



**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 included
in UPDATE contact Brenda on 0208 853**

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Launch of No Cold Callers/Rogue Traders Zone

The last year has seen an increase in reported incidents of cold calling in our area. Whilst not an offence, it can often be associated with rogue trading which is criminal behaviour. Rogue traders have been operating in our area. They can be aggressive and often persuade residents to undertake work that is unnecessary, over-priced and shoddy. They often prey on some of our more vulnerable neighbours. We have also had cold callers knocking on our doors who have fraudulently taken money from residents.

To combat this Charlton Central Neighbourhood Watch (CCNWatch) are about to launch a NO COLD CALLERS – NO ROGUE TRADERS ZONE in our area. The zone will only be effective if everyone works together to protect themselves and our more vulnerable neighbours. This is how it will work. Firstly come along to **St Richard's Hall, Swallowfield Road on Tuesday 17th April at 7.00 pm (for 7.30 start)**. We will be launching the scheme with an evening that will focus on how we can better protect ourselves. At the meeting we will be hearing from Tina Gibbons of RBG's Trading Standards Dept and Daniel Bygrave from Victim Support. We are delighted to have Tina and Daniel as they are experts at safeguarding. Come along and learn how to stay safe. Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

Following the launch you will see signage going up round our streets. This is a very visible sign to anyone coming into the area that we do not tolerate cold calling and rogue trading. Street signs have been proven to act as a deterrent and will make a fraudster think twice before entering our neighbourhood.

The final part of the scheme will be the delivery of a door sticker to your home – see below. Please display this as the scheme will be more effective if everyone participates. Again door signage has proven benefits. With a sign on your door you have extra protection. If someone does try to cold call you then you can legitimately point to the sign and tell them this is a recognised No Cold Callers/Rogue Trader Zone and therefore you cannot engage with them. Once this is pointed out then whoever is at your door has to leave or they will be committing an offence.

Help us to help you and help to protect others. Come along to the launch, display your sticker on your door and let's work together to make Charlton Central a safer and friendlier place to live.



CCNWatch Co-ordinators - see <http://ccnwatch.org>

We have co-ordinators in the roads below:

Calydon – Dhesi -07816 548 581

Delafield – Annie - 0208 305 1484 & Brenda 07939 090 676 &

Inverine – Cathy 0208 488 2188 and Jonathan – 07875 054 597

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Swallowfield – Heather - 07836 559420

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