

**12/11/2016**

Dear Resident,

Thank you for signing up to the Snaresbrook updates. You will be receiving a report from your local team, a monthly report from your local Inspector and quarterly from your Borough Commander.

### **Burglary**

Areas affected by residential burglaries since the last newsletter was issued were, Grosvenor Road, Byron Avenue, Sylvan Road, Woodford Road, Rodney Road and Chestnut Drive. The property affected on Sylvan Road had its shed broken into and items taken from within. Please understand that burglary figures are expected to rise at this time of year due to earlier nights and Christmas gifts being purchased in advance. If you're willing to store expensive item in your shed then please make sure security on such outbuildings is adequate.

The burglary on Chestnut Drive was of an artifice nature which means that a suspect has entered an address under the guise of a service repair person or carer, in this case an elderly victim was affected and some cheque books may have been stolen.

Areas affected by Burglary Non-Dwelling since the last newsletter was issued were, The High Street Wanstead with about five business premises being broken into and Holy Bush Hill with two non residential premises being broken into, one of which being a metal container with tools being stored on a building site.

We have also had two attempted burglaries since the last Newsletter was issued. One on The Drive and the other on Leicester Road, with both suspects possibly being disturbed before entry was gained into the target address.

Please look out for any elderly residents living near you. If you reside within a block then please ensure the communal entrance remains locked when not in use and not wedged open and always confirm the person you let into your block is known to you! If a person tries to buzz in claiming to be from a utility company then please confirm with ID and call the company if you're unsure. Remember, if you still don't trust them then keep the door shut and if needed call 999 or 101. A genuine tradesperson will be happy to wait.

The nights are now starting to draw-in. please be aware of people loitering in your area and report anything suspicious on 101 or 999 for emergencies. If a car is seen parked for some time down your street and you don't recognise it or the driver then report it. There's a chance it could be nothing but your call could prevent a crime from happening.

### **Vehicle related crime**

Areas affected by Motor vehicle crime since the last newsletter was issued have been, Glenwood Court, Sylvan Road, Holy Bush Hill, High View Road, Chestnut Drive, Grove park and Grove Park car park, Gordon Road, Wellington Road, Wellesley Road, Woodford Road and High Street Wanstead.

Many of the above incidents relate to tools being taken from within cars or vans. The incident on the high street relates to a vehicle being stolen during a test drive. The victim was selling his vehicle, the suspect posed as a possible customer. Please be mindful that this is a very common method for stealing cars. If you are looking to sell in this way then please have at least two or three people with you and if you feel unsure about the possible customer then trust your gut and stop the sale. Your initial gut feelings are usually right.

Industrial tool theft is on the rise and no matter how hard we try to drive the message, trades-people will continue to leave very high value tools in vehicles in places like public car parks. If you spot a trades-person leaving their van or other vehicle in such a place then please make them aware of the possible consequences of their actions. We will always try to patrol our car parks when we can for this very reason but unfortunately, we can't be present all of the time

Please report any suspicious activity on 101 or 999.

### **Other news**

We have had a rise in mail theft where the information gained from this type of crime is used to open credit cards in the affected resident's name. Please be aware of any external or communally shared mailbox's which may be stuffed with plastic bags or any other type of fodder. This stops the residents post from properly entering the box which in turn allows it to be stolen. If seen then please remove any such obstruction. We also advise that you call the 101 number and make a report to us.

### **Redbridge NHW**

We are confident that NHW's have played a massive part in the reduction of Burglary and Motor Vehicle related crimes, so we ask for anybody who maybe interested to register on:

[www.RedbridgeNHW.info](http://www.RedbridgeNHW.info)

The NHW scheme is focused on all crime and any information shared from members of the public is an extra weapon in our armoury. This includes any information of threats to our borders.

Other information

Extended high visibility patrols are still being carried out on all of Snaresbrook, this means your officers must wear high visibility yellow jackets whilst on your streets. This allows us to be seen during the late nights whilst on foot and cycle patrol. We ask that you remain vigilant and please carry on reporting any suspicious behaviour on the 101 none emergency police number. We will continue our very best to keep the burglary figures as low as we can with continued patrols and responding to your calls.

Our main focus of crime is high visibility patrols due to burglaries, motor vehicle crime and drug related crime.

### **Crime Mapping**

We advice any of our residents concerned with crime trends in there area to visit the Metropolitan Police Crime Mapping web page. This page allows you to look at figures of reported crime for the year and the month. Crimes figures such as burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and violence against a person can be viewed on this page and you will see that figures for Snaresbrook remain low. A positive result all round achieved by the residents and officers of Snaresbrook Ward.

The team are still out and about on the ward pressing forward with gathering more email addresses as this is a great way for the team to report back to residents as well as advising you of current crime trends in your area as well as crime prevention advice and any appeals but we still need more! If you know of anyone on your street that has still not signed up to our scheme then please advise them to do so. Let's spread the word together.

### **Register your phone!**

Do you know your IMEI number for your mobile phone? This is a unique references number that police check if your phone is lost or stolen .It can be found by typing in \*#06#. The number can be registered on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) Police use this sight to check if any mobile phones used by stopped criminals are indeed stolen; it can also help in securing a conviction.

**And last but never least!**, please make sure to report anything suspicious on the 101 number and emergencies always on 999.

We want to update as many residents as possible, so if you neighbours want to receive this email please ask them to get in contact with us. [Snaresbrook.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Snaresbrook.snt@met.police.uk)

Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance.  
Kind regards,

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