



**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 3354 or email b.taggart@ioe.ac.uk

The Safer Neighbourhood Team get a 'result'!

We so often have bad news to report when it comes to policing but every now and again there is a good news story that makes us realise how important our local police are.

Just after Christmas our Safer Neighbourhood's Team were on a routine patrol in Charlton Village. They observed two males acting suspiciously and did a stop and search as they suspected the men were carrying drugs. A fight ensued, involving Sgt Adrian Musgrave, PC Tom Ott and PCSO Lee Wilson but eventually our SNT overcame one of the men, the other escaped during the struggle. As the search continued it was discovered that the apprehended man had dropped a loaded hand gun during the struggle. The weapon was ready for immediate use. The man was arrested and on 17th June at Woolwich Crown Court he received a five year custodial sentence. The quick reactions of our SNT team have taken a dangerous criminal off the streets and could have possibly prevented a loss of life.

It is incidents like this that underline how dangerous policing in an urban environment can be. Charlton is officially described as an 'average' crime area, so by and large we do not suffer from high levels of gun crime – and with the help and support of our SNT we want to keep it that way. Well done and thanks to Sgt Musgrave and his brave team.

Car Theft – what can you do to prevent it?

At the June Safer Neighbourhood Team Panel meeting, it was reported that thefts from cars are again on the increase. There have been 28 over the last few months which is a sharp increase over the previous period. Despite reminders it is alarming to have reported that residents are still leaving valuable goods on show in their cars, including laptops and SAT NAV devices. Please make sure all valuable are kept out of sight and remove any 'rings' on your dashboard when you remove your SAT NAV. It sound obvious but also make sure you lock you car up – especially over night! Let's see if we can get those figures down over the coming months.

Burglaries

At the same meeting we learnt that burglaries have decreased, compared to this time last year – so some very good news. But with the summer weather coming on it is too easy to leave doors and windows unbolted overnight. Remember an open window is an open invitation to the opportunistic burglar. Also remember to lock that garden shed – it probably contains lots of tools and implements that burglars can use to gain entry to a property. Burglars seldom carry around their 'tools of the trade' so an easy access shed is just what they often look for. Enjoy the summer weather but as the sun goes down – remember to LOCK UP.

Charlton Church Lane shops

This is officially a SNT Policing Priority area. With the onset of the warm summer weather there has been an increase in the number of young people hanging around the shops. This has led to anti-social behaviour which residents find intimidating. Over the next few months there are measures being taken to make the shops a more secure environment for residents and all those who pass the shops on their way home from the station. Notice the difference over the summer. If you see anything at the shops you think is suspicious or that has caused you alarm ring the SNT on **020 8721 2734 or 07766 992585**

Co-ordinators

We currently have Co-ordinators in the following road:

Calydon – Dhesi, 0208 858 5534

Delafield – Annie 0208 305 1484 & Brenda 0208 853 3354

Elliscombe – Harjit 0208 473 8908 & Len 0208 858 4920

Priolo – Tamara 0208 333 1657

Wellington Gdns – Elaine by phone only on 0208 855 7682

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