

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletins.

I have received several enquiries about the circulation of NHW bulletins.

Many of you will already know that Madeline the NHW administrator has moved on due to financial cut backs. As a result we have had to review how we communicate with you.

Crime statistics, including mapping are available on www.police.uk. This is a national web site. Police forces across the UK submit data to the web site which is searchable on post code allowing you to view the different crime types in your neighbourhood on an interactive map.

We have a staff briefing on a daily basis. Incidents and crimes are discussed and those of note will be circulated to you via the ACS system. Unless it is something unusual we would not normally circulate crimes to all watches or crimes that are some distance from an established watch. The exception will be incidents and crimes of interest or emerging trends that you need to be aware of. We believe that this will be more useful to you meaning that you will get information the day after the event rather than waiting for a week. I will send you out a bulletin approximately every two weeks. This will include crime reduction advice and news from the policing team. It is also important to understand that due to the low crime rates in the borough there will be periods of time when there are no incidents to report; this means that you will only receive the bulletin from me.

Rhona has now started with us for 4 hours per week; she is a volunteer and will help with the administration of the watch data on the Active Citizen System and other tasks around Neighbourhood Watch. There is also the possibility of a second volunteer in the near future.

Saddle Marking.

Theft of horse tack is still a problem within the borough, particularly in the villages. Typically the thefts are from outbuildings at livery yards. We have invested in a machine that marks the leather with a unique serial number and the Surrey Police 0845 number. Saddle and owner details are entered onto our property system which is searchable 24 hrs a day. We offer the service free of charge and can supply a sign similar to the NHW / Country Watch sign to display at the premises. If the saddle is sold owner details can be changed on our system.

If you are interested contact PC Anna Whiteside or PCSO Osgood on surreyheath@surrey.police.uk

This service is not suitable for synthetic saddles.

Burglary

During this fortnight there has been one car key offence. This offence occurred in Frimley. The offence occurred on the night of the 25/02/11 between 2300 hours and 0440 hours on the 26/02/11. A bent metal pole was used to gain entry through the letter box. The offender managed to open the front door and took car keys from the bottom step of stairs.

As before please consider where you leave keys. Out of habit most people put them down close to the front door, thieves know this. In this case and in similar cases across the borough they took advantage of this. If possible keep your keys out of sight and take them with you at night. Whatever you do don't leave them close to the front door.

Theft from charity collection points

You may have been aware of the recent publicity on national television and in the news papers concerning the theft of clothing from charity drop bins. We have had a number of these offences locally. On the 12.2.11 Neighbourhood Officer PC Brant caught three males stealing from the British Heart Foundation bins in Prior Road in Camberley. Although these are charity bins the property stolen by the three males was valued in excess of £1000, money that should go to the charity. All three were arrested and are in the process of being prosecuted.

Catalytic converter theft

Thefts are still occurring across the borough. The cats contain a variety of precious metals and have a high scrap value. Vehicles at risk are generally ones with a high ground clearance such as vans and 4 x4's. Thieves crawl under the vehicle and cut off the cat that is part of the exhaust system. Cats are fitted to both petrol and diesel engine cars.

Those of you with 4x4's, vans, motor homes and horseboxes stored in secluded areas might like to consider fitting an after market device to reduce the likely hood of theft, available here:

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