

HARINGEY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES

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NEWSLETTER

Winter has arrived !

Well, 2005 has been very busy for Neighbourhood Watch !

I'm hoping that most of you have seen our advertising campaign. We are promoting Neighbourhood Watch around the borough. As the eyes and ear of the community, your communication is essential to keep a safer and more attractive neighbourhood.

We also need to nurture the watches that we already have. If you need to re-kindle your watch, why not call me and I can arrange that your Safer Neighbourhood team/beat officer attend a meeting.

Since the beginning of 2005, we have received new enquiries to join Neighbourhood watch.

Some of these enquiries have enabled neighbours to become part of an existing watch and

others have seen new watches grow. Thank you to you all for your enthusiasm and commitment.

The success has also been thanks to the great support that we have received from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Permanent Beat Managers.

This is really positive feedback and I hope that we can continue to deliver requests made by yourselves. We value your comments.

I really enjoyed the AGM/General meeting and I think that the watch coordinators who also attended it, did too?

I learnt a lot from being there and hopefully some of the information presented was of some help to you.

Kate Snelling

Neighbourhood Watch office

Haringey Borough Committee Members elected at AGM, 19th March 2005:

Ralph Crisp : Chair

Ludy Brown-Nash : Member

Kathleen Garret: Member

John Goodby : Member

Lauritz Hansen-Bay : Member

Harold Jimmick : Member

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Terry Rushton : Member

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From Ralph Crisp.

Chair, Haringey Borough Association of Neighbourhood Watches.

Unfortunately there has been a long gap since our last newsletter, so I intend to use this space to update you about things not mentioned elsewhere.

Changes.

This time last year we heard with some concern that Stuart Clarke, our NW Link Manager, was leaving. Fortunately our worries were short-lived. Kate Snelling, who stepped in on a temporary basis, proved to be an excellent replacement and is now our new permanent Link Manager - for as long as we can maintain the funding!

Also over the last year we have been extremely well aided and supported by our Partnership Projects Inspector, John Forde. Sadly he is moving on and we wish him well in his next appointment. However, his role is being taken over by Inspector Glen Tillney. Having met with him, I know that he is equally committed to Neighbourhood Watch and that he will be every bit as effective and supportive.

New Watches

I am very pleased that so far this year we have helped 10 new watches come into existence, bringing the total number of active Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the borough to 118 watches, covering 262 streets. On top of this we still have a substantial number of current enquiries that we hope will result in further Watches being established.

With a membership of 8000 we are the largest voluntary organisation in Haringey!

This level of support greatly encourages us in promoting our key objectives :

good citizenship

community safety

public participation in the prevention & solution of crime

Website

We have set up our own Haringey Neighbourhood Watch website. This is currently being tested and will be publicised when it goes live, early in the New Year. We will welcome any ideas from you that would be useful to neighbourhood watch members elsewhere in the borough. Also we would like to create links to other N.W. websites within the borough, so please do contact Kate Snelling with details.

Some successes

- One of our current objectives is ensuring that it becomes easier for you to obtain statistics and be better informed about crime in your area. To this end we have initiated ward meetings for Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators in Highgate. These have been very successful and we hope that with your help they can be replicated in other wards throughout Haringey.
- For many years the Hornsey & Wood Green Association of Neighbourhood Watches has held meetings for coordinators in the west of the borough. We are committed to providing a similar forum for coordinators in the east. By the time you read this, we will have just held our first "Question Time" session at the Civic Centre. (8th December. More news later.)

- This report would be incomplete without mentioning Chesnuts Neighbourhood Watch (Tottenham) for its successful application for funding for a Drugs Awareness Day next February. This is a first for Neighbourhood Watch in Haringey and was achieved with the backing of the Borough Association and support from Di Janus, our outreach worker. Di is instrumental in taking on new enquiries and assisting residents in starting up new Watches.

At last! You should be seeing our new personalised Neighbourhood Watch signs, which have finally started to appear on the streets.

