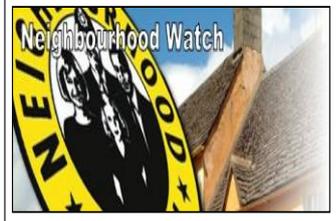


# Bromley Heath Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

Summer 2014 Edition

'Working Together, Keeping You Safe.'



Your Contact Person is .....

At Number.....

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**Sensortive and Illuminating** decisions have been made by S. Glos Council re sensor replacement, LED on lampposts and timing of the turn off time at night. More can be found out about this at: <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/Pages/Article%20Pages/Planning%20Transport%20-%20Strategic%20Environment/Transport%20Services/LED-street-lighting-12195.aspx#.U4HDGfldXVh>

It may well be many would agree about the need to do something for savings and environmental reasons but would question the process and quality of decision making around the choices available and, no doubt, the £ associated with it all. We couldn't possibly comment!

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust have published the results of their national survey on their website: 15,786 people responded. 22% of participants said that lighting had been switched off or dimmed in their area. Of those participants, 55.8% of the women and 38.8% of the men said that their community now feels less safe. When comparing the data by age, a higher number of younger respondents felt their safety was negatively affected. Asked how dimming or switching off lighting affects their behaviour, 40% of respondents considered going out less, 65% avoided unlit areas and 15% said they would take taxis rather than walk. To read more detail please see the full report. [http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource\\_centre/document\\_library/nhwn\\_suzy\\_lamplugh\\_trust\\_perceptions\\_of\\_safety\\_report/?c\\_at\\_id=21](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource_centre/document_library/nhwn_suzy_lamplugh_trust_perceptions_of_safety_report/?c_at_id=21)

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As part of our modernisation, this year **our annual meeting is at the Sandringham** one Mon or Tues is ok but when from 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm. It will be an informal drop by approach, (while covering the formal requirements too), so why don't you? Nominations for the committee, as usual please, to our secretary using our email address at the end of the newsletter, or please ring?

**Green wheelie bins** at C'tee this Wed for review of charging. Reports of increases in fly tipping too.

BHNW recently made representations about the **Metrobus planning application** regarding the stop adjacent the BH playing fields particularly and diversion of traffic off the ring road during bridge works.

The next 'Safer' meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 14 at Downend Baptist Meeting Rooms from 7.00 pm will hopefully have, on BHNW's suggestion, a speaker(s) re changes to the Probation system, on which we are seeking reassurance.

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### May was Scams Awareness Month!

Although a while ago, this is still important. The Trading Standards Institute say, only 5% of scams are reported. Why? Many people feel shame or embarrassment at being caught out. We don't want victims to suffer in silence so help us encourage your neighbours, relatives and friends to report scams or attempted scams to [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or 0300 123 2040.

Download useful anti-scam resources from [www.thinkjessica.com](http://www.thinkjessica.com), a charity protecting elderly and vulnerable people from scams. For information about staying safe online, visit [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) or [www.cyberstreetwise.com](http://www.cyberstreetwise.com).

More information is available in the Scams Awareness pack at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/sam14-resources](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/sam14-resources).

### Welcome Packs

If you are a new resident to Bromley Heath we do our best to drop a 'Welcome Pack' from your local Co-ordinator and Contact Point through the door. It is there to say 'Hello' and let you know who we are and explain what the Watch is all about and the area it covers. Unfortunately, we don't catch everyone, for a variety of reasons, so if you have moved in recently and not received a pack - 'Welcome' to you and your family and do please speak with your contact person (details above) or use the contact details on the back page to let us know and we'll get one to you.

**Online vehicle fraud** is costing the nation a road-rage inducing **£17.8 million** each year, according to new figures released by Get Safe Online and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) today. This is the equivalent to 89 Aston Martin Vanquishes.

