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The Hughenden Street Association vision

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40>

Thames Valley Police Update : Burglary

Thames Valley Police (South Bucks) are keen to share the following advice to residents in Hughenden. The Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber writes:

“With the darker evenings and mornings upon us, this is the season when household burglaries have typically increased. To address this, we are seeking to engage with homeowners, to make their neighbourhoods safer. Analysis shows that a significant percentage of break-ins are committed by offenders from across the breadth of the South of England, who travel into our area to commit crime: so, coming together as a community, can offer a ripe opportunity in our collective resilience to Burglary. The impact of having your home burgled is immense; both financially and emotionally. Yet, it is common for us to delay taking preventative measures, until someone within your immediate circle has already been impacted. However, I also recognise that a lack of time or money can also be reasons to delay investing in home security.

Following the Covid-19 Pandemic, we saw a significant reduction in the amount of burglaries within the Thames Valley region. Locally, we were able to sustain this lower level for a significant time and buck the national trend. This was, in-no-small-part, due to the deterrent work which my teams undertake. Yet despite this, offending rates eventually began to rise again, within the last year or so. And whilst we have been able to tackle this rise, and flatten the curve, there are still areas within South Buckinghamshire where burglars continue to operate. Working with the community You will often hear about the police working in partnership with agencies to combat crime”.

Mr Barber urges residents to take advantage of the [Neighbourhood Alert Scheme](#) and to join [Neighbourhood Watch](#).

Tips to minimise the risk of burglary are regularly included in this newsletter.

E-scooters are increasingly popular however it is important to be aware of the legal obligations of owning one need to be considered. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

Surveys Requesting Your Input

Neighbourhood Watch Cybercrime Survey. There is still time to complete this survey –deadline 15th December 2023. Click [HERE](#).

Bucks Housing Consultation Click [HERE](#).



Great Kingshill Village Hub: Christmas 2023

The **Christmas Post-box Toppers** are back! Brightening up the post boxes on Missenden Road by the Spar shop and on Heath End Road.



Useful updates

Withdrawal of the ‘**Save A Life**’ app which located defibrillators. This has now been replaced by a national [website](#).



Geoff Pegg, Operations Director, **Neighbourhood Watch** will be on Wycombe Sound on Friday 8th December at 1.25pm. You can call in or ‘listen again’. Check the [website](#) for more information.

Boundary Changes

Formal approval has been given for new constituency boundaries which may affect local residents. The new boundaries take effect at the first general election after 29th November 2023 i.e. now. Click [HERE](#) to find out whether and how you will be affected.

Over the last few months, it has been encouraging to see the welcome extended to new residents when they post their arrival on Facebook. It can be hard to get to know people these days and I am reminded of one couple who invited us to their house on our first Christmas in Hughenden. Hugh and Joan Steele had lived here for many, many years and made us feel very welcome. They have now been reunited following Joan’s passing. Her funeral will take place at St Michael & All Angels on Wednesday 13th December at 10.30am. Editor.

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