



# Neighbourhood Watch News **SUMMER** 2009

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## MORE NEW SCHEMES IN OUR AREA

*We should like to extend a warm welcome to the following schemes which have joined us since our Spring Newsletter*

### Barton Seagrave

Brington Drive

### Corby

Huntingdon Close

Kingsey Drive

Kingsbrook

Leicester Close

Manitoba Close

### Geddington

The Woodlands

### Kettering

Cross Street

Pagent Court

Poplar Road

Ridley Street

St. Johns Road,

St. Peters Avenue

( 3 schemes),

### Rothwell

New Street

School Lane,

### Message from Jane

Due to my hours being reduced to ten a week, where it was previously twenty, it has proved very difficult to give the same standard of service as in the past. My apologies for any lateness in response you may have experienced. I am doing my best but am slowly sinking under a pile of paperwork! Thank you for your support. **Jane Calcott, NHW Liaison Officer**

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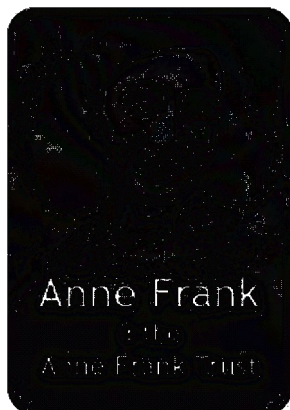
- Contacts
- Wheelie bins
- Free home fire safety checks



**Jane also says "If you are in a NHW scheme but don't have NHW signs on your lamp-posts ask your co-ordinator why!"** The signs are a proven deterrent to would-be burglars. It is a fact that you have a 1 in 47 chance of being burgled if you do not have signs up, but the odds decrease to only 1 in 400 if you do have them. Once you have the signs up you can claim a reduction on your household insurance (available from most insurance companies). If yours does not do this it would be wise to change company once your next insurance premium is due. The signs cost £10 each and are available to purchase by contacting me on 03000 111222 ext 4800 or e-mail: [jane.calcott@northants.police.uk](mailto:jane.calcott@northants.police.uk) The co-ordinator should have a list of members in the street, who can be contacted to contribute towards the signs. In this way the cost to each member is minimal. Even with just 10 members the cost is only £1 per sign". **Jane Calcott, NHW Liaison Officer**

## IAIN DOES IT AGAIN ! THIS TIME ITS AN ANNE FRANK AWARD

*Iain Brown, our youngest Street Co-ordinator, you will remember, won an "Unsung Heroes Award", as reported in our Spring Newsletter. Now Iain has another reason to be proud. He has been given an "Anne Frank Award"*



The Anne Frank Awards originally established in 2003 by The Anne Frank Trust UK, the sister organisation of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, is a highly regarded education and recognition programme that seeks to recognise young people and educators who have shown great personal strength, moral courage, and determination to stand up for what is right. We seek to acknowledge and celebrate people who not only believe in Anne Frank's inspirational words

ence, we are looking for the often unsung heroes who are working towards a better future, trying to change attitudes and challenge prejudice and racism. We believe that those who speak out, go out of their way for others, and stick out their necks for the common good should be identified and held up as an example to us all.

Those who have really made a difference to others around them. Those who share the spirit that Anne demonstrated and the values she believed in. Those who in a moment or moments of true inspiration, kindness and compassion literally acted 'Frankly'.

*This certificate recognises inspirational help for others in the community.*

*... Iain Brown...*

*Highly Commended for Helping Others in the Community*

*under the Anne Frank Awards scheme for Northampton and County 2008-9*

*This scheme to recognise inspiring people of all ages was run by Northampton Youth Forum & Northampton Carnival working with the Anne Frank Trust in London.*

"it only takes a moment to start to improve the world", but who also put them into action. With so much adverse publicity about gun and knife crimes and teenage vio-



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## Community Messaging



All Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinators have the opportunity, on registering, to apply for Community Messaging. Not all do apply, if they are not on-line with an e-mail address for example. This article, largely borrowed with permission from the Northamptonshire Police website, gives the thinking behind Community Messaging.

