

# NEWSLETTER-AUTUMN 2019



**KETERING BOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**

**FOR THE 6,700 NHW MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF KETERING**



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**NORTHANTS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM** The Open Members Meeting and AGM is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7:00pm in the Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill, Reedings, Moulton, Northampton. NN3 7AX. The recent focus on dwelling burglaries, the new process for handling 101 calls and online reporting, crime prevention tips for urban and rural areas and improvements in the NHW Alert messages will be key issues for discussion. Speakers this year:

- Chief Superintendent Mick Stamper, Head of Neighbourhood Police and Partnerships, and his colleague Chief Inspector James Willis;
- Paul Fell, Director of Delivery for the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner; and
- Kate Bailey of Northamptonshire Police Crime Prevention.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GOOD PRACTICE DATABASE** entitled '*Inspiration*' was launched in the Summer: [www.ourwatch.org.uk/inspiration](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/inspiration). A collection of the most innovative work being undertaken by Watch volunteers across England and Wales. The database contains lots of examples of fantastic good practice that are taking place within Neighbourhood Watch. The work ranges from involving young people, litter picks, a community café, community events, preventing fraud and cyber-crime to supporting community readiness to flooding. In each case, volunteers explain how they developed their project, the impact it had on their community and how they overcame any challenges.

**DRIVERS TARGETED WITH FAKE FINES** Action Fraud has received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'. Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card. Once the victim inserts their card and is asked for their PIN, the victims are 'shoulder surfed' for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

**Action Fraud**  
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre  
**0300 123 2040**

**REPORTING- GO DIGITAL** Did you know that there are a number of things you can report to the police online? Quickly, confidentially and conveniently at [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk). You can do this at a time and place that suits you, and it can help free up the call centre operators for emergencies. Or if you wish to pass information anonymously, you can call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111 or report online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information)

**CRIMINALS TARGETING PEOPLE WITH UNIVERSAL CREDIT SCAM** Action Fraud has received over 60 reports about a scam in which fraudsters target people with offers of “low cost” loans or “free” government grants. What the victims aren’t told is that the money they’ll receive is actually an advance payment for Universal Credit. The criminals use the personal information they’ve obtained under false pretences to make an application in the victim’s name. After the fraudsters have taken their “fee” from the advance payment, the victim is then left to pay back the total amount once their repayments begin.

**How you can protect yourself:**

- Never share your personal or financial information with someone you don’t know and trust, especially if it’s in response to an offer of “free money” or a “free grant”.
- Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) staff will never approach you in the street or ask for your personal/financial details over social media.
- If you have concerns about your benefits, you should visit [www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus](http://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus)
- If you suspect your identity may have been stolen, you can check your credit rating quickly and easily online. You should do this every few months anyway, using a reputable service provider and following up on any unexpected or suspicious results.

**CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE** Nobody thinks they'll be a victim of crime until, of course, it happens. But if you're clued in to the criminals' tricks and tactics you can stay one step ahead. Browse [www.northants.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention](http://www.northants.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention) for first-hand knowledge, industry best practices and practical crime prevention advice from officers and specialist teams all across the police.

**SECURITY PRODUCTS FOR SALE** can be purchased from Jane Calcott or the police enquiry desk at Kettering Borough Council Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX. The enquiry desk is open 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am - 1pm on Saturday.



**Dual Activation Door Handle Alarm £5.00 each**

- Comes with a rubber ring to keep alarm in place on handle
- Activated by vibration or touch sensitivity
- Unit has the option of alarm mode (warn off intruders) or chime mode (acknowledge entry)
- Batteries included
- Size: 70mm x 60mm x 18mm

**Tip Top Fence/Wall Spikes £1.00 per strip**

- Helps prevent intruders getting access
- Can be fixed side by side to provide wider anti-climb barrier
- Safety product: will not cause serious injury, discourages climbing
- Strip size: 450mm x 50mm



**Low Energy 15W Light Bulb with Dusk-to-Dawn Sensors**

- Give the impression of an occupied property even when you are not in
- Sensor activated (auto on/off)
- Bayonet fitting

**£5.00 each**



**Automatic Dusk-to-Dawn Plug-in LED Night Light**

- Sensor activated (auto on/off)
- Low power consumption

**£2.50 each**



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