



**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 be included in UPDATE contact Brenda on

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Summer security

Spring is in the air and summer isn't far away. As the weather gets warmer it is tempting to leave windows open to let in the fresh air. BUT this can be so tempting to opportunistic burglars. Remember to lock up at night and whenever you leave the house. Don't forget to make sure your shed is also secure.

Domestic violence

Many will have seen the recent press articles regarding the conviction of Safraz Ahmed from our community who recently received a two year custodial sentence for domestic violence/servitude. It was the swift and concerned action by neighbours in Elliscombe Road that helped to secure this conviction. This illustrates the importance of good community spirit in tackling local crime. Domestic violence can often be the 'silent' crime that no-one discusses. If you suspect domestic abuse, don't keep it to yourself. Crime can be reported anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Women who are fearful of domestic abuse can contact HER CENTRE on 0203 260 7715 or email info@hercentre.org for confidential advice and support. Other agencies that can advise are The Havens (0203 299 1599), Woolwich Community Safety Unit (0208 284 3417/9559) and the National Domestic Violence Helpline (0808 2000).

Contact info

Charlton Safer Neighbourhood Team can be contacted by ringing 0208 721 2734 or by going onto their website <http://content.met.police.uk/Team/Greenwich/Charlton>

Door step sellers

Sadly we are still subject to some 'dodgy' cold callers. Don't do business on the doorstep.

Remember to SAY NO to Rogue Traders. RBG offers the following 10 top tips:

- 1 Say NO to unwanted, uninvited callers
- 2 Be wise to rogue traders. Too good to be true offers, probably are.
- 3 Don't feel pressured to make a decision.
- 4 Be wise to postal scams. No legal company will ask for money to claim a prize.
- 5 Keep personal details safe. They could be used fraudulently in the wrong hands
- 6 Research the credentials of a company. Be certain they're not bogus.
- 7 Be online savvy. Check who you're communicating with online.
- 8 Talk to someone you trust if you are suspicious about an offer.
- 9 If you suspect a scam then report it.
- 10 Know you are not alone. Anyone can be a victim, report it and get the right support. **REMEMBER:**
 - SAY NO to : uninvited callers: cash payments and unnecessary repairs
 - SAY NO politely but firmly

If in doubt about a trader, check with the Council's Trading Standards Dept. Contact them on 0208 921 8223 or Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline is 03454 04 05 06 or to report a scam contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

Beggars at the Station/Sainbury's Local

We have had reports of beggars asking people for cash and travel cards. Whatever the hard luck story please refrain from giving to beggars. If you are intimidated by beggars let the SNT know and try and provide them with a description and more importantly details of the time of day so we can build up a picture of incidents. Whilst most beggars are harmless, some may be on drugs and therefore unpredictable.

We need more Street Co-ordinators to help with the Watch. Can you spare an hour or so, every two months to come to a Co-ordinator's meeting? Join like minded people who care about our area and help keep our neighbourhood safe. Volunteer by sending your contact details to mail@ccnwatch.org and we'll get back to you with more details.

