

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEWSLETTER

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Audit

The time has come to once again complete and return your data form so that we can update our records.

The form has been amended and you may notice that it does not contain any reference to Ringmaster.

We are currently reviewing the way we communicate with our Watches and it may be that in the future we bring in a new, updated system hence the need to generalise the form!

Force Service Centre Visit

Have you ever wondered where the 0845 456 7000 number takes you?

Thursday, October 13th is the next Force Service Centre visit. Places will be limited so if you would like a place, please let me know.

bridget.whittle@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Tel: 01454 864404

If I am away from my desk, please leave a message.

National NHW Website

As you may have noticed I have been gently reminding you to join the Our Watch website www.ourwatch.org.uk This is a national NHW site supported by the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Once registered you can access various resources which you might find useful go ahead and have a look!!

Relentless

Friday 15 July saw over 80 NHW Coordinators gathering at HQ to participate in a Heart Start training day.

The full programme included CPR training in the gym followed by an afternoon in the lecture theatre and a quick visit to our communications department.

Judging by the positive emails received, you all enjoyed your visit!!



South Glos

Covering the neighborhoods in : Staple Hill, Filton and Chipping Sodbury.



Emergency 999

Police non-urgent Contact Number 0845 456 7000

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 – call anonymously with information about crimes

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Burglaries

The majority are opportunist; a burglar needs only to spot an open window, unlocked side gate or poorly maintained alarm to make a move.

- Check that all doors and windows are locked.
- Fit deadlocks (BS 3621 locks).
- Fit key-operated locks to all vulnerable windows.
- Install visible alarms (UKAS accredited) and ensure it is turned on!
- Do NOT hide spare keys outside under flower pots, mats or in garages and sheds.
- When going out ensure lights and radios are on a timer.
- Check fences are high and a solid gate padlocked.
- Don't leave any cash or valuables lying around.
- Mark your property with your postcode and house number.
- Register your property on www.immobilise.com
- Review garage security, "up and over" doors are vulnerable, consider the Garage Door Defender.
- Sheds, ensure they are secure and use them to lock garden implements away. Mark items within with postcode and house number and if storing bicycles ensure they are anchored, marked and registered (see bicycles).

Vehicles

Fact – 76% of vehicle crime in South Gloucestershire occurs outside the owner's home!

- Always keep your vehicle locked (ensure sunroof and windows are closed).
- Don't leave anything in your vehicle, irrelevant of value.
- If you have a garage, use it. Alternatively always try to park in well lit areas which are overlooked.
- Older vehicles may need additional security devices such as a steering wheel lock.

Motorbike and Moped

- Use a steering wheel lock and a strong steel cable or D-lock to attach your machine to security rails or ground anchors.
- Get a professionally fitted combined alarm immobiliser.
- If you have a garage, use it or cover your machine up when not in use.
- Visit www.thatcham.org and www.soldsecure.com

Bicycles

Fact – over 100,000 are stolen every year!

- Buy a good quality lock – always use Sold Secure products.
- Lock your bicycle to an immovable object.
- Locate and note your serial number and record it on www.immobilise.com.
- Mark the frame with your postcode and house number.
- Take a good quality photograph of your bike.

Notice board

Beat by Beat

This fortnightly document will continue to be sent to you to give you an insight into emerging/ongoing issues for your area which may be of interest to you and your members.

NHW Signs

These can be purchased through me, please ensure that your signs are not looking too sad!!

Property Marking Kits

We supply at a cost of £1.00, kits which can be used to mark your property, please contact me if you would like to purchase some for your members.

My contact details can be found on page one.