In 2013, more than **6,600** UK residents reported online vehicle fraud to the police, with an average loss of **£4,078** per victim. The loss range is huge; from smaller losses of less than £50, which mainly related to holding deposits, to one unlucky victim who lost £300,000 where multiple vehicles were involved.

### The following methods to steal their victims' cash:

- \* Part or full payment for the vehicles and then loss of contact with the "seller" accounted for nearly half (**49%**) of frauds
- \* More than a third (**37%**) of cases involved the payment of a deposit rather than the full amount
- \* Bank transfers (**58%**), fake eBay Invoices (**14%**) and fake Google Payment Systems Invoices (**12%**) offering non-existent "buyer protection" for the transaction were the most commonly cited payment methods
- \* Some victims paid funds to holding accounts on the basis that funds will be held until the buyer has received the goods and is satisfied with them
- \* Other victims received texts from well-known websites requesting refundable fees for car inspections

### Further statistics show that:

- Nearly three quarters (**71%**) of victims were men
- People in their forties reported a quarter (**25%**) of all online vehicle fraud
- London was the most targeted city for online vehicle fraud, then **Bristol** and then Birmingham.

### Summer Advice

From ride-on lawnmowers to power tools, bicycles to golf clubs – we all keep all sorts of items in our sheds and garages. Thieves target outbuildings knowing there could be property worth hundreds of pounds inside. Make sure you can identify your property

#### How?

Mark it with your postcode – use a hard-to-remove paint or etch it somewhere obvious. Also use an ultraviolet pen and register it on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

#### Why?

Thieves are deterred because they know if property is identifiable it helps prove that it has been stolen – and is more likely to lead to a prosecution and it helps return property to you!

### Step up your security

Make sure fences and gates are sturdy and top them with trellis; use prickly plants for hedging and along fences. Fit a good quality hasp and staple lock and approved padlocks to sheds and gates; use coach bolts or tamper-proof screws for hinges and hasps – thieves look for easy options. Fit a low-cost 'shed alarm' and motion-sensing security light as anything which attracts attention will deter thieves. Chain valuable bikes and mowers to an anchor plate inside the building and lock ladders and tools up so thieves can't use your tools to break into your property.

### Look out for your neighbours!!!!!!!!!!!!

Report any suspicious behaviour to the Police on the 101 number, including descriptions and details of any vehicles you see. A crime in progress – ring 999?

  
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#### News

In September 2013 Cleeve Wood Pharmacy had a refit, the shop now looks crisp and clean. Why not visit us to have a look.

We are planning to introduce new services, including a range of disability aids and specialist diabetics aids.

We also hope to have a brand new website available to you by the end of 2014, this will allow you to order your repeat prescription with us online.

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### Stay Safe – crime prevention and safety

NHWN has recently published a comprehensive booklet on various topics around crime prevention and safety.

It covers garden security, vehicle security, personal safety and online safety to name just a few and was created in conjunction with a number of partners. It is available to download from their website [http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/stay\\_safe\\_our\\_guide\\_to\\_crime\\_prevention\\_safety/?page=2](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news_and_events/news/stay_safe_our_guide_to_crime_prevention_safety/?page=2)

### National Stalking Awareness Day 2014

This may have happened for this year but it's useful information: National Stalking Awareness Day exists to raise awareness about the crime of stalking. Each year it focuses around a different theme.

This year's campaign – "Working Without Fear" – aims to eliminate workplace stalking and provide information to employers about how they can support employees who disclose stalking behaviour. Find out more [http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/national\\_stalking\\_awareness\\_day\\_2014/](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news_and_events/news/national_stalking_awareness_day_2014/)

### It's your big chance – yes you!

We have various volunteering opportunities at BHNW. Local to you Contact People, Sector Co-ordinators, a Public Relations/Communications enthusiast, then there's someone to lead our 'GONE' anti-graffiti initiative and the need for a SPEEDWATCH lead too.

Interested? For an informal, no commitment chat, do get in touch - contact details are on the last page.



