



BROMLEY HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2005 EDITION

Your Contact Person is.....At Number.....

Welcome to our Autumn Edition IN THIS ISSUE.....

- Sponsorship and local business ads brings colour to our communications!
- Doorstep con and distraction burglars try their luck in Bromley Heath
- It's our Birthday soon!
- Discussion evening feedback
- And more

A COLOURFULL FUTURE ?

Due to the generosity of our sponsors and the willingness of local businesses to make use of our quarterly publication to advertise, for a reasonable fee, we have been able to make this 'Step Change' in presenting local community safety and crime prevention advice and information to you.

We hope you like it – let us know what you think by having a chat with your contact point, (details above) or by email to BHNWatch@aol.com?

By the way, we have also gone global! If you have access to the web, take a look at: <http://www.ukvillages.co.uk/ukvillages.nsf/villages/Downend-Bristol%20City?open&body=villagebody&root=villagebody>

MS-2 Stores (formerly Shakti)

As you read in our last Newsletter, it is a pleasure to welcome Raj & Kam to our community. They have put a lot of effort and investment into refurbishing the shop on Quakers Road and making it a very welcoming and pleasurable place to call in to pick up those essentials and the not so essential!

As you may have seen at their Grand Opening and in their publicity, they are **open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 8pm on Saturday and Sundays.** Look out for their **special offers which will change every 4 weeks.** **AND** look out for their forthcoming Christmas offers!

And not only are they running the shop, but also helping out good causes! At their opening, through raffle ticket sales and wine tasting they raised over £100 towards the Bristol Children's Hospital that Co-ordinator Liz is supporting with a sponsored sky dive too!!



BHNW is very grateful to the local businesses that advertise in this newsletter and hope that you will support them, however, we cannot endorse or recommend their services.

BEWARE, THEY'VE TRIED OUT RESIDENTS IN OUR AREA TOO!

WHO HAS?

The distraction burglars and the deceptionists!

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Residents of Bromley Heath Neighbourhood Watch have been approached on their doorsteps with stories like: 'the car has broken down cars and can I use the 'phone as I have no money for a public 'phone!'



THE MESSAGE?

Yes, in quiet, safe, sleepy Bromley Heath, there are some out there looking for an opportunity to con YOU!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DOORSTEP CODE!

What has our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) been up to?

PCSO 9130 Justin Gay reports:

Since my tutorship period, which finished on the 05th May 2005, it has been a busy time launching myself into the Downend beat as a new face of the police force. I have been actively patrolling the streets and shopping centres and nuisance areas on this beat, doing my utmost to deter crime and anti-social behaviour and parking issues on this beat.

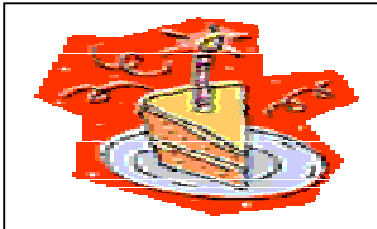
I have gained a great friendship with many shopkeepers and local residents and have received feedback from various residents on how much the area is improving as a whole and it is nice to see a community support officer patrolling on foot. It's reassurance.

My aim over the next coming months will be specifically targeting youths drinking alcohol that are underage and continue on youth group dispersal.

In the meantime should anyone have any issues that they wish to raise please contact me on 07795 503242 or email me at Justin.gay@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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BHNW is 20 years old in 2006!



So we are planning a special party to which you'll all be invited. Look out for more details in future editions!!

From the feedback at our discussion evening it looks as if the Appendix to our CHARTER dealing with 'Cut Off' times can be very simple: 'Remember we were all young once and 'one off' events should be tolerated, unless extreme, but repetition requires remedy. This should take the form of simple, non confrontational explanation of the issue, when most people will respond favourably. If not, recourse to the remedies would be appropriate.'

The biggest community problem solving issue was the impact of cars and traffic on our community's safety. Maybe this can be the theme for the next discussion evening – let us know or, if you disagree, what should it be on BHNWatch@aol.com or through your contact point?

Useful Numbers

**Police Main Switchboard:
0845 456 7000**

**In Emergencies Only:
999**

**Street Care:
01454 868 000**

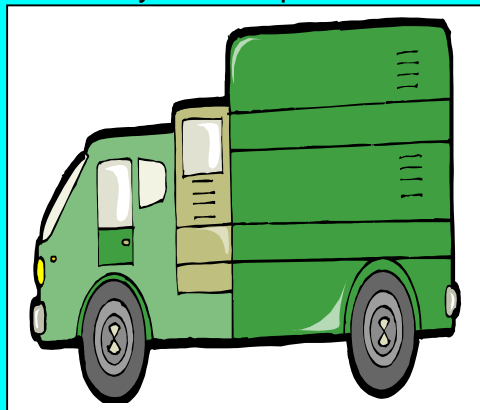
If you need assistance with stray Dogs, Litter, Lighting, Pavements, Graffiti

IDENTITY THEFT



Hasn't happened to you, so not something to think about – then think again!

This is theft of personal identifying information and can happen in a multitude of ways. It can range from use of your credit card to make illegal purchases, through to having entire identities assumed by another person.

