



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
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Burglaries and car theft in our area

There has been a massive spike in burglaries and car theft in our area
over the last few months. There are patterns emerging with 'garden
hopping', rear access entry during the night or early hours. They are
mostly seeking the 3C's: cash, cards and car keys.

We know that there is a great deal of concern in the community and the
police are very aware of this spike and are taking measures to
apprehend the criminals. They have advised us to remind you that there
are some simple preventative measures we can all take to protect
ourselves. Most burglars are opportunistic and look for weak spots they
can exploit. **DON'T GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY.** If they cannot
find a weak spot in your house then they will pass it by.



Lock sheds and make sure all ground floor windows/doors
are secure. It seems like obvious advice but burglars are
taking advantage of forgetful behaviours. Have you thought
about upgrading your shed, door, window locks? Installing an alarm?
Flood lighting? CCTV? All deter burglars.

The 3Cs – Cash and cards. Ladies please take your hand bag up to bed
with you. This protects your cards and cash.

Car keys – don't leave them hanging up or in a bowl in the hall.

We can help the police

If you have been subject to an attempted or actual burglary you **MUST**
report this to the police, even if the items taken appear to be of small
value.

If you see something suspicious in surrounding gardens at night call 999
and report it immediately.

Finally: The police are undertaking additional patrols in
our area. They are deploying helicopters and
police dogs in pursuit of suspects. They urge
everyone to help their inquiries by doing the
following:



A) if you hear a helicopter hovering overhead
please **DO NOT** go out into your garden or the
street to see what is going on. This is seriously
hampering operations that rely on a helicopter
tracking someone at a time when normally there
are very few residents outside.

B) please do not interfere or approach a working police dog. This again is
seriously hampering the police at work.

We all want to apprehend these villains and complying with a) and b)
above will be a great help to the police. Can you please spread the word
on this to all your friends, neighbours or through your networks so we can
really support the police in protecting us. **If you are concerned about
burglaries or any other community safety issues come along to the 'St
Richards Day Celebration' at St Richards Hall, Swallowfield Road on
Saturday 15th June 1.00 – 4.00 pm where the CCNWatch will be on hand
to share information.**

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