



**WELCOME TO OUR BROMLEY HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER**  
**SPRING 2007 EDITION**  
*'Working Together, Keeping You Safe.'*

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**Go on, come along to our successful: AGM/DISCUSSION EVENING**

**How Does It Work:** You'll be sat around tables, (not all facing front!) There'll be our usual mix of presenters/speakers on a topic. Then it's over to you for discussion and feedback, all helped along by simple refreshments/wine and cheese. The AGM only takes about 10 mins or so!

**When:** 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007.

**Where:** BROMLEY HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL.

**What Time:** 7.30 PM PROMPT PLEASE.

**What's The Topic:** ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL / YOUTH WATCH PARTNERSHIP. More inside

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**Creative Play**

**Rhythm**                      **Concentration**

**Imagination**

**Co-ordination**                      **Flexibility**

**Balance**

**Confidence**                      **Friendship**

**Come along and join in the fun...**  
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Star jumpers gym club is one of the very few gymnastics clubs in Bristol to specialise in exercise for the under 5's. With a programme of pre-school gymnastics and physical play, designed by British Gymnastics and run by qualified gymnastics coaches, children are guaranteed a good workout! Better still, the classes are all held locally in Bromley Heath, Emersons Green, Staple Hill and Pucklechurch. At Star jumpers we offer classes for different age groups. Children can start from as young as 5 months. In September 2005 we launched our "Super Stars" class for children in reception/year 1 for the big brothers and sisters who wanted to have a go at gymnastics. Emphasis is very much on fun and fitness for all; the aim is to introduce children to regular exercise in a lively and exciting environment.

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**Useful Numbers**

**Police Main Switchboard:**  
**0845 456 7000**

**In Emergencies Only: 999**

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## OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

The team are all but complete, with just one recruit at PCSO to put in place, any minute now! Hopefully for the next edition we will have an article from them and a photo, so you'll recognise them when they are out and about.

Here's the Beat Manager and PCSO's names and contact numbers. We'll update next time:

PC 1261 Jim Rochford Tel:07919 628312  
Known as "Rocky."  
PC 2391 Will Gibbs Tel: 07778 470354  
PCSO 9130 Justin Gay Tel: 07795503242  
PCSO 7585 Katrina Sheldrake Tel:07795503243  
PCSO ??

## S. Glos. Trading Standards ALERT!

We have this latest news on examples of scams in our area:

- Cold calling claiming to be council highways with spare tarmac for drives
- Cold calling for unnecessary roof repairs at high cost
- Cards through the letterbox-unable to deliver a parcel-ring a number. Possible £15 Premium rate call!
- Prizes won abroad and employment scams in the UK.

For more detail contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or alternatively, email [trading.standards@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@southglos.gov.uk)

## BEAT THOSE SICK CON ARTISTS

The death of a loved one is a difficult time. Unfortunately some seek to make it harder for the grieving.

Here are 5 ways to beat the con artists:

- If there's a suspicion of the deceased's identity being used contact Cifas, the fraud prevention service. For £11.75 pa additional checks would have to be made if a credit application is made
- Inform Social Security if the deceased was in receipt of benefits. N. Ins. Should be returned to the NI office as should passports and driving licences to the Passport Office and DVLC respectively
- The tax office should be informed so they can issue appropriate forms
- Banks, building societies, stores where accounts are held need to be notified so statements aren't intercepted. Phone and internet needs to be terminated and the post office could be asked to redirect mail, and,
- If an empty property is to be viewed, make sure the visit is accompanied. Shred unwanted correspondence and make sure any donations to charitable shops do not contain identity information in pockets, bags, etc.

## GOOD NEWS NEWSAGENTS

### BAUGH GARDENS

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**UNFORTUNATELY THE BOGUS CALLER SCAMS OR DISTRACTION BURGLARS CONTINUE. PLEASE REMEMBER: STOP, CHAIN AND CHECK! DO WARN THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE AS THEY ARE ESPECIALLY AT RISK.**

### **IN JANUARY CRIMES REPORTED IN BH WERE:**

BAD'TON RD, ALTO CAR BROKEN INTO. FOUR'RE CRESC, POWER TOOLS TAKEN FROM VEHICLE. BAD'TON RD, ASTRA BROKEN INTO AND SAT NAV/TESTER STOLEN. B. HEATH RD. REAR HOUSE DOOR ENTRY AND WALLET STOLEN.

