



## Charlton Central Neighbourhood Watch (CCNW)

Supported by Charlton Central Residents'  
Association (CCRA)

### UPDATE 55: December 2023

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 at [brendataggart49@gmail.com](mailto:brendataggart49@gmail.com)

### Christmas security

The run up to Christmas can be a very busy time for burglars. Under the cover of darkness, they go Xmas shopping - but not from the shops.

The security list below seems common sense, but it is often the familiar that we overlook. Be mindful of the following to keep your home safe –

- ✓ Check doors and windows are locked at night and when leaving home
- ✓ Double lock uPVC doors or windows using the keys
- ✓ Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home
- ✓ Consider using timer lights to signify someone is in the house
- ✓ Make sure that any valuables are out of sight
- ✓ Install low wattage 'dusk to dawn' outside lighting
- ✓ Remember to activate your burglar alarm
- ✓ Secure sheds and garages with good quality locks/lighting
- ✓ Protect any access to tools either in the house or shed
- ✓ Secure any outdoor ladders to an anchor device
- ✓ Store dustbins so they can't be used to climb on
- ✓ Security mark valuable items
- ✓ Close/lock your garden gate
- ✓ Ensure fences are secure e.g. by installing trellising

- ✓ Keep your car keys in a safe place such as a Faraday pouch
- ✓ Don't put presents where they are visible from the street
- ✓ Don't leave gift packaging visible by your bins
- ✓ Never tolerate Cold Callers or let them into your home
- ✓ Regularly check on elderly or vulnerable neighbours
- ✓ Get a neighbour to put on lights/close curtains if you are away
- ✓ Take in your neighbour's packages if left on their doorsteps to avoid these being stolen
- ✓ Cut back any overhanging vegetation which could be used for burglary cover
- ✓ Clear up the pavement outside of your house so that wet leaves/snow doesn't become a hazard for the elderly/disabled

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It has been a pleasure for us to serve our community this year and we very much look forward to a safe and secure 2024 for all our neighbours. Please encourage your neighbours to join the Watch by visiting <http://ccnwatch.org> or emailing us.

Please let us know if you have any concerns about community safety or if there are any issues you would like us to take up with the local Safer Neighbourhood Police team or the Council.

Finally, if you value the Watch – why not join our co-ordinating team. We meet every two months and our meetings are never ever boring!!!

All good wishes,

### CCNW CO-ORDINATORS – see <http://ccnwatch.org>

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