disposal rate for total

notifiable offences in 2002/2003.

The second commendation was for achieving the best service wide performance in achieving all ten performance targets last year.

The Commissioner awarded four commendations for outstanding Borough Command Unit Performance and Haringey have been awarded two of them.

Borough Commander Stephen Bloomfield said "This is testimony to all the hard work, dedication and commitment that all staff on Haringey have shown over the last year. Working to reduce the fear of Crime, arrest offenders and bring justice to all, challenges to police officers and Police Staff to produce their best. This they clearly did last year"

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## Firework Safety

"Remember, Remember the 5th of November Gunpowder Treason and Plot". Its that time of year again when we wrap up warm bake a potato and watch fireworks! Unfortunately in the past 5 years over 350 pre-school children, some as young as one year old were treated in hospital for firework related injuries! The message this year is

"Fireworks are Explosives get wise or get hurt". Haringey Trading Standards will be visiting premises selling fireworks to make sure that they are stored safely and they all comply with BS 7114. They will also be carrying out test purchases with children making sure shops in the area aren't breaking the law and selling fireworks to under 18's.

Remember if someone asks you to buy fireworks for someone else just say no.

If you suspect a shop is selling fireworks to children call Trading Standards on 020 8489 5134

*And have a safe and fun fireworks night!*



## Parcel Scam

Haringey's Trading Standards Office have been in contact with me and have asked me to let you know about a disturbing new scam that has emerged all across London. They tell me that recently people have been going around leaving notes on peoples doors telling them that there is a parcel that is meant for them, however as they were out they need to contact a telephone number to arrange another delivery date for this package.

The householder unknowingly calls the company on a premium rate number which is charged at a higher rate than normal.

Similar scams have been operating in other areas sometimes calling the number ends up with someone trying to sell you something.

A Trading Standards spokesperson said " Calling that number can cost you dearly, a few moments call to a premium rate number can easily

cost in excess of £5"

The general advice in relation to this if you are not expecting a parcel be very careful before calling.

And always remember if something sounds too good to be true is probably is!



*Are you expecting a parcel?*

*If not calling the number in this scam could cost you dear!*

## St Ann's Road Police Station Open Day

Sunday 19th October was St Ann's Road Police Station's Open day and a steady stream of people made their way to the station for a fun packed day. Visitors were greeted by many of the Metropolitan Police's Specialist units, and partner organizations.

Inspector Eric Monk, Community Liaison officer who was the organizer of the event said "The day was a great success, It

gave local people a chance to see inside their local Police Station and meet their police; So often nowadays people only meet police in unpleasant circumstances, I hope today's event has shown that we are keen to be part of the local community."

During the day visitors were treated to a fly-past by the Metropolitan Police's Helicopter.

Many of the visitors to the event took the opportunity to take part in the competitions and many a young person was seen to leave with arms laden with free items.

The profile of Neighbourhood watch was also raised and many enquiries about setting up new watches were received.

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## Data Link Pots

You might not have already heard but the Neighbourhood Watch Office have got a quantity of Data Link pots which can be distributed to Elderly and Vulnerable people in Haringey.

A data link pot is a clever idea, which could be called your friend in the fridge, It is a small plastic container, inside the plastic container is a form, this

form allows you write down important medical details and information who you would like contacted.

This pot is then placed inside your fridge, in the event of there being an emergency in your home information is at hand and important decisions can be made, quickly and correctly.

One London Borough says at least 4 lives were saved by this in less than a year.

If you would like a **FREE** Data Link pot call me on 020 8345 2130



*This simple device can save lives!*

*Have you got yours?*

## Secur-i-Discs

Anyone who has paid attention to vehicle crime prevention advice from the Police will know that the watch word is keep your valuables out of sight, this message is drummed into people regularly. However there is one valuable that if you kept it out of sight you would be prosecuted, that's right the Tax Disc. Unfortunately there is a trade in stolen Tax Discs, some can fetch in excess of £300, and people using stolen discs don't need to prove insurance, Mot and

they probably won't have registered the vehicle!

So how can you play your part to reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of Vehicle Crime? Wouldn't it be ideal if there was a way that you could keep your tax disc safe from the alterations a thief would have to make to sell on a tax disc.

Well there's good news not only is their such a thing but even better you can get one free of charge! Haringey Associa-

tion of Neighbourhood Watch have a quantity of Tax disc holders which are tamper evident, these combined with keeping valuables out of sight could help prevent you being a victim of car crime!

If you would like a secure disc call 020 8345 2130



*Using a secure disc can help prevent you being a victim of crime*

*Why haven't you got one?*

## Know your Home Beat Officer ?

Every ward in Haringey has a Permanent Beat Officer, its their job to get to know the problems of each area and find innovative ways to deal with those problems! Do you know your home beat? You may have seen them around and not recognized them! Here's a list of which officer covers which area.

