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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>

Catalytic Converter thefts – back in the news



It is a sad reality that thieves will focus on easy targets and for car owners this includes catalytic converters. Why?



Catalytic converters are relatively easy to steal – all you need, according to **Heycar**, is a flagrant disregard for the law and other people's property, a jack, an angle grinder and a few seconds of your time. In most modern cars this item is located towards the exhaust which makes for easy access. Lifting the back of the car and cutting out the whole unit can be done in no time. SUVs are more vulnerable due to their raised ground clearance as well as having larger catalytic converters which make them more valuable.

A second reason is the fact that some of the precious metals hidden inside the converter are MORE valuable than GOLD! The ceramic element is coated in precious metals such as platinum, rhodium and palladium. Black market price? £500 in some cases.

How to protect your catalytic converter. Some useful tips*.

- ✓ Park to prevent underneath access such as parking close to walls or fences but avoid blocking pedestrian access.
- ✓ Get a unique serial number etched onto your converter and display a sticker telling potential thieves of this fact.
- ✓ If bolted on, get the bolts welded shut.
- ✓ Toyota owners can get a **Catloc** installed. Not a cheap option but it does need to be weighed against the replacement cost if your catalytic converter is stolen.
- ✓ Install an alarm and make sure there is a sticker showing this clearly visible.
- ✓ For non-Toyota owners consider a **CatClamp** which is attached to the exhaust and makes removal of the converter much harder. Disclaimer: Other types may be available.
- ✓ If you have a garage, use it! Seems obvious but many of us don't!

* Courtesy of [Heycar](https://www.heyca.co.uk/).

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Ways to improve community health and wellbeing

A suggestion this week from Buckinghamshire Adult Learning

Connect up for an online coffee break

Practice your digital skills, meet other learners, have a chat.

Every week from **Tuesday 26th April—17th May** Google Meet at 1200 or WhatsApp 07825 052627 at 1pm

Every week from **Wednesday 27th April—18th May** Google Meet at 1200 or WhatsApp 07825 0526271 at 1pm

For more information contact Christine Jakeman: 07825 052627 or christine.jakeman@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

How to use Google Meet click [HERE](#)

How to use WhatsApp click [HERE](#)



Great Kingshill – leading the Jubilee celebrations

Great Kingshill Residents' Association and the **Village Hall** and the **Cricket Club** are planning to host a picnic on the common to encourage residents to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** as a community on **Friday 3rd June**, from 12 noon until 4pm.

Subject to the British Weather, the plan is for residents to bring their own picnic but enjoy it in a community environment with plans for:

- 50's music and dancing
- Fancy dress (optional)
- Games for all ages
- Ice Cream and local delicacies
- Bar at the cricket club
- Tea/coffee and cakes in the village hall
- Exhibition from the 50s in the village hall
- Dogs on leads welcome, but no BBQs, sorry.

For more information: contact Jackie at gkra.newsletter@gmail.com

Don't Forget.....

30th May – 5th June is **Neighbourhood Watch Week**. Lots of information and events – virtual and in person – are being planned across the region. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

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