**Calling all young adults and introducing George and Will:**

**BHNW helps with Duke of Edinburgh award!**

Great news, George and Will saw our last edition's article detailing Tom's help and how it helped him with his DofE and decided they could do that! So here they are helping with the droopy, missing and pointing the wrong way lamppost signs. Next they plan a young peoples' survey about NW awareness!

There's plenty more room for volunteers, so use the contact details on the back page to get in touch?



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Did you know they have taken on some newspaper rounds from Good News? So if you are a young person looking for a local income earning opportunity, why not call in and get yourself on the waiting list?

**Bus route number 5.** First Bus claim they risk assess routes before running them! Did they do Quakers Rd outside the schools in a holiday? Representations have been made by the Parish and others to amend the route to follow the others, thus avoiding the stretch outside the schools. 56 days notice is needed for a change to the Traffic Commissioner apparently.

**Corner parking,** obstruction to pavements and parking on verges continues to be contentious in various locations around BH. The Police preference is to work in partnership on the basis of consensual policing. However, they have taken action where necessary. Please be considerate and good rules to remember are that if a double buggy can't get by on the pavement, or if your vehicle's positioning means other's vision is impaired at a junction/awkward manoeuvres while turning, remedy is needed!

**The recent crash** at the junction of Quakers and Queensholm Drive, where inappropriate speed was obviously a factor, prompts us to think Speedwatch for the area again. See our advert please?




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**Crime from Police.uk: Jan to May 2014 (by postcode)**

Crime	On or Near
Anti-Social Behaviour	Feb: Pilgrims Way, March: Badminton Rd (inc Public Order at Shops end). Pilgrims Way. April: Sandringham Ave, Wedgewood Rd, Cleeve Ave. May: Badminton Rd, (Leap end) Quakers Rd, Bury Hill View.
Burglary	Feb: Badminton Rd x 2, (shops end and Leap end) Heathfields, Bromley Drive. March: Badminton Rd, (shops end) Sandringham Ave, B H Rd, (middle) Bromley Drive, Quakers Road. April: Heath Court, Bury Hill View. May: Queensholm Close.
Criminal Damage	Feb: Bury Hill View. March: Heath Court, Pilgrims Way, Chantry Lane. May: Sandringham Park.
Other Theft	April: Cleeve Ave, Heath Walk.
Vehicle Crime	Jan: X 2 Wedgewood, Bury Hill View.
Violent Crime	Feb: Quaker's Close. May: Heath Rd.

**NB: data for Windsor Court flawed and excluded.**

**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/or interference with. **Violent** crime against the person.

RESULT for PCSO Sheldrake and the community, as a result of a report received from a concerned resident she was able to identify a small group of males, who were witnessed deliberately destroying flowers planted to enhance the community. The parents of the males involved had a visit and behaviour discussed.

Words of advice have been given to the males and a decision made to deal via "community resolution." This means they will spent an hour with Katrina "litter picking" in the community.



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**Catalytic Converters**

We have recently experienced an increase in the theft of catalytic converters across the area. Why? The scrap value of these can be in excess of £200 due to the precious metals they contain.

Crime Reduction Advice, consider:-

- Etching the converter (Retainagroup)
- A 'cat clamp' (Fleet Talk Limited). Visit [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) vehicle security to find out more about these products.
- Placing signage in vehicle emphasising that preventative measures have been taken.
- Parking vehicles in such a manner to make the 'cats' as inaccessible as possible.
- And lastly, if observing any suspicious activity around vehicles, please report it to the Police on the 101 number.

**Useful Numbers**

Neighbourhood beat manager's office	0117 9454137
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
BHNW	0117 9563325
Handy Van Service	01454 863857
<b>Beat Mobiles</b>	
PC. James Rochford	07919 628312
PC. Jo Kille and Louise Rowe	Use office above
PCSO Katrina Sheldrake	07795 503243
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