

Bingham Neighbourhood Watch

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NEWSLETTER

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Junior Neighbourhood Watch

In partnership with Bingham Police and school staff, we ran an innovative project for 63 Year 5 pupils at Carnarvon School in March 2010. The project involved five key elements: describing a stranger; coding of valuables; finger printing; bicycle coding; and a multi-choice questionnaire on security and police issues, to be completed at home with parental involvement. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the exercises and their feedback was very

"This was a strong team effort" positive.

Thanks are due to the team that designed and delivered the project, including Head Teacher Jonathan Cunliffe, PCSOs Sally Charles, Richard Bombroffe and Matt Adcock, Neighbourhood Support Worker Wendy Morris and five Bingham co-ordinators: Alan Cotton, Bron Downing, Bob Garland, Barrie Phillips and Gordon Sanders. This was a strong team effort that made a valuable first contribution to Junior Neighbourhood Watch in Bingham. The team will now decide how to take the work forward. Visit our website *News* page for more information and photographs, at www.bingham-watch.com

End of Message!

We're very disappointed to report that, due to financial constraints, the *Ringmaster* messaging service, both email and voice mail, was discontinued from April 2010, as was the NW Support Worker service, previously provided by Notts Police. The service was funded collectively by the police, the county council and the borough council. However, the police will continue to arrange the NW street signs and attend new scheme launches wherever possible. Your co-ordinators discussed the implications at their June 2010 meeting and will explore how we might attempt to plug the resulting communication gap.



What you should do in an emergency

In an emergency call **999**. An emergency is:

- when a crime is happening
- when someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or
- someone is injured, being threatened, or in danger.

If you need to report a crime that is not an emergency, you should call Nottinghamshire Police on **0300 300 99 99** or Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

Remember the 999 criteria

New scheme

We're delighted to report the launch of another new scheme. The Langar Road scheme, comprising 17 properties, was launched by Chairman Gordon Sanders and Vice-Chairman Bob Garland at a very well-attended meeting of residents at The Old Court House, Bingham, on Wednesday 31 March 2010. Information packs were distributed at the meeting and there was an excellent exchange

of information and ideas. Congratulations to new co-ordinators Jeff and Sue Yardley; it's clear they'll be strongly supported by members and we wish them and all scheme members every success with the scheme. Langar Road becomes the 85th street in the Bingham scheme, which now involves over 1800 households and approximately 4000 residents.

Brain teaser 1

How many words of 3 or more letters can you find from the letters of the word POLICE, using each letter no more than once? Plurals and prefixes are permitted, but not proper nouns (capitalised words) or abbreviations such as OPEC, IOC, etc. 15 = average; 20 = good; 25 = very good; 29 or more = excellent.



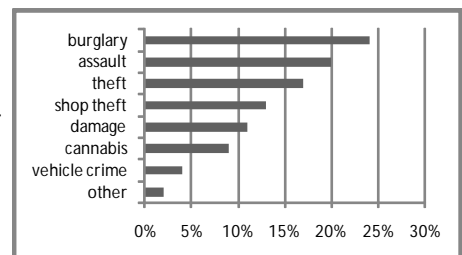
Answers on page 2.

Bingham crime pattern 1st quarter

Analysis of the police monthly crime sheets for the three months January to March 2010 shows this pattern:

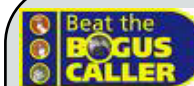
Recorded crimes averaged 25 per month, 19% lower than our historical par of 31.

Vehicle crime was down this quarter, but walk-in burglary through un-



locked doors and windows remains a concern.

Lock doors and windows when out gardening



Bogus callers

Watch out for distraction burglars trying to get into your home to steal; beware bogus workmen and cowboy workmen. Never employ casual callers and never be rushed into anything. Be suspicious of unusual requests and never leave the door open and unattended.

Brain teaser 2



Match the 5 cryptic clues below to these 5 NW street names: Cogley Lane, Langar Road, Walkers Close, Crow Court, Glendoe Grove.

