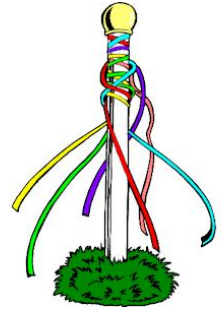




Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Dedicated Ward Policing Newsletter - May 2017



Welcome to the May edition of the ward newsletter. We use this as a way to deliver information about what is happening on the ward, provide crime prevention advice and let you know what is being done to tackle issues in the area. You can find your local team's details including a ward map and other useful information by entering your postcode on the front page of our new website: beta.met.police.uk

Motorcycle and Moped Security

It takes less than a minute to steal a motorcycle or moped. Many are never recovered. Some are used in crime or broken down for parts. Your bike could be at risk unless you take sensible precautions such as: Lock your motorcycle; don't rely on the standard fitted lock- use a ground anchor, good quality disc locks, and a strong security shackle or chain. Fit an alarm, particularly one with a movement sensor which activates when the bike is moved. Fit a tracker, some models can be monitored using a smart-phone app. Use security marking on components. At home, park your motorcycle in a locked garage or enclosed area whenever possible. Away from your house use well-lit parking areas, with CCTV, or a Park Mark approved car park www.parkmark.co.uk

Shed and Garage Security

Sheds and garages often have less security than a main residence but can store items of high value such as bicycles, garden and DIY tools, camping and sporting equipment. Bicycles should be security marked and registered with BikeRegister, and locked to a ground anchor. Garden tools, like spades are often stolen from sheds to lever open windows and doors. Lock away tools and equipment and secure ladders as an intruder can use them to gain access. Secure your shed or outbuilding using two large hasps and staples on the doors and two closed shackle padlocks on the outside. Windows should have good locks and can be secured with internal diamond mesh grilles. If you never open them consider screwing them shut from the inside. Purpose made locks can be fitted to either side of metal "up and over" garage doors, about 300mm from the floor to prevent the corners being lifted.

Visit www.soldsecure.com for further advice on security products.





Counter Terrorism

With the incident that occurred in Westminster, March was obviously a busy month, with police officers completing 12 hour shifts in the days following the 22nd to provide an increased visible and reassuring presence to the public. Policing activity in London, and across the country, around counter-terrorism work has been in the headlines again since, but it is only with the help of the public that we are able to tackle and prevent further attacks. If you have any concerns, or information that may help, please don't rely on others. If you suspect it, report it to the Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321.

Good News

We recently recovered a Vespa from the Southfleet Road area, which had had its identification marks removed. We have since identified it as having been stolen from the SE12 area. You can report abandoned vehicles, as well as a host of other issues via the Local Authority Fix My Street system: <https://fix.bromley.gov.uk/> Using this system ensures that other residents do not also report the same issue, and enables the local authority to provide updates about what action is being taken. We are also able to see these reports and take action where appropriate. If you haven't visited our website recently, the new Metropolitan Police Service website has now gone live: <https://beta.met.police.uk>. The new website is mobile friendly, and packed with useful features enabling you to report crimes and road traffic incidents, obtain advice on a number of topics, request information, review crime statistics, and give feedback. We also now have a Twitter account for the ward: @MPSChelsfield (@MPSChelsfield&PrattsBottom wouldn't fit). We will be posting a variety of things on our Twitter feed, such as upcoming local events, and information of use to local residents. The Police teams for every ward in London will be using Twitter as a means of letting residents know what their local officers are up to, so if you don't live in this ward you will still be able to find a Twitter account for your local team. Just enter your postcode or address in the "Find your area" box on the homepage of the Met Police website, and you will see the page for your ward.

Bike Marking

There will be bike marking events across the borough over the coming months, including at the St. Christophers Hospice Wild West Fair in Green Street Green on 01/07/17. To find your nearest event keep an eye on our Twitter feed or www.bikeregister.com/events. If you can't make it to one of these events, but would like your bike marked please contact us to arrange it. See www.bikeregister.com for details.





British Transport Police text service

On the 7th March the British Transport Police (BTP) text service celebrated it's fourth birthday. During the four years it has been active over 62000 text messages have been received by the BTP control room, and yet some of you reading this probably didn't know it existed or what it was for. Have you ever witnessed an offence taking place on a train, but felt like you couldn't call the police in such a confined space? This service is for situations like that. The service enables you to discreetly contact police about issues on the train or tram network(61016)

Ward Promises

The promises set at the April ward panel meeting were: Personal Safety (Elderly/Vulnerable Residents), and Neighbourhood Watch.

We have started to receive referrals from members of the community who are concerned about some of our older or otherwise vulnerable residents. These have resulted in us visiting and providing advice and reassurance to the potentially vulnerable person and their friends, family, or neighbours. We have also put them in contact with other organisations who may be able to assist them. If you have concerns about a friend, relative or neighbour on the ward who you think could benefit from some input around personal safety or crime prevention, please contact us. If you are interested in Neighbourhood Watch, but aren't sure where to start, or what it entails, please contact us. We can let you know if there is a scheme in place for your road, and if not, how easy it is to start one.

Upcoming Events

We will be holding street briefings at the following locations:

Highfield Avenue (junction of Edgewood Drive) at 17:00 on 06/05/17.

Lezayre Road (junction of Bakers Mews) at 14:00 on 27/05/17.

Goldfinch Close at 14:00 on 03/06/17.

Shelley Close at 14:00 on 04/06/17.

Wellhurst Close at 19:00 on 09/06/17.

Osgood Gardens at 19:00 on 10/06/17.

Julian Road at 14:00 on 09/07/17.

We will be present at the following local community events:

The Pop-In at the Greenwood Centre on 06/05/17.

The Green Street Green Village Society AGM on 12/05/17.

The St. Christophers Hospice Wild West Fair on 01/07/17.

The Chelsfield Village Fete on 08/07/17.

The next ward panel meeting will be on 12/07/17.





Useful Contacts

Action Fraud, UK fraud and internet crime reporting centre

- 03001232040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

Bromley Borough Council

To report a wide range of issues visit www.bromley.gov.uk/report

- Noise issues (outside office hours) 03003038671

- Trading Standards, report rogue traders on 07903 852090

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (National Crime Agency)

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Childline

- 08001111 or online www.childline.org.uk

Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline

- If you suspect it, report it. 0800789321

Crime Stoppers

- 0800555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Immobilise Property Register

- www.immobilise.com

London Fire Brigade:

- Fire advice and safety visits www.london-fire.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

- For information on NHW in Bromley visit www.bnwa.co.uk

Official Police Security Website

- www.securedbydesign.com

RSPCA

- Animal welfare concerns 03001234999 or online www.rspca.org.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter. If you wish to talk to us for any reason, please call or email using the details below.

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