

## KEW NEWSLETTER 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017- 30th June 2017

Dear all,

Here is our 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter.

Hopefully the information I include is of relevance and you find it useful

NHW coordinators not only should be sending out the crime prevention advice we promote, but should also be actively trying to recruit new members to their schemes on a regular basis. Focus should also be on the elderly and vulnerable people who live in their roads to provide support and also stop them from becoming victims of crime.

### **Burglary**

There have been 16 burglaries across the ward since 1<sup>st</sup> May. These have been across the ward and have consisted of property stolen from underground car parks as well as items taken from premises. In some cases doors haven't been locked correctly. There have been reports of non-dwelling burglaries which have occurred at various businesses; however, nothing has been stolen in these cases. We may assume that the suspects were looking for cash left on premises.

### **Theft from Motor Vehicle**

Unfortunately this is our most prevalent crime with 37 reports, again across the ward but predominantly at the top end of the ward, around Kew green and surrounding roads. In most cases property has been left in the vehicles and the passing thieves have smashed side or rear windows to grab this. Over the past few weeks incidents have been reported whereby a moped/scooter has been seen at the time of the offence. Often with 2 people on it, one smashes and grabs the items and the other drives off. If you see anyone riding around on a moped looking in to vehicle's, please call 999 at the time, if possible with a registration and description/direction of travel.

Recently some property belonging to a victim was found over the bridge in Chiswick so it seems that our suspects may come from that way.

Please do not leave **anything** in vehicles, even if you think that someone wouldn't want to steal it they possibly might, a recent example was a bag of clothes for a charity shop. Leave glove box, centre console open to show there is no loose "parking change, consider also removing the back shelf so that it can be seen there is nothing in the boot.

### **Theft of Cycles**

With the light evenings and hopefully sunnier/warmer days, cycling becomes more popular, in light of this often theft of cycles increase. There has been 15 stolen since 1<sup>st</sup> May, in some cases bikes haven't been locked up and proved very easy, in other cases they have been locked. Please try to ensure that you use a good quality durable lock, consider property marking the bike and as mentioned before take a note of the frame number and a photo of the bike. Ensure you lock it securely, when returning home consider bringing the bike inside or in to a securely locked alarmed shed, I often see bikes in front gardens insecure or with a flimsy lock.

I have been in contact with the Metropolitan Police Safer Transport team who are able to provide a bike marking service, if I can arrange something would that be of interest?

Of note over the past 2 weeks there have been increased reports across the borough of fraud/scam offences, predominantly the victims have been over the age of 80 and have been contacted by telephone by someone purporting to be a police officer, who then states they have arrested someone/or they are from the fraud department and ask for bank details or ask victims to go to the bank to draw out money and then someone is sent round to collect the money.

This will always be a scam as Police will never call and ask for bank details or ask you to obtain money.

If you do receive such a call, please hang up and contact police but from another phone line (often the suspect keeps the line open and then pretends to be the operator)

The link regarding scams may be of use, if you would like any further advice please do not hesitate to get in touch.

<https://www.met.police.uk/globalassets/downloads/fraud/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf>

In light of recent terrorist events/activities, the below links may be of use:

<https://www.met.police.uk/advice-and-information/terrorism-in-the-uk/>

<https://www.met.police.uk/tell-us-about/possible-terrorist-activity/>

Our next public meeting is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at The National Archives, Bessant Drive. In attendance will be our new Sergeant, Sergeant Miah. From the beginning of June there has been a change in supervision ratios and Sergeant Rich Nelson has moved over to the Teddington side of the borough and Sergeant Miah is now responsible for Kew, North Richmond and South Richmond wards.

We also have a new PC, Jim Dyson so a warm welcome to him.

We are still looking for a secretary /minute taker for these meetings as our previous secretary sadly passed away. If you would like any more information regarding this then, please contact me. These meetings are held quarterly and are open to people that live or work in Kew. It is an opportunity to hear about policing and crimes /concerns in Kew and to influence what you would like the team to focus on.

### **IMPORTANT/ UESFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

**020 8247 8320** – SNT landline.

Email: [Lorraine.childs@met.police.uk](mailto:Lorraine.childs@met.police.uk)



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[http://richmond.gov.uk/home/services/roads\\_and\\_transport/vehicles/abandoned\\_vehicles/report\\_an\\_abandoned\\_vehicle.htm](http://richmond.gov.uk/home/services/roads_and_transport/vehicles/abandoned_vehicles/report_an_abandoned_vehicle.htm)

Neighbour Nuisance Officer

Email: [residentialeh@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:residentialeh@richmond.gov.uk)

Commercial Premises

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