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Message from the Chairman

You will all appreciate that communication with you has been difficult this year due to Coronavirus: unable to hold our quarterly Coordinator meetings and personally introduce our new Borough Commander; meet with the visitors/ residents at the various local outdoor public events; and restricted to an abridged Summer issue of HeathWatch

The Support group has continued to meet via Zoom and Alan Hitchcock and myself have also met with D.I Alick James and participated in Surrey Neighbourhood Watch Association meetings via Zoom.

You may have noticed that Reg (pictured right) and Alan have been kept busy refacing or replacing the outdated Signs with the bright yellow ones thanks to funding from National Neighbourhood Watch Network via Police and Crime Commissioner's application on our behalf. If you know someone who would like their road to have one of these signs they are free of charge to all areas when setting up a Watch. They can find out more about setting up a Watch and may make their street a "no go" area for criminals by contacting the Area Coordinator (see page 4).

We continue to appeal for funds to replace the events trailer. If you are willing to participate in the Surrey Heath Lottery and

nominate Neighbourhood Watch as your preferred donor you will also have the chance to win £25,000 or other prizes, whilst at the same time helping to fund the vehicle.

The community are indebted to their neighbours, whether they are Watch members or not. Many other volunteers have been unselfishly helping those unfortunate enough to be vulnerable and isolated for many weeks. It now seems inevitable that we will continue to rely upon them for the foreseeable future, for which we are sincerely grateful.

Keep safe and healthy.

Martin Butcher



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Message from Surrey Heath Borough Commander

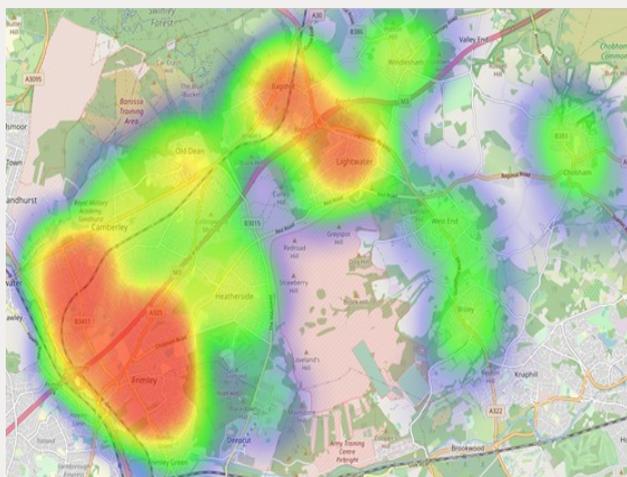
Winter Burglary Peaks

I would like to extend my thanks to the Neighbourhood Watch for their support of my 'Meet the Borough Commander Events'. These were a wonderful opportunity to meet the community and hear first-hand about what makes people feel unsafe and what we do that keeps them feeling safe.

Drugs, Anti-Social Behaviour, Speeding and Burglaries were among the top concerns for people making them feel unsafe. Visibility, Crime Prevention Advice, Partnership Working and the Neighbourhood Watch were the top things helping people feel safe.

This community intelligence is essential to target resources effectively and over the summer there has been an increased presence of the Safer Neighbourhood Team in the parks and open spaces to address Anti-Social Behaviour. We continue to target those Organised Criminal Gangs bringing drugs into our County and tackle the Fatal Five causes of road deaths through initiatives such as the recent Project Edward.

I am currently focusing on the problem of solving and prevention of burglary. Our problem solving analysts have looked at the burglaries in Surrey Heath and they have identified winter peaks in 2018/19 and 2019/20 through the months of October, November, December and January. There are four hot-spot areas across the Borough which see the greatest repeat impact, these being Lightwater, Bagshot, Frimley and Camberley - see map below.



2018/19 and 2019/20 Winter Burglary Hotspots

Analysis shows primary targets as detached properties in cul-de-sacs or residential roads.

- Some properties had public access to the rear of the property.
- Some victims were on holiday or were targeted shortly after leaving the house.

How can you prevent burglaries? The first piece of advice I would give is, do everything to make your house look occupied:

- Use lights on a timer
- Ask a relative or friend to check on your property and open/close the curtains, remove post that builds up, take the bins in/out or park a car on your driveway.
- Cancel mail deliveries.

The next thing you can do is make your property less attractive to thieves:

- Place sensor lights at the front and rear of your property.
- Consider cameras on the outside and inside of your property.
- Ensure you have side gates to the rear of your property and that these are locked.
- Ring Camera doorbells.
- Defensive planting of prickly bushes to the rear of gardens if there is public access behind.
- Security mark your property.

Finally, tell us about suspicious activity. We will use this information to try and identify suspects.

