

# Charlton Central Neighbourhood Watch (CCNW)

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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 <a href="mailto:b.taggart@ioe.ac.uk">b.taggart@ioe.ac.uk</a>

## **Burglaries and thefts**

The arrest of a group of burglars by our SNT earlier this year had seen the number of burglaries in our area decrease recently. Unfortunately over the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> April there was a burglary in Sundorne Road. It was a particularly unpleasant burglary a lot of damage was done and a large number of goods were taken. Entry was through the rear of the house.

The SNT have asked us to remind residents about securing the back of their properties. Most burglaries are through back doors and windows, many of which are not even locked. Unlocked sheds often provide burglars with tools to break in. However it's not just about keeping burglars out. It's also about not enabling them to get stolen goods away easily.

Two bikes were recently stolen from back gardens in Delafield Road. Once into the back gardens the thieves were able to unbolt a side gate and wheel away their booty. Is your side gate locked on both sides? Adding a padlock to the inside of the gate prevents burglars and thieves from having an easy escape route. It is far more difficult to steal goods if you have to lug them over walls and gates. You are bound to look more suspicious than if you are carrying goods out of a property by the front path. Lock up your gates!!!

#### Charlton Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Many of you will know that there has been some restructuring of Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the London Met area. Some teams have been amalgamated whilst others have lost their Sergeants. We have been lucky in Charlton as we have been given assurances that we will maintain our staffing levels for the time being. However, we have had some change of personnel. We recently lost PCSO Ben Laing who was accepted onto a full Met training programme and is on his way to being a fully fledged Police Constable. Ben was both well known and well liked in our streets. He had excellent 'people skills' and we wish him every successes. He will be a credit to the Force. Many of you will also have met PC Emma Knowles who has moved out of our SNT following a promotion. Again we wish Emma well in her new role. The full team is now as follows:

Sergeant Adrian Musgrave, PCs Catherine Barrow & Tom Ott PCSO Dave Solly and Lee Wilson. We'd also like to welcome to the team PCSO Emma Black who will be pounding our streets very shortly. You can contact the SNT at 3 Mar House, Springfield Grove, SE7, 0208 721 2734 or 07766 992585.

### **Street Briefings**

Meet the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Share any problems you have with them. The SNT holds a regular series of Street Briefings which are outdoor meetings that any member of the public can attend. Just turn up and have a chat.

The next Street Briefing in our area is Wednesday  $18^{th}$  April from 3.00pm to 4.00pm at Valley Grove SE7, opposite Valiant House.

They also hold Drop-in Surgeries which are indoor one-to-one consultation sessions. The next is Wednesday  $25^{th}$  April 1.00pm to 2.00pm at Charlton Triangle Homes Office, Cedar Court SE7. Following this the next Drop-in Surgery is Wednesday  $9^{th}$  May 2012 10.00 am to 11.00 am in the Co-Op supermarket, The Village SE7 8UG. Again this is an indoor one-to-one session.

So now you know where to find them, drop by if you want to speak to our Safer Neighbourhood's Team.

## **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

Priolo – Tamara 0208 333 1657

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