### What is Community Messaging?

Community Messaging is a message alert system that links the Police and the Community by providing up to date, relevant and timely crime information via email to the scheme members of Northamptonshire. The system allows us to target specific contacts where the problem area exists. The idea is not to bombard you with thousands of messages, but to send you relevant messages for your area

this means when a crime occurs virtually anywhere in the County we can alert Neighbourhood Watch members who are only minutes or even seconds away from the crime scene. This will enable the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, deputy or member take the appropriate action which is to phone us on the phone numbers provided below or the **dedicated Neighbourhood Watch number 01604 432436.**

will supply you with up to date, timely and relevant crime prevention advice on emerging or seasonal crime issues.

### How can Community Messaging help my Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

Instead of sending thousands of broadcast emails we look to target specific areas where crime issues emerge. This will keep you better informed of events in your area so you



where a crime has occurred.

### Who runs Community Messaging?

In our area Community Messaging is run by the Senior Community Watch Officer David Robins and his deputy Louise Hough from the Diamond Business Centre, Irthlingborough.

### How does this tie in with our Neighbourhood Watch Schemes?

Neighbourhood Watch is absolutely vital to the Policing of Northamptonshire. There are over 3000 Neighbourhood Watch Contacts all on our Community Messaging database,

For example, you may have seen what the offender was wearing or what direction they went. This information could have a real impact on reducing crime and improving community cohesion.

Northamptonshire Police hope that by providing you with Crime information you return the favour. If you do have any information about crime please do not hesitate to contact the Northamptonshire Police switchboard on **03000 111 222** or **999** if there is an emergency. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or even the dedicated Neighbourhood Watch phone number. Northamptonshire Community Messaging

can be prepared to phone the Police with any crime information.

Northamptonshire Community Messaging will supply you with up to date, timely and relevant crime prevention advice on emerging or seasonal crime issues.

Generic crime prevention advice can be provided by your PCSO/Safer Community Team.





*This article is submitted by John Adams, a Deputy Street Co-ordinator, who is providing invaluable help in the construction of our Association's website. Here, with feet firmly on the ground, John relates that in spite of doing all the right things at home, keeping things safe and secure is a holiday-long exercise and gives some practical advice.*

### The case of the case

Holiday time came in June for us this year. We did all the right things - told our street coordinator, who agreed to make sure things weren't left in the letterbox; told our neighbour, who then used our drive as well; told our grown-up children, who came to do the watering. We locked everything and then removed all the house keys. All travelling valuables (passports, tickets, euros, etc.) were in a secure zipped bag worn across me. Two glorious weeks touring France by coach followed. Our bonus was that we joined the tour in Paris after a trip on Eurostar from St Pancras.

We journeyed to St Pancras from Kettering station, and our concern was that on all the trains we were on, both local and Eurostar, we had luggage problems. With a large wheeled suitcase each we found that on all of the four trains that we travelled on there was nowhere in the carriage that could accommodate our luggage. Moreover, there were limited places (even on Eurostar) for accommodating luggage at the end of the carriages. Anyway, we deposited our cases as sensibly as possible each time and then made sure we could see them from where we sat. Not easy, as some travellers, including on Eurostar, remain in the area for large luggage throughout the journey.

Anyhow, things were fine until returning home and seven minutes from Kettering. We were en route from St Pancras to Kettering via Luton, Bedford and Wellingborough. I kept a visual check on our cases, but at Wellingborough station, in the confusion of people getting off and on, one of our cases was stolen. There was no mistake - ours were the only two bags there. I raced up the carriage but the outer door automatically closed and the train started. I quickly got hold of the train manager, who advised talking to staff at Kettering. However, as this was a crime very much in progress (how far had anyone got with a 20kg case?) I opted to dial 999 as I exited the train at Kettering. The police were very quick and had a car round to Wellingborough station immediately and conducted a search of the area. Alas, nothing was found. I went back myself with my son and we conducted a very thorough search of all the wasteland in the vicinity of the station, but again nothing. The case continues under British Transport Police, who have requested CCTV images. I had spotted someone suspicious walking up and down the carriage and hanging around near the cases, and I had a full description of him. Maybe it was him, maybe not. The conclusion is the culprit was perhaps being met by car and thought it easy pickings.

