



Watch It!

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Useful Contact Numbers

Emergency 999

'Crimestoppers' 0800 555 111

Police Control Centre (St Mary's Wharf, Derby) 0345 123 33 33

Sarah Dagley - Safer Neighbourhoods

Officer 01283 595961

Reporting Anti-social behaviour (9 to 5 Mon - Fri) 01283 595795

Reporting Truants (John Port School) 01283 734111

Reporting nuisance 'cold callers' 08454 04 05 06

Safety Surveys (free from fire service) 01332 345640

WHO DO I PHONE?

EMERGENCY - Always dial 999 if you see a crime being committed, or believe someone is in danger.

NON URGENT - Contact the Police Control Centre and ask for the officer you wish to speak to (you may be asked for their collar number which is the same as the number in their e-mail address below) or alternatively contact them by e-mail, (our Beat Team can no longer be contacted by mobile phone):

james.bateman.2539@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk,

kerry.waite.4469@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk or

karen.hyde.4613@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

CRIME UPDATE FOR ETWALL

Crime rates are still very low in Etwall with three incidents in the last month:

A trailer was stolen from a yard on Willington Road, some solar lights were stolen from an address on Belfield Road and there was an attempted non dwelling burglary on Boundary Road where offenders broke into a compound but failed to break the lock on an oil container.

In the area covered by our Beat Team there have been several cases of bicycles being stolen and also thefts from motor vehicles.

The following is an extract from PC Bateman's latest monthly report:

Our priority this month has been all about trying to reduce some of the crime that has been happening in the area. Whilst we are doing our best to catch the culprits, simple methods of prevention will help to minimise the chance of being a victim of crime.

Auto crime and burglaries are indeed the 'in crimes' around the area at the moment and as such we have been doing our best to tackle the issue with different ways.

Some of you may have seen us out and about on the beat walking or even on the push bike patrolling the streets not only being a visible presence but also in our effort to act as a criminal, in high visibility Police uniform. We have been out trying car door handles, looking in windows of vehicles and generally snooping around on the lookout for valuables. If anything is found we visit the keeper of the said vehicle and offer some friendly advice, which has been positively received.

We have also been visiting small public meetings to talk about the above issue and raise the profile of the problem in the area.

SECURITY ADVICE

Cars and Presents

Park in safe well lit areas.

Never leave a car door unlocked or a window open, even when just going into a shop for a moment or two.

Don't leave any belongings on show in your car. A thief won't know that a bag or coat doesn't contain something of value and might break a window to get it. Never leave your purchase/present on display.

Security mark your stereo and, if it is removable, always take it with you. Make a note of the serial number and keep it in a safe place.

Don't leave credit cards or cheque books in the glove compartment, one in five stolen cheque and credit cards are taken from cars.

Never leave vehicle documents in your car - it helps the thief to sell it.

Remove the ignition key and engage the steering lock, even in your own driveway or garage, and don't forget to lock the garage door!

Home and Property

Mark your property using an ultra violet pen with your post code and house number. Pens are available from your Co-ordinator.

Lock all bicycles and have them marked with your post code and house number.

Do not carry large amounts of cash in your handbag or wallet.

Never keep your cheque book and card together and keep your pin number safe.

If you are offered a quality product at a bargain price ensure the source is genuine. If it seems too good a bargain to be true it probably is!

Ensure all doors and windows are locked.

Ensure all gifts are out of view and dispose of all wrappers and receipts carefully.

Never leave your car keys or handbags downstairs at night, take them to the bedroom with you.

POLICE SURGERIES

PC Jim Bateman will be holding his first surgery at the new Police Station on the Mease at Hilton, which is an extension to the Hilton Harriers Club Pavilion. It is an opportunity for members of the public to meet him and his team and air any issues you may have during a two hour slot. The time for each meeting will be 1900 to 2100 hours. The first will be on Monday 23rd November 2009 and then on the following dates:-

Tuesday 1st December 2009

Tuesday 12th January 2010

Thursday 11th February 2010

Tuesday 9th March 2010.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please ensure that the Watch is told of all incidents that cause you concern as well as any crime reports. It could be that we can bring pressure to get something done, also, even though the event may seem minor, it could be part of a local build up that is worthy of serious concern. Perhaps the Watch, speaking for all 900 households, can get some action to help put things right. Remember, together we have more clout!

THE CRIMINAL'S FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS POEM

It's almost that time of year once more
When homes fill up with Christmas gifts by the score.
You go and do some shopping, out on the Late Nights
I'll know when you've gone you didn't leave on any lights.
It's so very good of you to gift-wrap everything for me,
And I don't have to search they're round the Christmas tree.
To replace everything will cost you a fortune, unfortunately,
But I'll have a good festive season and all of it for FREE.
Down at the pub it's surprising whom you'll meet,
Everyone wants a bargain, with families to treat.
No questions asked, for me, its easy money.
A 'wide-screen TV for fifty quid,' doesn't that suggest something funny?
A car parked loaded with presents, to me that is inviting.
To break in takes just seconds, I'm in like lightning.
I don't care if I've caused any damage or upset you,
Thieving is my way of life, I'm good, it's what I can do.
So if you want to have a Merry Christmas time,
And you want me to learn to toe the line.
Lock up your nice home and car very securely,
Make sure lights come on so everyone can see.
It's really that simple, not a lot for you to do
Seasons Greetings a Merry Christmas to you!

GUARD AGAINST IDENTITY FRAUD

Don't Publish:-

Full address (say Derby instead).

Date of Birth (use age if you can).

Your Mothers maiden name (invent one).

Place of work (use occupation instead).

Details of school or university, they are risky.

Where or when you go on holiday.

Your phone number (use an e-mail address instead).

Your main e-mail address (use an alias).

On-line Safety:-

Always use secure websites (look for padlock and https).

Check that net retailers publish their geographical address, e-mail and a telephone number (not mobile) before you buy.

Buying over £100? Use a credit card, if goods are faulty the card company will refund you if the retailer refuses.

Use alpha-numeric passwords at least seven characters long.

Wireless Broadband:-

Did you know that it can be picked up and logged onto from a car in the street? Ensure that your network is protected by a firewall and a secure password.

E - Mail:-

Members wishing to use e-mail to exchange crime related information with the Watch should address their mail to:-

Alan Jenner at alanjenner16@hotmail.com,

Malcolm Yarnold at malcolmyarnold@btinternet.com

or Mike Hearn at mike@etwall.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

The members of the committee would like to wish all the members of Etwall Neighbourhood Watch a safe and merry Christmas and a crime free 2010.

The Watch holds meetings on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7.00 pm, in the residents' lounge of Peartree Court. All members of Etwall Neighbourhood Watch are welcome to attend.