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Message from the Chairman

"Here comes Summer" Jerry Keller 1959 for those who remember can be found on itunes or Amazon to get you in the mood ready to enjoy the glorious weather forecasted. Those were the days, I hear some of you saying, no fear of scamming, cuckooing or anti-social behaviour.

I make no excuse of reminding you all to be extra vigilant throughout the summer of leaving your house and access points open whilst you enjoy your garden, barbeque or just sunbathing and especially leaving the property unattended with ground floor windows open.

Once again we have a full calendar for our Safer Surrey Heath Crime Prevention Trailer's presence at the various local shows (P3). We will be at both West End's and Windlesham's Fetes on the same day as we have the advantage of a Gazebo. This will be fully in use next year if we cannot find a volunteer to tow the trailer to and from the venues. If you can offer the use of a towing vehicle in 2020, please contact myself or your Area Coordinator.

If you are intending to go to a Show, look out for the trailer and see what security devices we can offer you at a significant discount apart from the FREE marking of cycles, skateboards, push chairs, mobility scooter etc.

Most importantly our Support Group members manning the trailer will be pleased to speak to you about setting up a Watch or helping you find out more about how Neighbourhood Watch. Members not only help to prevent crime, but also assist Police with detection through observation or providing imagery from CCTV. Let's ensure we remain "Safer Surrey Heath".

Enjoy the Summer and note our next Coordinators' meeting will be on 23rd September. If you have any concerns or wish to submit questions to Police for discussion at that meeting please send in writing (email preferred) to your Area Coordinator - address on back page.

Martin Butcher

Surrey Heath Borough Commander

By the time this missive reaches you it will be May. I have no idea where this year is going! I have attended two engagement events in the last few weeks which were well attended, which reassures me that there is much interest in what we do and how you can help. The first was the latest Surrey Heath neighbourhood watch coordinators' meeting, where I presented Jackie Davis with a certificate for her work in tracking down a suspect (P2).

Secondly, the Police and Crime Commissioner's engagement event was held at Gordon's School West End; this was also attended by the Chief Constable. A number of questions were put to us about what the future hopefully holds for my Policing team on Surrey Heath. In essence, there will be an increase in our establishment over the next year which will mean I will be able to recruit two more neighbourhood specialist officers (PCs) and another

youth intervention officer (PC). I will keep you posted on those developments.

There are some staffing moves to keep you informed about; firstly PC Anna Whiteside is off to pastures new, she will be passing on all her knowledge and experience to new recruits at training school, having been successful in her application to become a trainer. Anna has been at Surrey Heath for over 11 years and although she will be a sad loss to the team we wish her all the best in her new role. I will advise you her replacement will be in the next issue of *HeathWatch*.

Also I am losing PCSO Marita Wells, who is leaving to become a regular Police Officer. She has already asked me if she can come back to the Heath! Likewise she has been a real asset to the local team and I have no doubt she will become a cracking good Police officer in due course.

Bob Darkens



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Message from Mike Jones, Surrey Police Crime Reduction

Hello again, as usual I have been looking through Surrey Police's Engagement Volunteer David Howie's crime updates on Neighbourhood Alert. (Sign up for these every week via neighbourhoodalert.co.uk). Here is a summary:

Burglaries continue, but are reduced on the borough. The main means of entry is still smashing rear windows and patio doors. Keep your rear garden secure, lock up the wheelie bins and keep an eye on the plants, trees and hedges as they start to grow, so they do not give criminals cover.

More garages and sheds are getting broken into, in one case, in order to steal a spade that was then used to force entry into the house. Keep a check on these out buildings with good door locks. There are some good devices on the market, for example the Garage Door Defender, available from numerous outlets. Additionally consider a battery operated alarm system, for example the Uwatch Cube: <https://uwatch.co.uk/the-uwatch-cube/>.

There also seems to be an increase in bicycle theft, from homes, work and public places. As bikes increase in price, so do their value to the thief. But the big growth area for crime appears to be in thefts from and of vehicles. Laptops are stolen from cars and tools from vans. Also we have seen a troubling rise in theft of number plates, so try a small investment in security screws for your plates.

