

## Winchmore Hill Newsletter – November 2019 Edition

### Introduction

Dear Winchmore Hill residents, there has been an increase in the number of crimes reported in our ward in October. There were 99 in October compared to 69 in September.

Burglaries have increased to 14 in October from 7 in September. Residential Burglaries have increased from 6 in September to 9 in October. Attempted Burglary has increased to 3 in October compared to 1 in September. There were also 2 commercial burglaries and no attempted commercial burglaries in October.

Please make sure you dig out those timers out and set them up to make sure lights are on after dark and before you get home. A dark house looks like an empty house.

September and October 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, 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.](#)

Motor vehicle crime has increased from 14 in September to 19 in October. There were 12 Thefts From Motor Vehicles (TFMV) in October compared to 9 in September. There were 7 Theft of MV in October compared to 5 in September.

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. Use the free ATM inside Shoppoint on The Green. 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!

### Sainsbury's Car Park

Be aware of being distracted when putting your shopping into your car in Sainsbury's car park. None of the car park is covered by CCTV. A man has been telling elderly women to check the damage at the front of their cars and then stealing their wallets. Laminated warning signs were given to the Sainsbury's management who have put them up at the entrances.

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.....

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### 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 9th November (and then on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December) at 8:50am.**

## Farmers' Market

Your local Winchmore Hill Police Team will be at the Farmers Market on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 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

## October 2019 Crime Figures

There were a total of **99** recorded crimes on the Ward during October 2019.

### Burglary

There were 14 burglaries last month. (9 Residential burglaries & 3 Attempted burglaries & 2 Commercial Burglary).

**ATT. BURGLARY** 04/10/2019 1912 Hours. FOX LANE, N13. Suspect's tried the door by forcing entry - failed and fled.

**Burglary** 09/10/2019 1700 – 10/10/2019 0740 HOURS. SEAFORTH GARDENS, N21. Tools stolen from building site overnight.

**Burglary** 10/10/2019 1930 – 2050 HOURS. HOPPERS ROAD, N21. Unknown suspects enter via rear window. Untidy search, unknown what was taken.

**Burglary** 13/10/2019 1200 – 14/10/2019 1400 HOURS. WOODLAND WAY, N13. Unknown suspects gained entry into shed and stolen cycle and power tool.

**ATT. BURGLARY** 14/10/2019 0115 Hours. ROSENEATH AVENUE, N21. Suspects have attempted to gain entry to the front and rear of the property.

**ATT. BURGLARY** 20/10/2019 1623 Hours. ROSENEATH AVENUE, N21. Suspects have broken glass to front door to gain entry and were disturbed.

**Burglary Commercial** 25/10/2019 1700 – 26/10/2019 0800 HOURS.  
SEAFORTH GARDENS, N21. Tools stolen from building site.

**Burglary** 26/10/2019 1400 – 2115 HOURS. HOPPERS ROAD, N21.  
Suspects have entered the property by cutting the door off the hinges. Untidy search, unknown what stolen.

**Burglary** 25/10/2019 0800 HOURS.  
HOPPERS ROAD, N21. Suspects have entered shed in rear garden and stolen power tool.

**Burglary Commercial** 26/10/2019 1200 – 28/10/2019 0800 HOURS.  
SEAFORTH GARDENS, N21. Tools stolen from building site.

**Burglary** 28/10/2019 0830 – 1815 HOURS. ORPINGTON ROAD, N21.  
Unknown suspects gained entry via window and conducted untidy search.

**Burglary** 28/10/2019 0830 – 2200 HOURS. FOX LANE, N13. Unknown suspects gained entry via window and conducted untidy search.

**Burglary** 28/10/2019 0930 – 1850 HOURS. AVONDALE ROAD, N13.  
Unknown suspects gained entry via window and stolen money.

**Burglary** 27/10/2019 0800 – 1830 HOURS. CHURCH HILL, N21.  
Unknown suspects gained entry into and stolen pushchair.

## Motor Vehicle Crime

There were 19 Motor Vehicle Crimes last month. (12 Theft from Motor Vehicles, 7 Theft of Motor Vehicles)

**Theft of Motor Vehicle** 01/10/2019 2330 – 02/10/2019 0340 HOURS.  
GROVELANDS ROAD, N13. Vehicle stolen from victim's driveway.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle** 03/10/2019 2100 – 04/10/2019 0700 HOURS.  
STONARD ROAD, N13. Number plates stolen from vehicle.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle** 08/10/2019 2230 – 09/10/2019 0850 HOURS.  
HIGHFIELD ROAD, N21. Vehicle stolen from victim's driveway.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle** 09/10/2019 1900 – 10/10/2019 1000 HOURS.  
FERNLEIGH ROAD, N21. Car bonnet and lights stolen from vehicle.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle** 10/10/2019 1300 – 1305 HOURS. GREEN LANES, N13. Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle** 11/10/2019 1342 – 1459 HOURS. HOPPERS ROAD, N21. Bank cards stolen from vehicle.

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**Theft from Motor Vehicle** 14/10/2019 1500 – 1600 HOURS. STONE HALL ROAD, N21. Number plates stolen from vehicle.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle** 12/10/2019 1800 - 14/10/2019 2015 HOURS.  
PAULIN DRIVE, N21. Number plates stolen from vehicle.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle** 15/10/2019 1430 - 16/10/2019 0900 HOURS.  
HOUNSDEN ROAD, N21. Number plates stolen from vehicle.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle 17/10/2019**  
1730 – 18/10/2019 0935 HOURS.  
BERRY CLOSE, N21. Vehicle stolen  
from victim's driveway.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle 19/10/2019**  
1830 – 20/10/2019 1000 HOURS.  
HURST ROAD, N21. Vehicle stolen  
from victim's driveway.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle 21/10/2019**  
0312 HOURS. RADCLIFFE ROAD,  
N21. Vehicle stolen from victim's  
driveway.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle 21/10/2019**  
2000 – 22/10/2019 1000 HOURS.  
BROADFIELDS AVENUE, N21. Vehicle  
stolen from location.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle 26/10/2019**  
1330 – 22/10/2019 1340 HOURS.  
BURFORD GARDENS, N21. Mobile  
Phone stolen from vehicle.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle 22/10/2019**  
2330 – 23/10/2019 1000 HOURS.  
CRANLEY GARDENS, N13. Bags  
stolen from vehicle.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle 26/10/2019**  
1700 - 27/10/2019 0045 HOURS.  
HOPPERS ROAD, N21. Number plates  
stolen from vehicle.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle 28/10/2019**  
1500 – 29/10/2019 0935 HOURS.  
WOODLAND WAY, N21. Vehicle stolen  
from location.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle 29/10/2019**  
1300 – 1400 HOURS. HOPPERS  
ROAD, N21. Tools stolen from vehicle.

**Theft from Motor Vehicle 30/10/2019**  
0800 – 0900 HOURS. WOODBERRY  
AVENUE, N21. Phone clip stolen from  
vehicle.

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## 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.

## Team Members

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

Sergeant Matt BLOOMFIELD  
PC Andrew LAZARI  
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## Twitter

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

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