Please remember

We are still able to consider requests for funding if you are planning a crime prevention event for your watch. (Contact Kate Snelling.)

I'd like to remind you that we are here for you but we can only thrive with your support and feedback. We will welcome any contributions from you about your success stories, ideas or news for our next newsletter. Please contact Kate Snelling and also call her with all your day to day enquiries but if necessary, I can be contacted either through the Neighbourhood Watch Office or directly by e-mail (ralphcrisp@btinternet.com) and will be personally happy to take questions concerning Neighbourhood Watch.

Finally

It is the time of year when you get your new diaries. Please ensure that your first entry is our AGM, which will be taking place at the Civic Centre, Wood Green, on 11th March, 2006. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

In the meantime, please take the extra care necessary at this time of year to keep yourselves and your property safe and please remember to be mindful of vulnerable neighbours.

Season's greetings to you all.

Ralph Crisp



Inspector Glenn Tilney

Inspector Tilney will be taking over from Inspector John Forde, overseeing the Borough Neighbourhood Watch.

He has been an Inspector for 3 and a half years and has 23 and a half years of service, to the Metropolitan Police, behind him.

He will be taking over the role of Partnerships Project Inspector as well as continuing his current position as Council Liaison Officer for Haringey Council.



Di Janus

Di is the Outreach worker for the Haringey Borough Association of Neighbourhood Watches.

She works in the East of the Borough, helping new watches with the early stages of getting established.

Di also works along side the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Permanent Beat Managers. With her support, they have resulted in bringing together communities to start up new watches.

**IMMOBILISE
BICYCLE CRIME** 

**TO PROTECT IT
REGISTER IT**
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Register Your Bicycle

A new initiative to combat bicycle theft has been launched in partnership with Transport for London and City of London Police.

Following the success of combating mobile phone crime, the Immobilise Register will now include the registration of bicycles.

To use the Immobilise database, simply:

Register: You need to register your bicycle model, make and frame number at <http://www.immobilise.com/>

Report: If your bike is lost or stolen to the police and the Register

Reunite: Once police have found the bicycle, officers will use the information from the database to return the stolen bike.

More than 80,000 bicycles were stolen in London last year, but only five per cent of those bikes made it back to their owners. It is hoped this new initiative will improve these figures.

To help take the risk out of buying second hand bicycles, cyclists and traders will be able to check if the bike the is stolen at <http://www.recipero.com/recipero/products/checkmend/>

Prevent Your Bicycle Being Stolen

How to Lock Your Bike

Always lock the frame and both wheels to an immovable object. The same applies if you leave your bike in a communal hallway. Don't allow an opportunist to ride off with it.

Be aware that quick release levers can make seats and wheels very easy to remove. You may need to take these with you or lock them with the bike.

What to Lock Your Bike With

DAC Brian Paddick Shows Support for Haringey Neighbourhood Watch

In March 2005, Deputy Assistant Commissioner (DAC) Brian Paddick was the special guest at the Haringey Neighbourhood Watch seminar. This annual event was held at the Haringey Civic Centre.

The DAC addressed a large gathering of members and coordinators from across Haringey. He outlined the government's five key priorities for police in the capital.

DAC Paddick said, "Neighbourhood Watch has a vital role to play in helping police to meet their targets. We need to be citizen focused and encourage local people to be the eyes and ears of the police service"

He explained how active watch members can help cut burglary, vehicle crime and drug misuse in their local communities. Even in the most serious crimes-- the killing of large numbers of people through terrorist activity -- can and has been prevented by a vigilant and active Neighbourhood watch scheme, well connected and working closely with its local police.

"I am here today to show my commitment and support to the vital work that Neighbourhood Watch is doing in Haringey"

Neighbourhood watch in Haringey has over 8000 members covering 262 streets. It is supported by a full time manager and an outreach worker whose aim is to increase that number and have a network of watches right across the borough.

