



**Charlton Central
Neighbourhood Watch (CCNW)
Supported by Charlton Central
Residents Association (CCRA)**

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Please share this 'Update' with a neighbour and encourage them to join the Watch.

If you have something you'd like to included in UPDATE contact Brenda on '0208 853 3354 or email

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Crime Stats for Charlton – Good and bad news

At a recent Ward Panel meeting of local groups and the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) the police reported some good news regarding crime statistics for our area. Comparing January 2012 to January 2013: burglaries were down from 12 to 9 and robberies were down from 6 to 0. This is very good news indeed. To help reduce burglaries the SNT commented on the following deterrents, that make burglars think twice before trying to enter a house: burglar alarms and dogs are the top two deterrents. Even having a dog barking device can be effective. Leaving lights on in the house and moving wheely bins from areas that allow easy access to rear garden also helps. Most burglars gain access to the rear of properties by climbing onto wheely bins to get over fences. The bad news is that thefts from motor vehicles remain stubbornly level at 15 at both time points. The SNT commented that most car thefts are still perpetrated because vehicle owners leave valuables on view. This includes laptops, electrical good and satnav devices. These are 'easy pickings' as they can be sold on quickly. So to improve on our crime stats next month –think about how you might better protect your home and property.

Reducing burglaries – Spring time precautions

Although it seems like the warm weather will never come it is worth reminding residents, particularly gardeners, that during the 'spring bedding plant' season there is a tendency to leave sheds unlocked over night. This is easily overlooked as we busy ourselves in the garden preparing for the summer. Last year saw a spate of burglaries which were made easy by the burglars using tools taken from sheds. So to reduce our burglary figures further – lock up your sheds.

Don't confuse 101 with 111

From April 2013 the National Health has introduced a new service to make it easier to access local NHS healthcare services. If you call 111 you can get medical help and advice – it doesn't replace the emergency ambulance service (999) but can get you a local doctor. This is not be confused with 101 which is the number to call for the police. You should call 101 to report a crime and other concerns that aren't emergencies. For example, if your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, you suspect drug use/dealing in your neighbourhood, to report a minor traffic collision, give the police information about crime in your area or to speak to the police about a general enquiry. 101 is meant to ease pressure on the 999 service and to improve public access to the police. So don't confuse 101 with 111. Our local SNT remains available at 3 Mar House, Springfield Grove, SE7 on 0208 721 2734 or 07766 992585.

Fraud Detection Scam

This is not a made up internet scam – this actually happened to a resident in Delafield Road. The Fraud Detection Scam – this is how it works. You are phoned by a person who says they are from the Fraud Detection Service and they tell you your account has been compromised. They say they are not going to ask for any details over the phone but you must ring the Fraud Detection Dept **immediately** on the number on the back of your card. They impress on you how important it is to do this immediately. They hang up but covertly they have not disconnected from your phone. When you then ring the number you unknowingly are still connected to the fraudsters. They pretend to be your bank's Fraud Detection Dept and then ask for personal information about your account. If this should happen to you **DO NOT RING** the number or respond. Only use your phone to make an outgoing call when you can hear dialling tones. Ring your bank directly using another line or your mobile to check on your account

CCNWatch Co-ordinators

We currently have Co-ordinators in the following road:

Calydon – Dhesi, 07816 548 581

Delafield – Annie 0208 305 1484 & Brenda 0208 853 3354

Elliscombe – Harjit 0208 473 8908 & Len 0208 858 4920

Gollogly – Lydia 07956 207155

Inverine – Cathy 0208 488 2188

Priolo – Tamara 0208 333 1657

Wellington Gdns – Rebecca 07446 130066/0208 244 3919

Contact anyone above if you'd like to become a Co-ordinator in your street.