

## **Kingston Police and Kingston Borough Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter January 2018**

**A summary of Kingston Police and NHW news for the Borough as a whole. Do let us know if there are any other areas you would like future newsletters to cover by emailing [Alison.J.McWhinnie2@met.police.uk](mailto:Alison.J.McWhinnie2@met.police.uk)**

### **Making Kingston a safer place, one burglar at a time**

Dorian PUKA of Ealing was sentenced to 3 years and 6 months for two counts of Burglary.

On the 16th of November, Dorian was stopped by plain clothed officers from the proactive team in Berrylands, Surbiton after they targeted the area due to an increase in burglaries recently. He was searched and various items were discovered including expensive male and female watches along with a purse he couldn't account for.

He was arrested on suspicion of burglary and taken into custody. Checks on the items recovered were traced to a burglary that very day in Surbiton. He also had the cheek to be wearing an exclusive and very expensive watch on his wrist which was also taken from a burglary that very day in Tolworth.

On the 22nd of December, he pleaded guilty to the two burglaries and was sentenced to three years six months inside her majesties prison. He will be deported after his sentence.

### **Woman pleads guilty to Kingston manslaughter**

Two people have appeared in court in connection with the death of Derick Mulondo.

Shauna Doyle, 23 (27.05.94) of Burritt Road, Kingston, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and possession of an offensive weapon.

Eric Wertz, 45 (30.03.72) of Comber Road, New Malden, pleaded guilty to attempted grievous bodily harm and possession of an offensive weapon.

They both appeared at Kingston Crown Court on Monday, 4 December. They will appear for sentencing at the same court on 5 January 2016.

Police were called to the Cambridge Estate in Kingston at 18:00hrs on Tuesday, 6 June following reports of a disturbance.

Officers, the London Ambulance Service (LAS) and London's Air Ambulance attended and found 38-year-old Mr Mulondo, suffering from critical stab injuries. Despite extensive efforts, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Doyle and Wertz were arrested that day and charged with murder Thursday, 8 June. However the court later accepted their pleas of manslaughter and GBH.

A 51-year-old man [C] who was arrested in connection with the investigation was later released with no further action.

### **Never Forget Your MOT Due Date Again!**

Sign up to get free reminders by text message or email when your MOT is due!

You'll get a reminder one month before your MOT is due. You'll get another reminder if you still haven't had your vehicle tested 2 weeks before your MOT is due.

You can be fined up to £1,000 for driving a vehicle without a valid MOT.

Before you start

You need:

- the vehicle's number plate (registration number)
- a mobile phone number or email address
- Then go to [www.gov.uk/mot-reminder](http://www.gov.uk/mot-reminder)

Stop getting reminders

You have to unsubscribe to stop getting reminders for a vehicle you've:

- sold
- transferred to someone else
- scrapped or written-off
- registered as off the road

## **Know how to identify your phone if it's stolen**

Every phone has an IMEI number which helps police and insurance companies to identify it if it's stolen. UK network operators can also stop a stolen phone from working across their networks with its IMEI

Find your IMEI number by dialing \*#06# from your phone and keep a written note of it. If the phone is stolen, report the number to your mobile provider to stop it being used

Register your phone and other property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) to help police recover stolen property and combat the sale of stolen goods. Police recover more than 2,500 items on average a month registered to the website.

## **Fake Government Grants Fraud Alert**

Individuals and businesses are being warned to watch out for cold calls and online contact from fraudsters who are offering victims the opportunity to apply for Government grants for an advance fee.

To make the grants look legitimate fraudsters have set up bogus companies and convincing looking websites that claim to be operating on behalf of the UK Government.

Fraudsters cold call businesses and individuals offering the grant and if they're interested direct them to fill out an online application form with their personal information. Once the fraudsters have that information they'll contact back victims and congratulate them on being accepted onto the grant programme.

### **Pre-paid credit cards**

Applicants are then asked to provide identification and are instructed to get a pre-paid credit card to deposit their own contribution to the fake Government grant scheme. Fraudsters will then contact victims on the phone or are emailed and asked for the details of their pre-paid credit card and copies of statements to in order for them to add the grant funds.

Of course the grant funds are never given by the fraudsters and the money that's been loaded by the victim onto the card is stolen.

