



Charlton Central Neighbourhood Watch (CCNW)

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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
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URGENT ALERT ON PHONE SNATCHING

There has been a worrying and serious increase in the number of phone snatches across the Borough. The problem has been greatest in the tourist area of Greenwich, but there has also been a significant increase around the O2 and this is seeping into our the streets.

Motorbike/electric scooter riders, often in gangs, have been snatching phones used in public places. The police are actively investigating these gangs to reduce this type of crime. Stealing a phone whilst it's being used has become increasingly popular because, with increased log-in security, thieves find it more difficult to access phones stolen from bags and pockets. Taking a phone when it is unlocked and active makes it more valuable to thieves.

Please take extra care when using your mobile in a public place. Be aware of your surroundings: don't walk right beside a roadway area. If you have youngsters at home please talk to them about phone security as teenagers and the elderly are those most likely to have their phones stolen.

Treat your phone as carefully as your bank cards and if your phone is stolen:

- Contact your provider as soon as possible, ideally within 24 hours as they can bar your SIM to stop calls being made on your account and can block its IMEI.
- If you have mobile phone insurance, let your insurer know asap.
- If you activated findmyphone/Android Device Manager you may be able to locate your phone and erase content remotely.
- Report stolen phones to the police. Your network provider will give you your phone's identification number (IMEI), which you should pass on to the police. Make a note of the crime reference number - you'll need it if you want to claim on insurance.

Loosing a phone can be devastating, so be cautious when using them in public.

'Ring' doorbells

We don't normally promote a product but at a recent meeting with the police they highlighted how useful 'Ring' type doorbell video footage is to them. If it is of good quality, it has an important part to play in convicting opportunistic and persistent offenders. Just having a video recording doorbell, of itself, can often put off 'cold callers' coming to your door. With an increase in box deliveries doorstep thefts, 'Ring' footage can add a layer of extra security.

Time to get the clippers out

Spare a thought for your neighbours who travel by wheelchair, mobility scooters or who have babies/toddlers in buggies. As we come to the end of summer look at the front of your house and ask yourself, 'do I have vegetation that would cause inconvenience to others using the pavement'? It is your responsibility to keep the pavement clear of overhanging vegetation. If you fail to do so you could be reported to the Council who have powers to take actions against you. So be a good neighbour and keep the pavement outside your home clear for all to use.

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