Clues: 1. All crows seek to confuse. 2. Russell nabbed, we hear. 3. Rag ran amok in cargo. 4. Leer within confines of conservatory at Venus, for example, endlessly. 5. First great Hutton performance, say, facing varied over.



Shed burglary

The message is: 'Secure your shed!' There's been a recent sharp increase in shed burglary and Crime Reduction Manager Peter Ainley urges us to make our sheds secure. Peter says, "Every spring and summer garden sheds are targeted by thieves as owners replace worn items with new. Items should be coded (postcode/house number) by scribing, hammer and die, engraving or branding, or with SmartWater or SelectaDNA. Large items should be shackled together using a robust chain and padlock." Ask your co-ordinator for a low-cost, battery operated, stand-alone shed alarm. We can provide more help if needed.



Going on holiday?

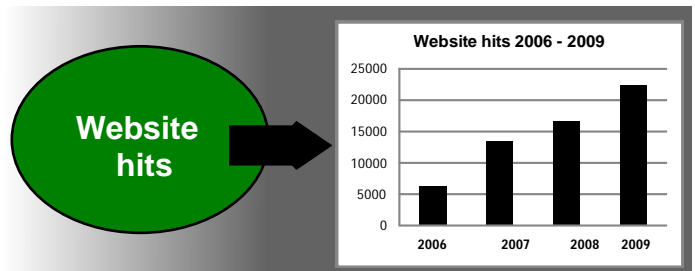
- Ask a family member to check there is no post on view to passers-by, and that your letterbox is emptied regularly, or cancel your post
- Ask a neighbour to close your curtains at night and open them again in the morning – or invest in an automatic curtain-pulling device
- Cancel your milk and your newspapers
- Don't flag up your holiday to strangers who may be in the newsagents when you cancel your papers
- Don't talk about your forthcoming holiday whilst in public places
- Don't leave suitcases in the drive as you pack your car
- Don't put your home address on your luggage label on your outbound journey
- Invest in security light timers – they can be programmed to make it look like someone is home in the evenings
- Keep a car parked on your drive or outside your house
- Cut the lawn just before you go away, so that the garden doesn't look unkempt, offering tell-tale signs of your absence.



If you're already in Neighbourhood Watch, please persuade others to join us. Tell them to call **838365** or visit www.bingham-watch.com

Co-ordinators visit police control centre April 2010

The Control Room at Notts Police HQ is housed in a 'bunker-like' building at Burnt Stump serving South Notts. Assembled in the training/observation room on 22 April 2010, we fourteen Co-ordinators looked down at the busy working area. There were four rows of desks covered in computer screens, one for each of the four Divisions - A B C & D. Bingham is in 'D' Division. All were fully staffed by police support staff and some uniformed police officers, and this facility is staffed 24 hours per day 365 days per year. To the right of the room were further desks and computer screens where 999 calls are received. These operators channelled the calls speedily to a screen in the appropriate Division. The Officer monitoring the screen would then contact the nearest patrol car to the incident. All patrol cars are fitted with the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system enabling them to be constantly tracked. As an example, we were shown a map of Bingham on a screen, and the positions of two patrol vehicles were located at that moment. A wall monitor displayed that 93% of 999 calls were responded to in ten seconds and that figure was constantly updated. 999 calls are prioritised into four categories and Officers endeavour to reach No.1 category incidents in 10-20 minutes. Nottinghamshire's system is resourced very well with high staffing levels and is of Gold Standard, ranked among the top three in the country, attracting much interest from other Forces and areas. We're grateful to Nigel Turner, Police Partnerships Officer, for organising this visit.



Bingham's safe!

Your vigilance will keep it that way.

Burglary 10 Quiz

If on the web, have you tried our Burglary 10 Quiz yet? Go to the *News* page of our website.

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Answers to Brain teaser 1
 find more!
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