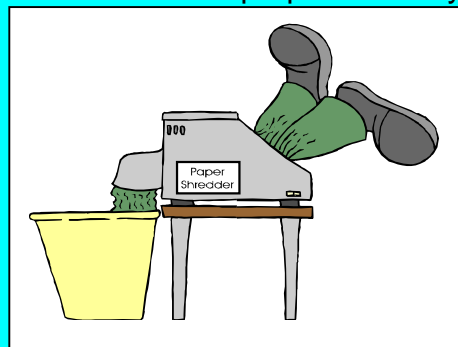


PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

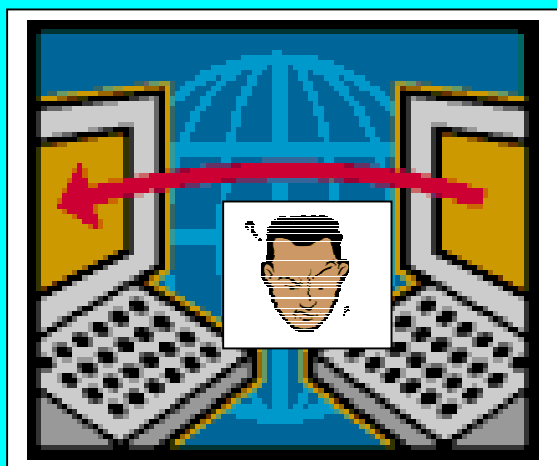
While it may never be possible to stop identity theft entirely, there are a number of **very simple safeguards** you can take to protect yourself from becoming a victim of this kind of crime:

- * Destroy personal information before disposal eg. shred it before it goes in the bin
- * Place passwords on important accounts and on your computer – ensure it has virus, spyware and firewall protection

- Secure your personal information
- Don't carry personal information unless you have to
- Avoid giving personal information out over the 'phone, especially when the caller purports to be your bank or someone else in authority seeking confidential details
- Avoid revealing confidential information on the internet, unless on secure, reputable websites
- Check billing accounts and bank records for any irregularly
- Limit the amount of credit in your accounts
- Write cheques and fill out forms carefully
- Remove your name from unnecessary mailing lists
- Beware the monitoring of cash and pin machines to obtain your details and
- Never let your cards (debit or credit) out of your sight and beware the double swipe or unusual action by firm's employees, they may be using a hidden reader!



REMEMBER, if you are suspicious take corrective action quickly, eg. report to the Police, your bank, etc. to limit the damage.



THE MANOR COTTAGE

Residential Care Home for the Elderly
Beckspool Road, Frenchay, Bristol, BS16 1NT

- situated in a superb location close to
Frenchay Common

The highest standards of residential care
are maintained by a dedicated and
professional care team.

Telephone for Brochure:
0117 9560161

**GOOD NEWS (NEWSAGENTS)
BAUGH GARDENS**

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES
(INCLUDING DELIVERY SERVICE)
CARDS AND GIFT WRAP A SPECIALITY

HELIUM BALLOONS NOW AVAILABLE

!XMAS IS COMING!

**OPEN MON-SAT 6AM – 1PM – 2PM –
6PM (SAT 5PM)
AND SUN 7AM- 12PM**

**A PHILLIPS FOR YOUR LOCAL
FULL PLUMBING AND HEATING
SERVICES**

Central Heating Installation	Friendly, reliable & honest service
Radiator changes	
Kitchen plumbing	Competitive prices
Bathroom installation & tiling	
Taps & ball valves	18 years experience and free estimates
Leaks	

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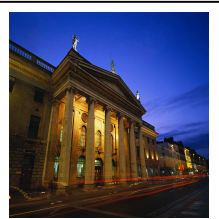
EARLY DARK NIGHTS

Oh dear, it'll soon be time for the clocks to change!

Then, of course, if the house is empty, it's very obvious that no one is in as the place is in total darkness from early evening!



Go on, buy a time-clock, or two and set them before you go out in the morning to bring your lights and radio on in your absence



PUT OFF THAT THIEF!

BHNW GOES GLOBAL!

Now we are on the web too! Find us on:

<http://www.ukvillages.co.uk/ukvillages.nsf/villages/Downend-Bristol%20City?open&body=villagebody&root=villagebody>

You can now send us your questions, feedback etc. to our email address: BHNWatch@aol.com

We also would like to know if you would like to receive your Quarterly newsletter by email and we would also be able to send all urgent communications received from the police, quickly and effectively.



There's bad news, then there's good news!



Unfortunately, for practical reasons, Mark Lester has stood down from his position as beat manager for the majority of the BHNW area.

Thanks for all your good work Mark, even the 'pod' driving! We'll miss you.

However, **Good News!** There's a new beat manager for Downend.

PC 4060 Will Price has stepped in to his boots. Will currently has 2 years service and has been assigned to the Downend beat during that time.

We'll ask Will to introduce him-self in the next edition and tell us of his priorities for his first few months.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH? WANT FURTHER INFORMATION? CONTACT THE WATCH CHAIR BILL CROCKER ON 956 3325 OR EMAIL BHNWATCH@AOL.COM OR SNIP OFF THIS SLIP WITH YOUR MESSAGE AND DELIVER IT TO YOUR CONTACT POINT

Name:.....**Address:**.....
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