Alas for him, no bottles, cigarettes, perfume and designer wear - just

fourteen sets of my grubby clothes! So what will I do differently another time? On ordinary trains I would just stay with the luggage during the trip. There were in fact small pull-down seats in that area - I could have used one for the hour it took. On Eurostar I would opt for the third world train solution, where you lock your luggage in place. Using a cycle lock it would be possible to lock it to the racking whether it was in the rack or near to it. On my return I heard that my niece had her bag taken off the carousel at an airport recently, again not in error, but as a theft. (The perpetrator when stopped gave up the bag, but did not return to the carousel, she ran for the exit!) And by the way - add up the replacement cost of what is in your carried valuables bag and what is in your suitcase. The latter is the higher cost in money terms!

**Enjoy your hols, but do watch those bags!**



- *We are always pleased to have articles submitted by members although our space is limited. Please send any submissions to the editor, contact details are on the back page*
- *John is the constructor of our new web-site, which we hope will soon be up and running.*
- *There are more hints and tips on the back page submitted by County's Fire and Rescue Service.*



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### Your Management Support Team

**Chair - Jane Calcott 03000 111222 ext 4800**  
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Vice Chair - Arthur Mould

Secretary - Peter Hill

Minutes Secretary - Margaret Howard

Treasurer - Jack Andrews

Team Members - Alan Lodge, Frank and Sylvia  
Bewley, Iain Brown, John Hollingsworth, Pam  
Wright.

**Newsletter Editor - Peter Hill, contact**  
**[pjahill7@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pjahill7@hotmail.co.uk) 07752969970**

### Other Contacts

**Emergencies : 999**

**Northants Police 03000 111222**

**Dedicated NHW Hotline 24/7 01604 432436**

**Call anonymously : CrimeStoppers 0800 555111**

**NHW E-mail : (new facility)**

**[nbneighbourhoodwatch@northants.police.uk](mailto:nbneighbourhoodwatch@northants.police.uk)**

*Please use the dedicated NHW Hotline and E-mail when-  
ever possible and make sure to make a note of the inci-  
dent number for later tracking of the incident.*



## WHEELIE BIN FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY'S FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

- Deliberate and accidental ignition of wheelie bins threatens life and property
- Wherever possible store wheelie bins safely and securely - this action will limit the opportunity for arsonists. This should either be :

In your garden behind a secure gate or,

If you don't have a garden, your bins should be stored in the council nominated secure location that you have been provided with.

- Please ensure that you only leave bins out on the day of refuse collection - once emptied, return to your secure location as soon as possible
- **NEVER** store bins or rubbish close to doors, windows or service intakes - any fire in the bin could easily spread to your property
- **DO NOT** overfill your wheelie bin, or leave loose rubbish around it.

## HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKS

*The Fire and Rescue Service strives to make the people living in the area safer, we do this by offering HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKS. This will involve visiting your home to give you advice and guidance on how to prevent fires and other hazards.*

- *We will fit smoke alarms if you need them and check any smoke alarms you already have.*
- *Visits are by appointment only and arranged by telephone*
- *All visits are subject to emergency calls taking priority*
- *There is no additional charge for this service*
- *Call 0800 38 999 50 Text 07797 800760 E-mail [safetycheck@northantsfire.org.uk](mailto:safetycheck@northantsfire.org.uk)*

### **In the next issue**

We hope to bring you information relating to relevant changes in personnel in the county's Police Force.