Any resident interested in starting a Neighbourhood watch should contact Kate Snelling at Muswell Hill Police Station. Telephone 0208 345 2130 or e-mail kate.snelling@met.police.uk

Notes

5 Key Priorities

1. Reduce overall crime (including violent and drug related crime)
2. Provide a citizen focused police service
3. Take action with partners to increase 'sanctioned detection rates' and target prolific and other priority offenders
4. Reduce people's concern about crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder
5. Combat serious and organised crime



"I am here today to show my commitment and support to the vital work that Neighbourhood Watch is doing in Haringey"



Your call is free • You do not have to give your name • You may receive a reward

A SESSION IN THE LIFE OF A FRONT COUNTER VOLUNTEER AT MUSWELL HILL POLICE STATION - BY CHARLOTTE & TERRY RUSHTON

When we heard that Muswell Hill Police Station was hoping to re-open the Front Counter, we were very pleased as we felt that it would be a good asset for the community.

When the request for Volunteers went out we decided to 'give it a go'. This entailed an interview, then training over a period of weeks and clearance from Scotland Yard that we did not hold criminal records.

Finally the day arrived when we were 'on duty'. We decided to do a 'husband and wife duo'. So off we went to the Station. Luckily the first day was not too busy as people were just becoming aware that the Front Counter was open again. The Front Counter is behind a glass screen and double doors which are opened by the Volunteers and only one person is admitted at a time.

The sessions are three hours with the actual Counter open for two and a half. When you arrive you have to see what property has been bought in on the previous shift, how much cash has been taken for the Data Protection Forms etc., listen to messages on the ansaphone. Half an hour is allocated to do this and then doors open, or if you are following a shift the Volunteers explain what has happened and officially hand over to you.

Over the months we have learnt many things and put our training to good use. Some days very little happens, other days you are rushed off your feet and don't even have time for a cuppa. The sort of items you are dealing with range from, Property found in the Street, Property lost in the street, Data Protection Act Forms, the production of Driving Licenses, Insurance Certificates etc, for motoring offences, Vehicle accidents, Frauds and Crimes against members of the Public. If it is crime we liaise with Hornsey Police Station and a Crime Number is generated and followed up by a Police Constable. We are always on a learning curve and we now do individual sessions with other Volunteers and the 'new volunteers' to get them on their feet.

The PCSO's are all very friendly and are always very helpful when we come across situations that require more in-depth Police knowledge.

We have found over the months that it is interesting and useful to be a Volunteer and we hope that as more people realise the Station is open that it will be used more and more. We have met lots of interesting people and learnt a lot about how the 'Police tick'. It is very satisfying when a problem is solved or a piece of property is returned to its rightful owner.

It is comforting to know that there are 'good' people still around, for instance a wallet being handed in complete with cash, credit cards and all its contents and tracing the owner. Door keys being returned to their owners. We cannot give too much detail but it's great to see that the 'Community Spirit' is alive and well.

It is also very frustrating not knowing how some of the situations are sorted, but at least we have 'put the wheels in motion'



Your First Line of Defence

The garden should be seen as the first line of defence in relation to home security - the most vulnerable part of the house is at the rear to which access can be provided by way of an insecure rear garden.

Fencing in your back garden

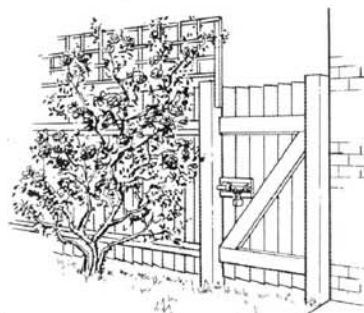
The fence should be of a minimum height of 1.8m/6ft including a trellis (if the height of the fence including trellis is taller than 2m/6ft 7ins you might need to get planning permission). The trellis should be securely fixed with screws on the garden side of the fence and it should be strong enough to support a climbing plant but not a climbing intruder.

Fencing in your front garden

Putting a fence or wall at the front of your home will also help to deter unwelcome visitors. Your front wall or fence shouldn't be any higher than 1m/3ft unless you put up, say, a railing fence that is easy to see through. Burglars will think twice about breaking into your home if they are going to be in full view of your neighbours.