SelectaDNA property marking

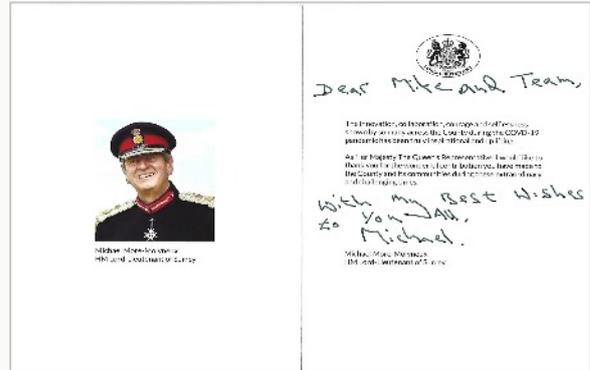
We have been in contact with SelectaDNA and they have given us a code for 50% off for all Surrey Neighbourhood Watches. The code is **NHWSURREY** and is only redeemable from this link: selectadna.co.uk/nhw.

Thank you for your continued support.
DI Alick James

Letter of thanks from HM the Queen's personal representative in Surrey

The Queen's representative in Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux, has sent a message to Chair of Surrey Neighbourhood Watch, Mike Fox, thanking its volunteers for the "wonderful contribution" made to the County and its communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mike Fox said:

"Please pass the Lord-Lieutenant's thanks to all those Neighbourhood Watch volunteers in your Boroughs who have contributed to this effort."



Grateful thanks to more "Friends" from our Fundraising coordinator, Tim Tostevin

We are a 'Not For Profit' organisation run entirely by volunteers and as such constantly need to raise funds to pay for things like meeting room hire, producing newsletters/leaflets, the costs of attending local shows/fetes etc.

Whilst being a member of Neighbourhood Watch is free, from time to time people wish to support us by making a donation to support our running costs. We recognise these people by designating them as "Friends of Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch" when they donate a minimum of £25 per year as individuals or £50 per year as a business.

We are delighted to give grateful thanks to our latest 'Friend', **Angela Mitchell!** We would also like to say a special thank you to **Mike Fugeman and the Residents of Watchetts Drive Neighbourhood Watch** for their generous donation of £120.00 towards our Crime Prevention Trailer Replacement Fund.

If you would like to become a "Friend of Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch" you can:

- Send a cheque payable to "Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group" to Tim Tostevin, Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, C/O Police Office, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15 3HD
- Make a payment directly to our bank: Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, Sort code 30-91-53, A/C 00859924.
- You can also support us by playing the Surrey Heath Lottery from £1 a week with a weekly jackpot of £25,000. Half of the ticket money is donated to us.

surreyheathlottery.co.uk/support/surrey-heathneighbourhood-watch-support-group

A reminder: support for home security

As the nights draw in and the burglars become bolder, we all need to make sure that we are well protected. The Support Group is in a position to help anyone who would benefit from additional home security measures but maybe cannot afford to buy them. If any Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch members know of someone who may welcome this support please let me know.

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Membership Secretary's Report

Watch schemes with new coordinator

Watch Name/Ward

Glynswood, Parkside
Nightingale Drive, Mytchett
Shrubbs Hill, Chobham
Yaverland Drive, Bagshot

Watch Coordinator

Christine Whitney
Jacqui Searle
Ian Weber
Kate Broadhurst

Appeal from the Chairman

- We need your help. Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch supports Surrey Police in reducing crime to make Surrey Heath a safer place to live and work. Our 'Support Group' volunteers coordinate activity and disseminate information aimed at reducing crime.
- We have 355 Watches in local roads covering approximately 9300 houses
- We produce a quarterly newsletter (*HeathWatch*) for members including information from the Police and other advice
- We run 4 Neighbourhood Watch meetings a year attended by around 100 members where the Police and guest speakers present and answer questions
- Last year we attended 13 local events to promote what we do, to give advice and to offer free security marking e.g. for bikes and buggies
- We advise on home security measures and can give funding to elderly and vulnerable residents
- We link with other agencies to give advice on cyber-crime, on-line fraud and safeguards against child exploitation
- We erect and maintain street signs for every local Watch - showing that Watches are active, hence helping to deter crime.
- Our website gives information about Neighbourhood Watch to let people know how to join and to give security advice.
- Our Facebook page provides the latest crime prevention advice and information on current issues
- A recent example of our work: Police recovered items stolen in a burglary and by using pictures on Facebook, Neighbourhood Watch were able to identify the owner so that the Police could return the items.

We are looking for new members to help the support group to coordinate all of these activities and if you think that you might be able to help, in whatever way – large or small – then please do contact our Chairman, Martin Butcher m butcher@surreyheathnw.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch key contacts

Design Out Crime Officers (DOCO) - contact for advice on crime prevention.

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Camberley, St Pauls, Old Dean, Town, St Michaels & Watchetts

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Frimley, Parkside, Heatherside, Deepcut, Frimley Green & Mytchett

Jackie Davies, 01276 506215 Jdavies@surreyheathnw.co.uk

Lightwater, Bagshot, Bisley, Chobham, West End & Windlesham

Mike Potter, 07985 506624, MPotter@surreyheathnw.co.uk

Surrey Heath Police Neighbourhood Team Coordinators

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