

**Bromley Heath  
Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter  
Spring 2015 Edition  
'Working Together, Keeping You Safe.'**

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At Number.....

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**THE RESULTS ARE IN!**

George and Will's youth survey results are in.

Some of the headlines are below to whet your whistle. The committee will be studying them carefully to see what messages there are for us. We'll report on this in our next newsletter. In the meanwhile, very many thanks and well done to the lads. It is another step on the road to their D of E too.

- 100% of the survey age group know we are voluntary, not a militia, but 80% don't know how to contact us
- It is unlikely they'll see this as the newsletter doesn't make essential reading
- There's potential for more young people actively contributing
- When asked about what has impacted on them 100% said drugs and being shouted at by adults
- There's an opportunity to help them protect their stuff, and
- Part night street lighting is an issue for some of them.

**The next and still subject to potential cuts, Safer Stronger Meeting, will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 7.00pm, Emersons Green Library.**

See us at Heathfest with the Beat Team on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. Do call in on us at our stall; we'll be pleased to see you.

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**New powers make it easier to tackle anti-social behaviour**

Simpler and more flexible powers introduced by the Coalition Government put victims and communities at heart of the response.

The Civil Injunction, one of six new anti-social behaviour powers introduced by the Coalition Government under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, came into force on Monday 23rd March 2015. It is the final stage in the Government's overhaul of the old anti-social behaviour powers, as they argued many had proven to be ineffective.

It can be issued by courts to stop a person who is committing anti-social behaviour, such as public drunkenness or noisy and abusive behaviour towards neighbours.

More inside:

Do please let your contact person and your co-ordinator know if something has happened that has been reported direct to the police.

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## Quick resolution

It offers protection and a quick resolution for victims and communities. It can also include positive requirements to help anti-social individuals address the root causes of their behaviour, such as attending alcohol awareness classes, or mediation sessions for neighbours to get the issue resolved.

The Civil Injunction is one of six new powers which replace 19 pre-existing ones, including Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs).

A Home Office spokesperson said:

“Anti-social behaviour is a blight on communities and the Coalition Government is determined to clamp down on it. Victims often feel powerless, but through our reforms we have given them a stronger voice. The new civil injunction is quick and easy to use and will act as a real deterrent to perpetrators. It will put victims and communities at the heart of the response.

With the new measures in place, we have fulfilled our commitment to reform anti-social behaviour legislation, as many of the old powers, such as the ASBO, had proven to be ineffective”.

## New powers

The other five new powers are: the criminal behaviour order, community protection notice, public spaces protection order, closure power, and the dispersal power.

The Coalition Government also introduced two further measures that give victims and communities a say in how local agencies deal with anti-social behaviour, the community trigger and the community remedy.

## It's happening out there – now!

1. Keys are being hooked from outside, through letterboxes and cat flaps, as they are in easy sight and reach – guess what happens next?
2. The telephone scam where a caller pretends to control your line and if a payment isn't made on request, 'cuts it off', is back. They leave the line open on silent when you hang up and then you potentially think they've turned it off when you then try to get a line – BEWARE! They then ring back and say 'I told you'.
3. Dog poo on the pavements is down to irresponsible owners. The issue has been multi-raised and with our evidence flowing, hopefully things will improve soon.
4. Number plates are being removed from cars at the Co-op car park. Don't be a victim, invest in the tamper proof screws to keep yours in place.

We had hoped to introduce Paul Fortune, a new addition Beat Manager, to you in this edition. His article and photo haven't arrived so hopefully it'll be in the next one.

## NHWN Strategic Plan 2015-2020 Launched

This is the Strategic Plan for the Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network for 2015-2020. It is supported by the Home Office, the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).

Growth in membership, reducing the number of victims of crime and anti-social behaviour and a new image have all been highlighted within the plan as well as other issues such as keeping people safe online.

This plan has been created through a series of workshops and events hosted by the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (NHWN). Full details about the consultation can be found on their web site: <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

There is also an Action plan for 2015/16, which fits in with the objectives outlined in the 5 year strategic plan.

BHWN will be taking a look at this good work to see what could be taken on board here. We'll let you know the results of this in a future edition.



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### Crime Reduction Toolkit launched: 18th March 2015

This provides easy access to a crime reduction evidence base, allowing users to weigh up evidence on the impact, cost and implementation of different interventions and use this to help shape their crime reduction efforts. The What Works Centre for Crime Reduction toolkit:

- reviews research on practices and interventions to reduce crime;
- labels the evidence on interventions in terms of quality, cost, impact, mechanism (why it works), context (where it works) and implementation issues;
- provides Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and other crime reduction stakeholders with the knowledge, tools and guidance to help them target their resources more effectively.

There have already been over 300 systematic reviews, covering 60 different crime reduction interventions and they will be added to the online tool over time, with CCTV and street lighting among the first 14 topics included in the initial launch.

Neighbourhood Watch was also one of the first topics included in the launch and a What Works briefing paper has been produced, which can be downloaded from this page: <http://tinyurl.com/py872hz>

### Action Fraud Alert - SELLING YOUR VEHICLE

**"REMEMBER, YOU ARE THE SELLER"**

If you are selling your car via a classified advertisement or auction site, be aware of the following fraud scam: Fraudsters may contact you through your advert, normally by text message and provide you with a link to a fraudulent website.