Ward	Officer	Contact Number 'In an emergency dial 999'
Highgate	PC 305 YR Rogerson	0208 345 2122/3
Fortis Green	PC 236 YR Pullen	0208 345 2122/3
Alexandra	PC 190 YR Hyatt	0208 345 2122/3
Muswell Hill	PC 542 YR Stevenson	0208 345 2122/3
Hornsey	PC 164 YR Greaves	0208 345 2122/3
Crouch End	PC 465 YR Elikwu	0208 345 2122/3
Stroud Green	PC 252 YR Porter	0208 345 2122/3
Woodside	PC 187 YR Smith	0208 345 2093
Bounds Green	PC 539 YR Rippington	0208 345 2093
Noel Park	PC 369 YR Lancaster	0208 345 2093
Supervisor	PS 22 YR Saunders	0208 345 2122/3
White Hart Lane	Vacant	0208 345 0985/0956
West Green	PC 675 YR Doncaster	0208 345 0985/0956
Bruce Grove	PC 628 YR O'Donnell	0208 345 0985/0956
Northumberland Park	PC 282 YR Micallef	0208 345 0985/0956
Haringey	PC 617 YR Kelly	0208 345 0985/0956
St Ann's	PC 392 YR Lambert	0208 345 0985/0956
Tottenham Hale	Vacant	0208 345 0985/0956
Tottenham Green	PC 806 YR Cook	0208 345 0985/0956
Seven Sisters	PC 519 YR Fealy	0208 345 0985/0956
Broad Water Farm	PC 470 YR Patel      PC 785 YR Gammon	0208 345 0985/0956
Supervisor	PS 24 YR Lang	0208 345 0952

## Police Community Support Officers

Many people have said they are a little confused about the difference between PCSO's and Police Constables.

Police Community Support officers are members of Metropolitan Police civil staff and patrol in uniform under the control and direction of the Police. Their main function is to support Police and provide a visible uniformed presence. This patrolling will release police officers to concentrate on matters where their greater skills and

training will have maximum impact.

The principles of PCSO's patrol will be "presence, prevent and protect." Their presence is intended to reassure the public; they will prevent crime and disorder, if necessary calling police officers.

In contact with police officers, they will be able to call on them when appropriate. They will address many of the

tasks that do not require police powers but never the less abstract police officers from more appropriate duties.

PCSO's do not have full Police powers but may use limited powers to deal with Anti social behaviour.

If you would like to know more about Police Community Support officers call 020-7484 5003



## Crime Update

<i>Burglary</i>	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Total Offences 03-04	299	321	352	358	359	385	2074
Total Offences 02-03	382	356	304	353	372	345	2112

<i>Street Crime</i>	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Total Offences 03-04	268	244	200	252	214	222	1400
Total Offences 02-03	244	259	252	250	231	239	1475

<i>Vehicle Crime</i>	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Total Offences 03-04	702	687	705	686	652	724	4156
Total Offences 02-03	750	754	657	742	800	693	4396

### Borough Crime Trends

Burglary  
 Figures down by 1.8%  
 Street Crime  
 Down by 5.1 %  
 Vehicle Crime  
 down by 5.5%

## Can You Help ?

I have been contacted by Enfield And Haringey Witness Services who are setting up in the Enfield and Haringey Courts, all of which are based in Haringey. They are looking for people who are able to give some time to support people who are going to court to give evidence. The witness service will provide training on the court system and how to

help witnesses. The role doesn't involve knowing about the cases, in fact you are not allowed to discuss them, its main purpose is to make the experience of giving evidence less stressful and to assist the court system run more efficiently.

Although the post is a voluntary one out of pocket expenses are reimbursed so that no one is

out of pocket for helping.

If you feel you can help Margaret McAlister at Enfield and Haringey Witness Services at Highgate court on 020-8347-9405 would love to hear from you.



*Giving evidence can be stressful could you help make it easier?*

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Metropolitan Police  
Muswell Hill Police Station  
115 Fortis Green  
London  
Phone: 0208 345 2130  
Fax:0208 345 2163  
Email:stuart.clarke@met.police.uk

If you have information  
about any crime, phone



- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward

Diary Dates

**November 2003**

**8th** Neighbourhood Watch Event St John Vianney Hall  
West Green Road. 11-3 All coordinators will be invited.

**25th** Haringey and Hornsey Watch Coordinators Meeting,  
Haringey Civic Centre 7.30

**January 2004**

**31st** Community Confidence Action Group Wood Green  
Shopping Centre More details next Issue

**March 2004**

**6th** Association Conference and AGM TUC Centre Crouch  
End

Useful Contacts

**Haringey Police**

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Non Emergency</b>	<b>020 8808 1212</b>
Neighbourhood Watch	020 8345 2130
Beat Managers Tottenham	020 8345 0956
Beat Managers Wood Green	020 8345 2093
Beat Managers Hornsey & Muswell Hill	020 8345 2122
Police Community Support Officers	020 8345 2172
CrimeStoppers	0800 555 111

**Haringey Council**

<b>General Enquiries</b>	<b>020 8489 0000</b>
<b>Out of Hours</b>	<b>020 8348 3148</b>
<i>*All council services can be contacted through the above number</i>	
Abandoned Vehicles	020 8489 2182
Waste and Rubbish Services	020 8885 7700
Pavement Obstructions	020 8489 6904
Pest Control	020 8489 5551
Light Line (Broken Lighting)	0500 236 458
Trading Standards	020 8489 5134
Citizens Advice Bureaux	020 8374 1300



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