



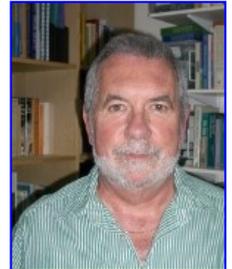
BINGHAM

**Neighbourhood
Watch**

**Newsletter
Winter 2016**

Message from the Chairman

As Chairperson, on behalf of your officers and co-ordinators, I wish you all Season's Greetings and best wishes for a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Thank you all for your support and vigilance over the past year.



Please be mindful that Christmas is an opportune time for criminals. Remember, in particular, not to leave presents visible from the outside of your property or in unattended cars. Dispose of packaging discreetly so that thieves will not be alerted to the presence of new, high value items in your home.



Who's coming down your chimney this Christmas?

Make sure it's someone bringing gifts – not taking them away!

Visit the Bingham Neighbourhood Watch stall at the Christmas Fair.
Market Square
Fri 2nd Dec, 5 – 8 pm

Find out how you can help in your local area.

You could be the person to keep your street safe this Christmas.

www.bingham-watch.com



Christmas shopping online this year? Make sure you know how to stay safe before you click.

SAFE SHOPPING GUIDE

1. Choose reputable shopping sites so you know the website is secure and goods genuine.
2. Research any online retailer that is unfamiliar to you. Check for a physical address and telephone number. If in doubt, look for online reviews and plenty of positive feedback.
3. If you can, pay on your credit card as you are much better protected.
4. Check the link is secure before payment, even if this is a third party site you are directed to. Watch for the padlock sign in the your browser window frame. Beware of any padlocks that are on the actual page as this may indicate a fraudulent site. Check the web address begins with https:// (where the s stands for secure)
5. Take extra care when using auction sites such as eBay - check out the seller's rating and transaction history and, if the seller has a business, make sure it exists and that it has a physical address and phone number. Most reputable sellers accept payment via well known secure and independent payment systems.

Calling Correctly

DIAL 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. For example, if:

- Your car has been stolen
- Your property has been damaged

Or to

- Give police information about crime in your area
- Speak to police about a general enquiry

DIAL 999 when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

Bingham crime trends



The police monthly crime data for the second and third quarters of 2016 show an average of 29 offences per month, or just less than one crime per day, and shows a reduction from the first quarter of the year. Over quarters 2 and 3, anti-social behaviour remained on average the most commonly occurring crime (37%). Domestic burglaries remained at 10% and vehicle crime fell to less than 1% of all crime. The highest figures for domestic burglaries occurred in the popular holiday months of July and August. Despite these relatively low crime rates, we should aim to employ basic crime prevention measures to try to avoid becoming a victim of crime, especially during the holiday season.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Check out the newsletter of Nottinghamshire Police and Crime commissioner, Paddy Tipping. 'The Beat' details up to date police matters and policies.

Visit [http://](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Public-Information/Newsletters-and-Publications.aspx)

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PARKING RESPONSIBLY

Over the last few months a number of Bingham residents have voiced their concern over the inconsiderate and inappropriate parking of motor vehicles on the roads and streets of Bingham. This is of some concern due to the fact that, not only does it cause obstructions to other vehicles and pedestrians, but more importantly it could cause delay in emergency service vehicles attending emergencies. With this in mind, it is worth reminding ourselves of a few **HIGHWAY CODE RULES**: **Rule 242**: You must not leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes an obstruction of the road. **Rule 243**: Do not stop or park near schools, bus stops, junctions or prevent access for emergency services etc. **Rule 244**: You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do elsewhere unless signs permit it.

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams and pushchairs. More importantly, everyone should be aware that emergency service vehicles do at times require access when attending rapid response incidents. Ask yourself the question, could a fire engine get past where you parked? Every second counts when firefighters are responding to a 999 call. Time spent trying to squeeze between parked cars could put lives at risk. Fire engines are larger than cars and need more room to turn corners so please avoid parking too close to junctions. If you are parking opposite another vehicle, remember that a fire engine needs at least **TWO CAR WIDTHS** to fit through. Park as close to the kerb as you can. **THINK** - It could be you, your family, friends, colleagues or neighbours that they can't get to.

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ONLINE
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CALL FOR CO-ORDINATORS

Rutland Road and Fosters Lane are soon to be without a co-ordinator.

To volunteer or to find out more about what is involved please call 876635.

Neighbourhood Alerts

Keep up-to-date with what's going on in and around Bingham. **Neighbourhood Alert** allows you **FREE** access to the latest crime prevention advice and appeals by the police, and lets you receive warnings of recent scams affecting our area.

Neighbourhood Alert is secure, completely free and you can unsubscribe at any time. You can also decide what information you receive and how often you receive it. The more people who join it in any given area, the greater the collective knowledge of crime patterns and security in that area. Remember that crime cannot flourish in a community that cares.

For more information and to register for the service, visit: www.nottinghamshirealert.co.uk

Your suggestions

If you have any suggestions for the content of this newsletter, please feel free to contact your co-ordinator.

If you don't know your Co-ordinator then ring Bingham 876635 to find out. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, your co-ordinator would be pleased to accept help in either delivering some of the Newsletters or offers of attending the quarterly meeting when he/she is not able to.

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