The website may look professional and similar to the "original" website that you advertised on. It will explain that there is a 'potential purchaser' for your car. It will ask you to pay a small "arrangement" fee to ensure the purchase takes place by using an e-money method; which could be via UKASH or PAYSAFE vouchers, for example. It will instruct you to purchase the vouchers and may even provide you with a link to a list of the shops in your area that sell them. You are then asked to input the unique codes from the e-money product that you have just purchased. Once inputted your money is gone!

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### BH Fouracre Crescent Resident Feedback following burglary in February

Many thanks to the brave BH resident who has given us permission to include the following in this edition:

"It took place at 5pm – they might have been watching us leave. Once in they blocked the front door to delay re-entry by us. Having pushed back in on our return they were still upstairs so we went back out of the front door and the thieves left by the back door. Small items were taken. Advice has now been taken on security, etc, and action taken – we wish we had paid heed to this before it happened!"

**BH NW says:** The average crime of this type takes just 3 minutes. The majority are in the day. 'Thieves will return to 'success' areas so this sort of action by the resident and neighbours is essential. Do get in touch if you need support or advice about a review at your home?'

**Beware the opportunist if you leave doors and windows open now warmer weather is with us!**

**BH NW received this good news regarding another break in: RINGMASTER COMMUNITY MESSAGING – SOUTH GLOUS – D315 10/02/2015**

Just to advise all of the following which occurred at a property in Bromley Heath Avenue on Friday at 14.35 hours, details as follows: Offenders attended to the rear of semi-detached property. Smashing French patio doors, entry gained. Search of property first and second floors. Upon doing so offender disturbed by victim who was in home office at the time. Offenders ran out of house pursued by victim. Offender lost to sight, witness returned to home address and conducted an area tour in his car. Suspect located Sandringham Avenue and detained.

**BH NW says:** 'What a great result this was and well done for the measured actions taken by the residents to catch a perpetrator'.



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**www.police.uk: Nov to Feb 2015 (by postcode) On or Near**

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|-----------------------|--|
| Anti-Social Behaviour | <b>Nov:</b> BH playing fields, Church Lane, Queensholm Avenue. <b>Dec:</b> Glendale, Wedgewood Road                  |
| Burglary              | <b>Nov:</b> Oakdale Close. <b>Feb:</b> Four Acre Crescent, Bromley Heath Ave.  |
| Criminal Damage       | <b>Dec:</b> Wedgewood Road. <b>Jan:</b> Heath Walk   |
| Other Theft           |  |
| Vehicle               | <b>Feb:</b> Four Acre Road   |
| Violent Crime         | <b>Nov:</b> Bury Hill View x2. <b>Dec:</b> Cleeve Park Road, Pilgrims Way. <b>Jan:</b> Bampton Drive, Bury Hill View |
| Drugs                 |  |

**NB: data for Windsor Court flawed and excluded. Glendale includes the nearby open space. We are worried too about accuracy at Heath Walk. Definitions: Anti-social** includes personal and environmental. **Burglary** entering a building with the intention of stealing. **Criminal damage** to buildings and/or vehicles. **Theft** of bicycles or from the person. **Vehicle** theft from/of/interference with. **Violent** crime against the person.

**Committee News:**

Thanks to Val and John for their stewardship of the Bromlease Sector. A potential replacement is exploring taking over and we hope to introduce you to them in our next edition.

Why don't you have an informal chat with us to find out what it's all about? We now want to fill the Co-ordinator job for Heathfields next. Any offers??

It was with sadness we heard of the recent death of Brian Roberts a past secretary and great supporter of the Watch.

**Good work** at the schools where the playing field fence has been attended to, hopefully now stopping the trespass that had been taking place regularly and was being reported to us and the police by neighbours. Well done to them for their concern and detailed reporting too which led to the individuals being 'spoken to' as well!



**Emergency Calls – When to call 999** - only to be used in an emergency. The police should only be called on 999 when:

- There is a danger to life or a risk of injury being caused imminently. Examples include serious road accidents, assaults or serious disorders.
- A crime is in progress. Examples include assault, burglary, and theft or if an offender is still on scene, or has just left the scene.
- Police attendance is required immediately such as to prevent a breach of peace, someone acting suspiciously or someone who is about to commit an offence.

**Non-emergency calls – When to call the 101 number.** An operator is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to deal with your enquiry. This number should be used for all other enquires, advice on police matters and to report crimes which have already happened, where there is no sign of an offender.

**Do ask them to put it's a NW call on the computer system for both please and have your postcode ready?**

**Useful Numbers**

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Neighbourhood beat manager's office   | 0117 945 4137                  |
| Police Main Switchboard   | 101                            |
| In Emergencies Only   | 999                            |
| Emergency text for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and speech impaired people | 80999                          |
| Crimestoppers   | 0800 555 111                   |
| Street Care: (Litter, Lighting, Pavements, Graffiti, etc.)                    | 01454 868 000                  |
| Stray Dogs (South Glos Council)   | 01454 868009                   |
| Handy Van Service   | 01454 863857                   |
| BHNW  | 01179 563325                   |
| Action Fraud  | 0300 123 2040                  |
| <b>Beat Mobiles</b>   |                                |
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