

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Keep Watching

**Covering the area of
Rochford District Council**

Best wishes from the
Neighbourhood
Watch team:

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Please contact us by phone, letter or
E-mail:- NHWRayleigh@essex.pnn.police.uk
Our office is staffed from 10:00am – 12:00am
each weekday, please leave a clear message on
the answer phone at other times and we will get
back to you as soon as possible

Local Award

Congratulations to our colleague Maria Georgiou
who runs Castle Point Neighbourhood Watch on
being awarded the MBE for services to the NHW
and the community – Well done Maria !

We regret to advise that Eddy Croucher has had
to give up as a member of our H.Q. team for
personal reasons. Thank-you Eddy for all your
good work and efforts helping NHW, Essex
Police and the community over the years

**S.E Essex Police and your NHW team
thank you for your support.**

Our New Telephone Number

**Please note our new telephone number
0300 333 4444 extension 490576 which has
resulted from a system upgrade in
Rayleigh Police Station**

Essex Police News

Car Theft

Without exception all our 6 Neighbourhood
Policing Teams report that we are currently
suffering a considerable increase in thefts
from motor vehicles parked on drives and in
the street locally. Burglaries are also taking
place specifically to steal car keys.
So please take extra care in always locking
vehicles and not leaving keys in view on stairs
or kitchen worktops. At night take them
upstairs with you if necessary.

Bicycle Thefts

There has been an increase in bicycle theft in the last month. Please make sure that bicycles are always chained or locked away.

We are pleased to advise that we will shortly be working with our local police offering chip tag / passport bicycle identification. We will advise when this operation commences.

Beware bogus Cops at work

Police in Castle Point have received two separate reports advising that elderly persons have been contacted by men purporting to be Police Officers investigating victims of card cloning. They say they need to visit them to check their pin numbers. They even suggested they leave the cards in their porch in order not to disturb them when they collect them.

Fortunately those contacted were alert enough to refute and report the incidents to the police. If you are contacted in this manner please ring Essex Police non emergency number 0300 333 444 immediately.

Cash Machines

Police advise that they have discovered in the Rochford, Rayleigh and Castle Point camera enabled mobile phones fitted to Card Machines to record pin and card details of unsuspecting members of the public using the machines. Please be wary of persons standing unusually close to you and check for anything remotely suspicious. In some cases camera crooks also fit skimmer devices to read card details.

If you are in any doubt about the security of a machine report it to the bank at once and call the police.

Purse Thieves

Purse thieves are once again active in Rayleigh High Street, so please take extra care to close and if possible zip-up handbags before leaving shops but especially the Post Office and Banks where you are most vulnerable to this crime.

Caravan Watch

Anyone owning a caravan may be interested in Caravan Watch, which has been running from Basildon Police Station for a number of years maintained by their Service Desk Supervisor. It is a free service with benefits such as:

- Access to crime reduction advice
- Contact with like minded people
- Unique identification
- Membership window stickers
- Crime trend information

If you are interested please contact us for further information

More bogus callers

We have had several reported incidents recently of bogus callers purporting to be either gas, electric or telephone engineers. They are looking for elderly easy targets so once again a reminder to not allow anyone entry to your property without careful scrutiny of their credentials

Summer Days

It's easy to get lazy about house security during the warmer days and nights of summer. Ensure that you check that all doors and windows are closed and locked each time you go out or away. It might be hot inside when you return but it won't take as long to cool down, as it would take to rectify things in the aftermath of a burglary!

Useful numbers:-

Springboard Group 01702 545140
For small household repairs, trustworthy gardeners etc.

Alcoholics Anonymous - All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.
0845 769 7555

Crimestoppers - for general information to police given anonymously. **0800 555111**

Your Local Co-ordinator is.....
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