

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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### THANK YOU

*We wish to record our thanks to Clive Pennington of Pennington Security Ltd. who generously sponsors our Newsletters.*



### Keep Watching

**Covering the area of  
Rochford District Council**

Best wishes from the  
Neighbourhood  
Watch team:

Richard Bills  
Michael Bubel  
Bill Coulson  
Mike Hooper  
John Metcalfe

Please contact us by phone, letter or E-mail at  
NHWRayleigh@essex.pnn.police.uk  
Our office is staffed from 10:00am – 12:00pm  
each weekday. At other times, 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**

### Personnel Changes

Richard Bills who was instrumental in establishing NHW in Rochford some 25 years ago has decided to stand down as Chairman this month as he is to celebrate a very significant birthday. He has however been persuaded to remain as part of our team where his wealth of experience and drive would have been much missed by us all.

We also welcome John Metcalfe who has recently joined our team. His computer skills are proving of great value especially in the absence of Chris Nickless who is taking a break from the front line action. Thanks Chris for all your effort & support over the years, it is only now we realise how much you did!

### E-mail Addresses

We still have relatively few Co-ordinator and member E-mail addresses so please let us know if you are contactable by E-mail or have recently changed your E-mail address. As I'm sure you realise E-mail is vital in getting information out much quicker and easier than by telephone or this quarterly Newsletter.

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[www.essex.gov.uk/buywithconfidence](http://www.essex.gov.uk/buywithconfidence)  
Or call 08454 040506

## **Cold Calling Stickers**

We have a stock of **No Cold Calling** stickers to place in front windows or doors to help repel casual cold calling at your home. They are available at the front desk of Rayleigh Police Station on request.

## **Scams**

These never seem to go away, but the latest ones that have been reported around the district are a supposed Security Firm who sound very plausible. They telephone with an offer of a free security survey of your property.

Another calls purporting to be working in conjunction with the British Crime Prevention scheme, and also asks for personal details about security alarms or cameras already in place. **Please be advised that no such National scheme exists.**

Don't entertain either of them under any circumstances it is just another way of gaining access to your home.

The Crime Reduction Officers & Essex Police are aware of these bogus calls & are currently investigating the sources.

## **One You Can Trust.**

If you are contemplating some form of additional security **365 Security Systems** based in Hockley will give free advice on such items as CCTV, Door entry and access, controls for Business, Home Garages, Cars & Sheds.

E-mail [info@365securitysystems.com](mailto:info@365securitysystems.com)

Website [www.365securitysystems.co](http://www.365securitysystems.co)

Or call 01702 203040

## **Neighbourhood Action Panel**

This is forum for you to voice your opinion on any problems affecting the area. Each town has its own NAP that is attended by the local Community policeman, PCSO's, Councillors and community workers.

It is open to everyone and at each meeting 3 local priority issues are identified and acted upon, then at the subsequent meeting a progress report is presented on what actions and success has been achieved.

The meetings are held monthly, so for information on the timing and venue of one in your area just give us a call.

## **Sheds and Garages**

There have been a number of thefts from Sheds and Garages. Be especially careful now that spring is at last here when working in the garden, cleaning cars etc not to leave doors open or unlocked. It only takes seconds for a new bike mower or other items to be removed while you go for a cup of tea or to answer the phone.

## **Cycle Tagging**

As mentioned in our winter Newsletter with the help of Council Officials and the Community Police we are rolling out a cycle tagging programme in response to the number of cycles being stolen in the area.

The tagging takes only a few minutes to do and entails a computer chip being inserted into the frame and the production of a cycle passport for the owner's identification purposes. A couple of events have already taken place at Clements Hall and the next is scheduled for Sweyne Park School. So give us a call and we can tell you where and when the next session will take place for you to attend.

## **Useful numbers :**

**Springboard Group 01702 545140**

For small household repairs, trustworthy gardeners etc.

**Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 769 7555**

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

**Crimestoppers 0800 555111**

For general information to police given anonymously

Your Local Co-ordinator is.....