

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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**Covering the area of
Rochford District Council**

Best wishes from the
Neighbourhood
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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

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

Lost colleague

It is with great sadness we must report that Maria Georgiou who ran Castle Point Neighbourhood Watch has died. She is a huge lose to the organisation and will be greatly missed by everyone.

New Appointment

Chief Superintendent Andy Prophet our Police Commander has moved to Southend division, we would like to thank him for his continuing support of Neighbourhood Watch and wish him every success in his new post.

We are pleased to advise that Chief Superintendent Glen Westley has taken over as our new Police Commander and we look forward to working with him in 2010.

November Seminar

We were most disappointed by the lack of support for the November Seminar and apologise to those members who wished to attend. Please contact us if you feel you would like to attend a Seminar in the spring and again providing there is sufficient interest we will set the wheels in motion for an interesting programme.

Sponsorship

We are pleased to advise that we have sponsored the Hawkwell F.C. under 7 year old football team with shirts and rainwear bearing the Neighbourhood Watch logo.

This initiative gives us an opportunity to encourage and help young people participate in healthy activity and at the same time introduce them at an early age to Neighbourhood Watch. It also helps us spread the word to families and also spectators at matches throughout the RDC area.

The Festive Season – dos and don'ts

With Christmas and New Year approaching some of you will no doubt be away over the holiday season visiting friends and relatives, if so could we remind you to bear in mind the following :

Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.

Leave some lights to come on at night around the house and ensure all doors and windows are secure before leaving.

Don't leave wrapped presents in full view of downstairs front windows.

Don't leave keys under front door mats or hidden close by, (burglars know all the favourite places to look for them.)

If possible leave a key with a neighbour and ask them to look in and check all is secure whilst you are away.

When leaving a vehicle on the drive try to leave it in a lighted area with all doors locked and no valuables in sight and again leave a key with a neighbour.

If you are staying at home over the festive season don't leave vehicle keys in view or in an accessible place when retiring for the night, preferably have them with you in the bedroom.

Strange as it may seem in a recent spate of car break-ins locally some were found to not only be unlocked but in some cases valuable items such as Sat Navs., Lap Tops, and Golf Clubs were in full view.

When out Christmas shopping don't leave presents you have purchased in full view on the back seats of the car, put them out of sight in the boot as this is another invitation to steal your car against someone else's.

We know you will have heard all this before but by following the above suggestions you can at least assure your Insurance Company that you took all possible precautions to protect your property and vehicles.

Cycle Micro Chip tagging

This initiative mentioned in our previous newsletter is almost ready to implement. All the components are now purchased and we will be in touch as soon as possible to launch this venture.

Free Youth Club in Hockley

Hockley Methodist Church (opposite Harrison's Restaurant) run a free youth club for years 7,8,9 on Friday evenings from 7:15pm – 9:00pm. New members are welcome to join in with the activities. Telephone Mike and Muriel Pregnall on 01702 204748 for more information.

Incident Report number

When ringing in to the Police Station to report a problem always ask for a Crime Report Number for the incident. This registers the problem and ensures it is recorded in the crime figures. We have had a number of frustrated members recently who having rung in to report problems subsequently find it wasn't recorded and all reference has been lost.

The Rochford District Area HQ Team

together with our local Police Officers would like to wish all members a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given us in 2009 and we look forward to working for you in 2010

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.....