Garden gates

Your gate should be the same height and as strong as your fence or wall. The hinges should be securely screwed to the gate posts on the garden side and you should fit a padbolt and padlock or press bolt on the inside of the gate so that you can get in and out easily but it is still secure.



Hedges

A thick, impenetrable hedge around your garden is as good as a fence for keeping out intruders. Keep the back garden hedge at least 1.8m/6ft high. If you grow a hedge at the front of your home, keep it low. Just like a fence, if the hedge is too high it will hide your front door and windows and provide good cover for burglars. Also, trim back low-hanging trees that may give cover for an intruder.

Plants to make your fences more secure

You can make your fences more effective by planting something prickly and thorny next to them.

Garden sheds

Garden sheds are often easy targets. Make sure that the shed door, door frame and walls are solid. Fit two closed shackle padlocks on strong padlock hasps, one a third of the way up from the bottom of the door and one a third of the way down from the top of the door.



If you never open the windows, you could screw them permanently shut from the inside. Replace any broken panes with laminated glass. Fit wire mesh or bars on the inside of the window frames.

Wrap a strong chain around and through the handles of the garden tools and equipment you store in your shed and secure the chain to the wall using a padlock. Consider storing valuable tools and chemicals in a strong lockable box or cage.

Garden Lighting

Lighting up your garden at night can be a very successful crime prevention measure. You can fit automatically activated outside lights at the front and back of your house. It is a good idea to consult a qualified electrician for advice on lighting and installation.

A light activated by a photo-electric cell will come on automatically when darkness falls and switch off when it gets light. This acts as a good anti-burglar device because it gives light all night.



Garden Tools

Don't leave your tools in the garden where a burglar can get hold of them. They could be used to break into your home or your neighbours' homes. Always lock them up in your shed or garage or keep them indoors. Ladders, too, should be locked away or securely chained and padlocked to a strong post or wall.



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Unlicensed cabs and rogue drivers may compromise your safety.



Useful Information

Safer sixties

Haringey Safer Communities have launched the Safer Sixties campaign which is designed to cut accidental fires, burglary and doorstep crime. It also offers help accessing council services.

The following services are available:

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| The Fire Brigade offer to fit smoke alarms and carry out safety checks. | 0800 284 484 |
| The Safer Communities partnership issue personal safety alarms. | 020 8489 6900 |
| The Pensions service have helped people access benefits. | |
| The environmental service refer applicants for grants. | |
| Housing Help schemes advise to improve safety and security. | |
| Met Care and Repair advise on home security, doorstep strategies and make homes secure | |
| If you are over 60 or vulnerable, then why not call the Safer Communities Team | |

Taking a stand awards

This awards scheme, run by the Home office, aims to recognize the positive contribution communities are making to reduce anti-social behaviour.

You can nominate an individual or group, who you feel have made a real difference to the community. The winners will receive £1000 to spend on improvements in their area.

More details can be found at www.takingastand.org or by telephoning 0800 085 2980. The deadline for nominations is the **13th January 2006**.

This is a great opportunity to thank and ensure individuals/communities get recognized for their hard work and commitment to improving Haringey.

Useful Numbers

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| Age Concern Information Line : | 0800 00 99 66 |
| Met Care and Repair : | 020 8829 8310 |
| British Transport Police: | 0800 40 50 40 |

Council Numbers

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| Pest Control | 020 8489 5551 |
| Information about rubbish/recycling | 020 885 7700 |
| Abandoned vehicles | 0845 073 6904 |
| Noise nuisance | 020 8348 3148 |
| Graffiti and flyposting | 0845 073 1979 |
| Council housing repairs | 0800 195 3404 |
| Emergency switchboard number | 020 8348 3148 |

Safer Neighbourhoods for Haringey

How does Safer Neighbourhoods benefit Haringey?

