

Winchmore Hill Newsletter – December 2019 Edition

Introduction

Dear Winchmore Hill residents, there has been a decrease in the number of crimes reported in our ward in November. There were 87 in November compared to 99 in October.

BURGLARY:

Burglaries have increased to 17 in November from 14 in October. Residential Burglaries have increased from 9 in October to 12 in November. Attempted Burglary has increased to 4 in November compared to 3 in October. There were no commercial burglaries in October and 1 commercial burglary in November.

Please make sure you get those timers out and set them up so your lights are on after dark and, most importantly, before you get home from work. A dark house is most likely an empty house.

October and November saw many catalytic converters get stolen. Older Honda Jazz, Lexus, and Toyota Prius are most commonly targeted. If you have one of these please speak to your vehicle manufacturer for advice on protective devices that can be fitted around the catalytic converter. Also consider a car alarm that activates when the car is lifted or tilted.

In relation to burglary, please make sure your windows and doors are locked when you leave the house. Think about security around your

home. Does your home have CCTV, security lights, an alarm and timer switches? Mail visible in the porch is a sure sign of nobody being home. Use a mailbox either inside the slot or outside so mail is hidden.

As the nights are getting shorter, timer switches will need adjustment so they go on and off at the right times.

Half of the burglary offences still occurred overnight and the other half during the day (late afternoon/eve). Email us to request our crime prevention advice letter.

LIFT - LOCK – REMOVE

Please remember to double lock your front doors whether you have a UPVC door or have a Yale and mortice. If you also have a UPVC porch door then double lock that too. If you have security devices installed, please use them.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE FOR DOUBLE LOCKING A UPVC (THREE OR FIVE POINT LOCKING SYSTEM) DOOR.

If a UPVC door is not locked with a key the door handle goes down when tried from the outside. A door left like this (i.e. just pulled shut) is very weakly secured with ONLY THE

LATCH keeping it shut. This is the point on the doorframe where the suspects target with their screwdrivers or crowbars and can pop your door open sometimes with very little effort. How do they know which doors to try? Simple: they try the handle. If it goes down, they know the door is not locked properly with the key and therefore will be easy to open.

[We offer all residents a crime prevention visit carried out at their home. Simply contact us via the details on this newsletter to arrange an appointment.](#)

CAR CRIMES:

There were 12 Thefts From Motor Vehicles (TFMV) in October compared to 13 in November. There were 7 Thefts of MV in October compared to 6 in November.

In relation to motor vehicle crime please **PHYSICALLY CHECK YOUR CAR DOORS ARE LOCKED** before you leave them. I am still being made aware of cars being left open and items from within being taken by opportunist thieves. Also, number plates are being taken from vehicles. If you would like tamper proof screws please call your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on 0208 721 2681.

ATM crime

Barclays cash point on Station Road continues to be a favourite spot for criminals. It is safer to use the ATM inside Shoppoint on The Green (although they now charge a small fee in all their stores). It's only 50m up the road. Always check an ATM

first and if in doubt don't use it. It's always safer to enter a bank or store and use the machine inside. Don't withdraw large amounts of cash as thieves follow the elderly to steal the money from their handbags in the next shop they enter.

Elderly victims who have parked near ATMs have been approached by criminals who convince them they're about to get a parking ticket and to avoid it all they need to do is put their card into the ATM and.....well you can guess the rest!

Christmas Presents

With Christmas Day quickly approaching, I'm sure many of you will have either bought or received gifts, whether it be the latest gadget, jewellery or electronic equipment. However, please be mindful when disposing of the packaging (not just for the environment) but also not leaving the boxes outside your house for the binmen to collect. This essentially advertises to potential burglars items in your property which may be worth stealing.

Carpark Scam

Someone has been approaching shoppers as they leave in their cars. They say 'Did you know you now have to pay to park here? You'll get a fine. Follow me in my car.' The shopper then follows the fraudster to another location (often the Palmers Green BR car park) to 'pay' in another machine.....

Upcoming events

Here are some upcoming dates where you will be able to find us to talk about any local concerns you have. Put these in your diary and come along to any one of the following dates:

Park Run

Your local Winchmore Hill Police team partake in our local Grovelands Park Parkrun event when they are on early shifts on Saturdays. Come and 'run with a copper' or come and talk to us. The next date for Parkrun is on **Saturday 19th January at 9am.**

Farmers' Market

Your local Winchmore Hill Police Team will be at the Farmers Market on **Sunday 20th January at 1-1:30pm.** So come and talk to us there if you can't make the other times or running isn't your thing.

Use this link to see where we will be in the future if you want to come see us in person:

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/enfield/winchmore-hill/?tab=Overview&introducingyoursaferneighbourhoodsteam=meetingandevents>

We now occasionally offer a crime prevention dog walk. Keep an eye out on the link above and Twitter and Nextdoor.co.uk

November 2019 Crime Figures

There were a total of **87** recorded crimes on the Ward during November 2019.

Burglary

There were 17 Burglaries last month. There were 12 residential burglaries, 4 attempted burglaries and 1 commercial burglary.

Motor Vehicle Crime

There were 19 Motor Vehicle Crimes last month. (13 Theft from Motor Vehicles, 6 Theft of Motor Vehicles)

For a full breakdown for figures in Winchmore Hill, you can visit either @mpswinchmoreh on Twitter or www.police.uk

Faraday Pouches

For those of you who have keyless ignition cars (stop/start button), it is **ESSENTIAL** for you to purchase 2 Faraday pouches to keep your fobs inside. One is for your everyday car fob and the second is for the spare fob. These will stop thieves from stealing your vehicle using a method known as relay-attack. A metal tin box does **NOT** work and neither does wrapping the fobs in aluminium foil. Be sure to periodically test your pouches to make sure they work. Only buy the ones that have long folding flaps. Faraday pouches with short flaps fail sooner when the

Velcro wears out. Owners of new Mercedes: double clicking when you lock using the fob powers down the fob negating the need for using a Faraday pouch. Just remember to power off the spare fob too. Again, test the method first.

be reported using Twitter. Make sure @metcc is included in the tweet. Follow @metcc too.

Team Members

Based at Southgate Police Station, your Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) for Winchmore Hill Ward are:

Sergeant Matt BLOOMFIELD
PC Andrew LAZARI
PCSO Antony RIVAS

We can be contacted on the dog & bone: 0208 721 2681

Or email us:

WinchmoreHill.SNT@met.police.uk

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for daily updates, crime prevention advice, local events and meetings.

@mpswinchmoreh

@metcc

@mpsenfield

DO NOT report crime on Twitter. In emergencies always call 999. The police Twitter account is currently staffed from 8am-10pm. Issues that you'd normally report by ringing the police non-emergency number 101 CAN