Car and van security is hard to improve, but the basics, like keep the car in the garage, or park where you can see the vehicle and remove valuable items, will always help. Technical innovations like the example of the Uwatch cube (see paragraph 3, above), can help with thefts from vans, if the tools have to remain inside overnight. To stop the car itself being stolen, consider a mechanical additional steering lock.

So what do we expect the criminal to get up to in the next few months? As the weather gets better, we will be leaving our windows and doors open. Try to remember to lock them again. After last year's hot weather, you may have an air conditioning unit that uses a tube pointing out of the window. Make sure it is taken out and the window is secure when you go out, or at night.

If you have to leave windows open for ventilation, consider installing limiters. You can find ones that include an audible alarm. But remember these devices are not security products and will only delay an intruder, not stop them. Try and keep accessible windows closed and locked, with the key available for you nearby, but out of reach of an intruder.



Once you have finished the barbeque, put away all the tools. They are very useful for a criminal to force your windows and doors. Secure your garden furniture, which could be used as a climbing aid or thrown through your window. But do enjoy the summer, which I hope will be safe for you. If you see anything suspicious, please report it on 101 (**but always 999 in an emergency**). I do occasionally receive emails or phone calls from you, about suspicious incidents. Although it is very good to hear from you, please only contact me for security advice. Call 01483 639508 or email CrimeReductionWestern@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Award for exceptional concern by Watch Co-ordinator to help vulnerable residents after they were conned



Due to her diligence, Watch Co-ordinator Jackie Davies of Frimley became aware of elderly residents having been cheated out of several pounds for unnecessary work to their property. She liaised with Alan Dixon, our Development Co-ordinator to supply and fit CCTV to her neighbours' home. Not satisfied with their pickings, the perpetrators returned several weeks later. This time, they were captured on CCTV and were recognised as serial offenders. They were interviewed and referred to CPS for prosecution.

The Support group have recognised Jackie's outstanding effort for her concern to help the victims and demonstrate how Neighbourhood Watch members communicate to prevent crime and detect committed crime.

Our Borough Commander presented Jackie with a framed certificate in recognition of her dedication at the last Coordinators' meeting held in March, as well as Voucher for Afternoon Tea for Two at the Pennyhill Park Hotel.

Surrey Police crime reduction advice

Please take a look at the following websites:
surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention
securedbydesign.com/crime-prevention-advice/secure-your-home
thecrimepreventionwebsite.com

Alarms / CCTV

If you do not have an intruder alarm, there are two organisations that Police recommend you consult, who offer searches for local companies who carry their accredited installations. They will carry out an inspection of your property and provide a quote for the alarm and or CCTV system: nsi.org.uk/information-centre/business-security-options/intruder-alarms and <https://ssaib.org>. Consider fitting a CCTV door bell, eg: <https://en-uk.ring.com>. Alternatively the following device can be useful in some situations: <https://uwatch.co.uk>



Locks

If you have Eurolocks on your external doors, we recommend you consider upgrading the lock cylinders to TS007 3* (three star)

standard, using a listed locksmith, from the Master Locksmiths Association: locksmiths.co.uk. For an explanation of what Eurolocks look like and why this change should be considered, please look at the following company's web site: abs-secure.co.uk. There are numerous companies that can supply the TS007 3* lock.

Doors and windows

If you have double door patio doors with 2 handles, consider a 'Patlock', an additional French Door and Conservatory Security Lock: patlock.co.uk. All new windows and doors

should be to PAS24 – 2016 standard. You will find companies that provide this standard, under 'search approved products' here: securedbydesign.com. For additional security, laminated glass windows, meeting the requirements of BS EN 356:2000 class P1A, should be installed on the internal pane of ground floor and easily accessible windows. Or the glass panes could be covered with anti shatter security film. This is an example of a company who produce security film: maxam.co.uk

Rear Gardens

Ensure your fences are in good order, in most boroughs you can have fences up to 1.8 m in height, with 300mm of trellis on top, without planning permission. We would encourage you to do this (check with you local authority). The garden should be secured with a robust gate of a similar height, which cannot be easily climbed over. One example of a system that enables you to lock the gate from either side is a Sold Secure 'Gatemate'; other products and suppliers are available. birkdalesales.com/Products/gatemate-locks-and-security