**IN FEB:** Queensholme Ave. male punched hole in lock to side door of panel van, a drill was stolen. Male made off on a mountain bike. Badminton Road – Single axle trailer stolen from location over the weekend. Bromley Drive – Garage entered and sport mountain bike stolen. Badminton Road – Garage at bottom of garden entered, lock damaged and tools stolen. In Fouracre Rd a child's scooter was taken from the front garden and in Sandringham Cresc. a woman's bag was snatched from her.



## **Dog fouling**

Although most dog owners are now aware of their responsibility to clear up after their dogs, there are still some unfortunately that spoil it for others.

Dog faeces can cause numerous problems to users of parks and sports grounds, and no one likes it being left outside their front gate! It can also carry numerous diseases, the main one being Toxocariasis, which can lead to blindness and, in some cases, death.

### **Legislation and enforcement**

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 replaces the old dog fouling bylaws and covers all land open to public access. The act will be enforced with fixed penalty tickets. Anyone caught not cleaning up will be issued with a fixed penalty notice which requires them to pay a £50 fine within 14 days. If they do not pay they may be prosecuted and could be fined up to £1000.

Our aim with S. Glos. council and the Police, is to educate people about responsible dog ownership and their legal duties, but if necessary the dog wardens do have the power to prosecute. One prosecution in February 2004 cost the offender £550 for failing to clear up after their dog in Page Park, Staple Hill.

It may, in extreme cases, become an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to allow large amounts of dog faeces to build up in your garden. Remember, dog faeces will attract flies and will smell in hot weather. Respect your neighbour's rights and clear up your garden daily. We all want to live in a clean, healthy environment. If you are a dog owner, apart from always clearing up after your dog you should be aware that your dog needs worming every six months (more frequently for expectant bitches or puppies). This will help keep the faeces clear of disease, as well as protecting your dog from sickness.

**For further information:** contact the S. Glos. dog wardens on the Street Care helpdesk on:

01454 868000, or you can report dog fouling via:

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/Environment/StreetCareAndCleaning/DogControl/>





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**A SCHOOL/YOUTH WATCH PARTNERSHIP** has been a long held aspiration for BHNW. For NW to continue to thrive and prosper, it's essential to engage with the coming generations and see if we can, if not start an initiative at our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 07, at least to lay firm foundations. Young people have issues that concern them, eg. bullying, mobile theft and false accusation of anti-social behaviour. Perhaps that's our starting point?

To get this right we need young people to come to the meeting and voice their opinions. Could you encourage someone, even bring them along? We are hoping to target the 'top end' of Junior school age and teenagers.

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](mailto:BHNWATCH@AOL.COM) OR SPEAK TO YOUR CONTACT POINT.

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### **PRO WATCH - TOP TIPS FOR THE SPRING!**

- Don't forget to 'tag' a call to the Police when using either 999 in emergency or 0845 456 7000 otherwise, by saying the call is coming from Neighbourhood Watch
- Spring is sprung – looking for a new challenge and want to put something back into the community? **Why not give us a go and get in touch??**
- Don't unintentionally 'hack off' the neighbours or those passing your now overgrown boundary of shrubs or conifers! Make sure they don't overshadow or invade/protrude and cause obstruction
- Its points on the licence and a bigger fine for using a mobile in the car now – beware! Go hands free, you know it makes safe!!

We thought you'd be interested in this too!

"Because of the volume of valuables left in vehicles on display I can easily fund my drugs habit." "I would steal whatever was on display, stereos, sat navs, mobile phones, bags and their contents."

**These are the words of a convicted car thief, speaking about why he spent his days breaking into cars across Bristol.**

"These are actual car thieves talking, not police officers giving crime reduction advice but criminals who have broken into cars for a reason – because property has been left on display. This advice is really coming from the horse's mouth – these are the people who have been caught breaking into cars – drivers should listen to why they have targeted specific cars and take note."

The message is simple therefore – don't leave property on display and you reduce your chances of becoming a victim dramatically. We have been saying this for years but unfortunately it does not get through to many motorists. Maybe now that it is coming direct from the people who have broken into cars, car owners may pay attention.

So beware, whether parked here in Bromley Heath or visiting the city, it could happen to you, unless you take precautions.