Dedicated teams of police officers and Police community Support Officers based on each ward in Haringey will provide additional policing resources to the Borough of Haringey. They are not abstracted for other duties and their remit is to provide a familiar, visible and accessible community policing style, therefore providing additional reassurance to those who live, or work in Haringey.

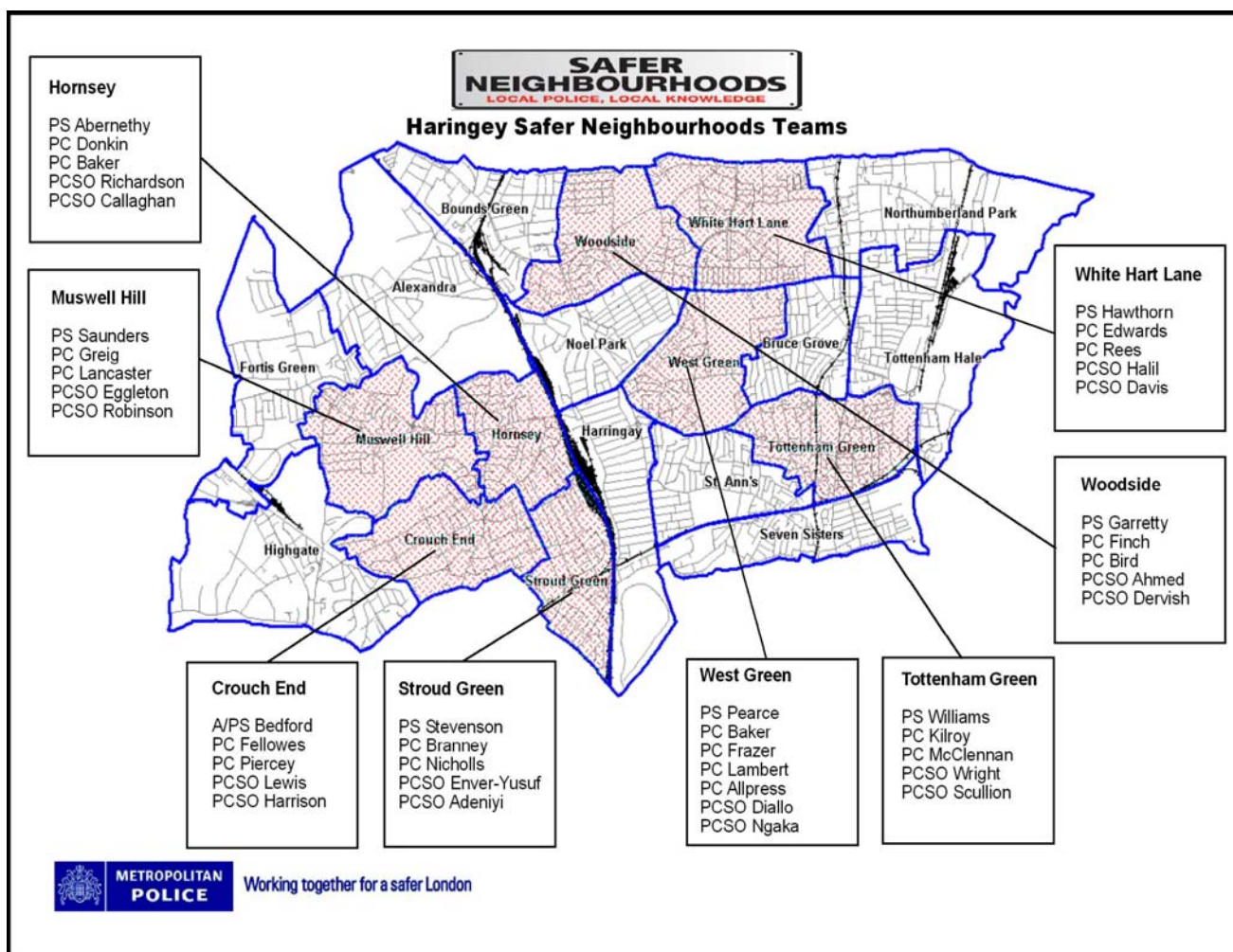
Safer neighbourhood teams will each consist of a minimum of six uniformed Police staff, one Police Sergeant, two police constables and three Police community support officers.

