

# Northwood Hills SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Dear Ward Member

Please have a look at the August 2017 newsletter detailing what your officers have been dealing with this month.

### [Ongoing Anti-Social Behaviour \(ASB\)](#)

We have continued efforts to deal with the groups of youths causing issues on Joel Street. This has included patrols when on duty around Joel Street, Ferndown, Oakdale Avenue, and Briarwood Drive.

Residents of Oakdale are working to have some gates erected to help combat these issues, and police have been discussing other options with the council to encourage a multi-agency approach.

Officers have been gathering impact statements from business owners and some residents to show the level of disruption these issues are causing. These statements will be given to our ASB team based at Uxbridge to assist them in asking the courts for Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs).

We have had reports of scooters being used around Fore Street and in the local woods and have been around the area recently to deter this behaviour.

The PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) remains a useful tool for us to deal with anti-social behaviour. If you would like more information on the PSPO please email us and request an electronic explanation.

### [Motor Vehicle crime prevention](#)

Please find advice regarding motor vehicle crime below. There is more available online on the Met Police website, and on the Northwood Hills [TWITTER](#) page. [@MPSNorthwoodH](#)

#### PREVENTING CAR CRIME

**Most vehicle crime is preventable and by taking a few simple measures, you can help prevent your property being stolen.**

- Always lock the doors and activate any security devices when leaving your car unattended, even for only a few minutes.
- At home, keep your car keys safe and don't leave them in an obvious place.
- Park with care. Try to park in a busy, well-lit area, close to CCTV cameras, particularly at night or if you are leaving the vehicle for a long time.
- Ensure your garage is as secure as possible.
- Never leave your keys in the car, even for a second.
- Never leave your belongings where they can be seen.
- Consider installing security devices such as immobilisers, alarms or steering locks and property mark your equipment.

#### Useful links:

[www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)  
[www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org)  
[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

If you have any information on any crime, and you would prefer not to speak to police you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**, or visit: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Crimestoppers is an independent charity.

**The Metropolitan Police Service is here for London, working with you to make London a safer city.**

Call **101** to report a crime, get advice or raise local issues. In an emergency always call **999**.

Or visit our website [www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention](http://www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention)

## Engagement Activities

'Cuppa with a Copper' was a success this month. Officers have conducted two of these "drop in" meetings at Costa Coffee, Joel Street, where residents can come and meet the team, discuss issues and share a coffee.

If you missed us our next dates are:

**Sat 12th August @ 4pm**

**Thurs 24th August @ 2pm**



## Virtual Ward Panel

Please contact us if you would like to be part of the virtual ward panel, where a regular short survey, completed via email, will help us police the issues affecting you more effectively. If you would like to have your say then please email us with your name, address and contact number at [Northwoodhills.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Northwoodhills.snt@met.police.uk)

## Contact Us

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**Email: [Northwoodhills.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Northwoodhills.snt@met.police.uk)**

**Twitter: @MPSNorthwoodH**

## Latest Crime Stats

The most up to date crime figures can now be found on our website

<https://beta.met.police.uk/>

## Burglary Advice

Please be vigilant over the summer especially if you are going away on holiday. Below is a small example of Burglary prevention advice which can be found on the Met Police website.



1 - Low front boundary; keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under 1 metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.

2 - Secure side gate; keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.

3 - High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting; keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants such as those on page 4 to make it harder for burglars to climb over.

4 - Gravel driveway and path; gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.

5 - Security light; install an outside security light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.

6 - Intruder alarm system; install a burglar alarm system.

7 - Secure shed door and window; always keep your shed locked and secured. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.

8 - Never leave tools lying around; never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.