Safes

Consider a good quality home safe installed meeting the following standard LPS 1183: Issue 4, BS EN 1143-1: 2005 which complies with official insurance rating standards and is secured to a wall or to the floor. Install the safe in a location which is not seen, even if a drawer or cupboard is opened. For other security products see: securedbydesign.com or soldsecure.com

Please feel free to phone us on **01483 639508** with specific any security questions, or email CrimeReductionWestern@surrey.pnn.police.uk. To report non-emergency crime contact Surrey Police on 101. **Always dial 999 in an emergency.**

Mike Jones and Stephen Cake: Crime Reduction & Designing Out Crime Officers, Surrey Police Western Division

Crime Prevention Trailer Events 2019

Please visit our team, led by Mike Davis, who does so much good work with the trailer at various public events in our towns and villages. The trailer is popular and can be

booked to attend local community events such as fun days and fetes - a volunteer service which we do not charge for.

The most popular function is the security marking of bicycles and baby buggies which is done free of charge. In addition it is possible to purchase UV



Heather Kennard and Carol Stanton of NW with visitor at St. Peter's Church Frimley.

pens for marking property in the home and small UV torches on a key ring to read the markings. There are also personal attack alarms and cycle security locks for sale all with savings we've obtained through the power of Neighbourhood Watch. **The trailer can be booked by contacting Mike Davis on 01276 63846 or mdavis@surreyheathnw.co.uk.**

Monday 6th May: Chobham Carnival, 11-5 pm
Saturday 11th May: Lightwater Fete, 12-4 pm.
Saturday 18th May: Surrey Heath Show, 10- 4.30 pm.
Saturday 8th June: West End Village Fete, 12.30-5pm
Saturday 8th June: Windlesham Fete, 1pm-5pm
Saturday 29th June: Lakeside school Summer Fayre.
Saturday 6th July: Bagshot Big Bash TBC
Sunday 30th June: Bisley Strawberry Fayre, 1pm-5pm
Sunday 14th July: Frimley Green Carnival , 12.30-5pm
Monday 26th August: Mytchett Family Fun Day, 12-4
Saturday 14th September: West End Ag. & Hort. 2-5

Watch Updates

Upcoming Watch Coordinators' and Members' meetings on Mondays at 19.30: 3rd June 2019, 23rd September 2019 and 25th November 2019 at St Mary's Church, Park Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2SR. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Can you help?

Your Watch Coordinator does a grand job in running your Neighbourhood Watch but he/she needs your support and assistance in distributing HeathWatch and sometimes deputising at the Watch Coordinators' meeting. These are not onerous tasks and your Watch will benefit. Please do contact your Coordinator if you are able to offer your services. Many thanks. Your Neighbourhood Watch Support Group would be very grateful for any contribution towards its work, large or small. Should you wish to contribute, our bank account details are Lloyds Bank, account name Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, Sort Code 30-91-53, A/C No. 00859924. Thank you for any support.

Watch News

New Watches

Windle Close, Windlesham	Suzanne Ledger
Elgin/Glamis/Glencoe/ Sandringham, Frimley Green	Mark Rye
Elder Road, Bisley	Rebecca Denby
Barnsley Close, Mytchett	Tyron Bancroft
Osborne Close &	

Winterbourne Walk, Frimley Green	Ron Whitcher
Watches with New Watch Reps	
Portesbery Road, Camberley	Robert Freeman
Lynwood Drive, Mytchett	Mohamed Boutaba

Facebook

Emma Bagnell created **Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Group** on Facebook on 22 June 2017. Since then, it's gone from strength to strength and brought a lot of good into our community. Please do join the group and benefit from all the hard work, particularly by our dedicated group admin, Emma.

Visit: facebook.com/groups/568384326884016/ or just search online for Surrey Heath NW Facebook Group.

Useful websites

- Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch: surreyheathnw.co.uk
- Surrey Heath NW Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/568384326884016/
- In The Know: intheknow.community
- Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network: ourwatch.org.uk
- Surrey Heath Borough Council: surreyheath.gov.uk
- Safer Surrey Heath Partnership: safersurreyheath.info
- Lost Property: virtualbumblebee.co.uk
- Reporting minor crimes: police.uk
- Property Register: immobilise.com
- Most Wanted: crimestoppers-uk.org
- National Fraud Intelligence Bureau: actionfraud.org.uk
- Surrey Police: surrey.police.uk
- Twitter @surreypolice

Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinators

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