When will all the wards in Haringey have a Safer Neighbourhood team?

The current three wards will be increased to eight by July 2005. Within four years it is hoped that all the wards across the Borough will have a dedicated Safer Neighbourhood Team. The Met Police is committed to delivering this programme to every neighbourhood in London; however, this will require funding over several years and at this stage exact details are not known on how long this will take.

Why are Safer Neighbourhood teams being introduced?

Public surveys still show us that the public still do not feel safer despite substantial crime reduction in Haringey in recent years. There is a need to tackle and reduce the fear of crime and provide greater reassurance. The introduction of Safer Neighbourhood teams will play a significant part. The extra officers that Safer neighbourhoods provides will give us the capability to tackle the crimes and issues that people who work and live in Haringey tell us make them feel unsafe.



Securing Your Plasma Screen or Laptop

There has been an increase in burglaries resulting in the theft of plasma screens and laptops. The offender sees the plasma screen or computer equipment from outside the home and smashes the window in order to grab it. Protect your high value equipment by keeping it out of sight.

Locking security brackets and mounts are available for plasma screen televisions. Security cables, clamps and night-safes are available for laptops. Research the internet and ask specialist electrical stores for details.

Consider having laminated glass installed in your windows, or plastic laminating film (like sticky back plastic for windows). The extra weight of the laminated glass means that your windows (especially sash weights) may require adjustment. Always consult a professional for advice.

Property Marking

Property marking methods include UV, etching, microdot and DNA identification. They vary in price and effectiveness. Keep an asset register of your equipment including any serial numbers. This may help police to convict a criminal and to return your belongings to you. It will also assist with any insur-

BROWSING ONLINE

IT PROPERTY REGISTER
www.menduk.org

MOBILE PHONE REGISTER
www.imobilise.com

BICYCLE REGISTER
www.bikeregister.com

CAR SECURITY
www.secureyourmotor.gov.uk

CRIME REDUCTION
www.crimereduction.gov.uk

STUDENT SECURITY
www.good2bsecure.gov.uk/

CRIME PREVENTION
www.bbc.co.uk/crime/prevention/

PERSONAL SAFETY
www.suzylampugh.org

SECURITY STANDARDS
www.securedbydesign.com

MASTER LOCKSMITHS ASSOCIATION
www.locksmiths.co.uk



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GET SWITCHED ON**

Burglars prefer empty houses
Make it look like someone's in

Use timers to turn table lamps
and a radio on and off



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For further advice contact the Haringey Crime Prevention Office on 020 8345 2164

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Dates for your diary:

Question Time Meeting– Civic Centre 8th Dec 2005

AGM planning begins– any ideas welcome by 31st Jan 2006

Hornsey and Wood Green meeting, Elder Ave 21st Feb 2006

Haringey Borough Association of Neighbourhood Watches
AGM 11th Mar 2006

Hornsey and Wood Green meeting, Elder Ave 20th Jun 2006



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Contact details

Personal Visit to:

Tottenham Police Station, 398 High Road, Tottenham, N17 9JA - *open 24 hours a day*

Wood Green Police Station, High Road, Wood Green, N22 - *open 24 hours a day*

Hornsey Police Station, 98 Tottenham Lane, Hornsey, N8 7EJ - *open 24 hours a day*

St Anns, *Monday - Friday 1200 - 2000*

Muswell Hill Station Office - Monday 14:30 - 19:30 - Tuesday 09:30 - 14:30 - Wednesday 14:30 - 19:30 - Friday 09:30 - 14:30.

By letter:

Addressed to Chief Superintendent's Office, Tottenham Police Station, 398 High Road, London, N17 9JA

By Telephone:

020 8808 1212 (switchboard), unless police are required urgently then, as always, call 999.

By Electronic mail

We do not currently accept e-mail

By Minicom

020 8345 0724