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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>

Have you been affected by cybercrime?

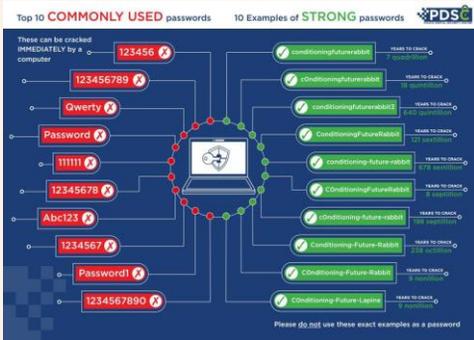


If you have then Neighbourhood Watch (NW) would like to hear from you. More than 4.5 million cybercrimes were committed in 2020 according to the Office of National Statistics. NW has teamed up with online security experts Avast for its Cyberhood Watch campaign. Case studies bring the issues to life and offer ways to avoid crime happening to someone else. Your experiences can, of course, remain anonymous. The important point is that NW can advise people based on your experience. Click here to help: <http://bit.ly/3rbfuCE>

Scam Champion: Making good use of passwords

This month's Neighbourhood Watch newsletter includes further advice on keeping safe online:

- ✓ Create a separate password for your email accounts
- ✓ Use strong passwords with 3 random words and change these regularly. Here are some examples:



To sign up for the monthly Neighbourhood Watch newsletter click here: <https://bit.ly/2D1pWZ8>

Community Safety : Quarterly newsletter



Buckinghamshire Council's Community Safety team has launched its first quarterly newsletter. The aim is to keep residents, businesses and partner agencies informed about what the team has recently been involved in, together with crime prevention advice, information on awareness raising campaigns and upcoming events.

To view the newsletter click on the link: <https://adobe.ly/2MVIW1J>



Spotlight On: Dog thefts



Since the first lockdown began the number of thefts of dogs has increased by **170%** according to **Animal Search UK**. At a recent **Crime & Anti Social Behaviour** sub-group for the **North West Chilterns** it was confirmed that locally the number of thefts appeared to be increasing. Being vigilant is so important as one attendee pointed out that as she lived alone having her pets was a real lifeline during the pandemic. She added that despite living near to some lovely woodland walks she was too scared to take her dogs out alone. Currently dog theft is apparently seen as a 'low level' crime by police. It is not usual for dogs to be 'stolen to order' and social media has plenty of examples of puppies being stolen from house as well as older dogs from gardens. Breeding a dog can be very lucrative and the most sought-after dogs at the moment according to **Animal Search UK** are **Labradors, Daschunds, Boston Terriers** and **French Bulldogs**. Prices for dogs have also risen: a Labrador puppy 12 months ago would cost between £800 and £1,000; now it is around £3,000. Here are some tips to keep your dog safe from **The Pet Census**:

- ✓ **Secure your garden** – with so many pets being taken from their gardens make sure that all fences and yards are properly secured to prevent thieves from easily attacking your property.
- ✓ **Change your walking routine** – many thieves will target local parks and dog walking sites when they expect owners to be exercising their pets. This is a quick and easy way to prevent the loss of your pet.
- ✓ **Don't leave your pet in your car** – if you need to nip out to the shops, leave your pet at home rather than in your vehicle as this could lead to an impulsive theft.
- ✓ **Keep your details up to date** – owners should make sure that their animals are microchipped and that their details are registered and kept up to date with a microchip database to make it easier to return your pet to you.
- ✓ **Keep your dog and your property secure** – make sure to take preventative measures, including ensuring your home has an alarm system, not leaving your dog tied up outside a shop or public place and making sure you can see your dog when out on walks at night.



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