If you receive one of these calls, hang up immediately and report it to Action Fraud. They have already taken down one website fraudsters have been using to commit this fraud and are working with Companies House to combat this issue.

#### **How to protect yourself:**

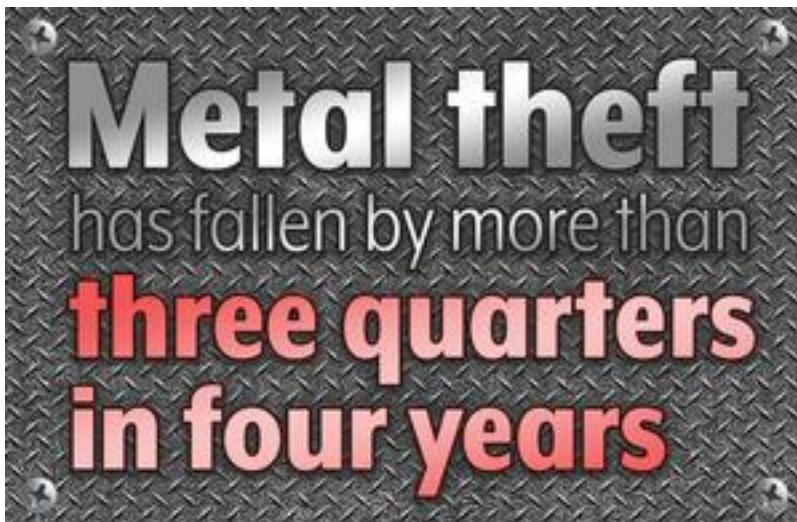
Be wary of unsolicited callers implying that you can apply for grants. You should never have to pay to receive a government grant, and they definitely won't instruct you to obtain a pre-paid credit card. The government should have all the information they need if a genuine grant application was submitted, therefore any requests for personal or banking information either over the phone or online should be refused.

#### **What to do if you're a victim:**

- › If you think your bank or personal details have been compromised or if you believe you have been defrauded contact your bank immediately.
- › Stop all communication with the 'agency' but make a note of their details and report it to Action Fraud.
- › If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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## **Metal Theft**



Metal theft has fallen by more than three quarters in 4 years following action by government to tackle a spike in these crimes.

A review into the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, which brought in tough measures to crack down on the trade in stolen metal, has revealed the number of thefts has dropped

from nearly 62,000 per year in 2012/13 to around 16,000 in 2015/16, potentially saving the UK economy hundreds of millions of pounds.

Recent figures from the Office for National Statistics showed police-recorded metal thefts in England and Wales fell to fewer than 13,000 in 2016/17.

At its peak, metal theft was estimated to cost the economy more than £220 million per year, prompting the introduction of strict new licensing requirements for scrap metal dealers, identity checks for those selling scrap metal and the creation of a new offence for dealers to purchase scrap metal for cash.

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 was a response to an increase in metal theft between 2009 and 2011. The sectors severely affected by this crime included, power, transport and telecommunications – and the security of our national infrastructure was under threat – but religious sites and churches were also frequently targeted with metal stolen from rooves and altars.

The purpose of the Act was to enforce stricter regulations of the metal recycling sector to make it more difficult to dispose of stolen metal and reverse the upward trend in thefts.

The Act:

- requires a scrap metal dealer to hold and display a licence, issued by the relevant local authority. This can be either a site licence or a mobile collector's licence
- permits local authorities to charge a licence fee, set locally, at cost recovery
- allows for the closure of unlicensed sites
- requires local authorities to provide appropriate information to enable the Environment Agency in England and the Natural Resources Body for Wales to maintain national registers of licences
- requires scrap metal dealers to verify the identity and address of persons from whom they receive metal makes it an offence for a scrap metal dealer to purchase scrap metal for cash
- sets out the record-keeping requirements in respect of any scrap metal received or disposed of by scrap metal dealers
- provides the police and local authorities with a right to enter and inspect scrap metal dealers' premises.

## Watch Out: Fake iTunes Scam Approaching

Action Fraud has urged consumers to be aware of an ['iTunes Scam'](#) that has cost victims £3,500 in a single county alone.



The telephone con typically follows this pattern: a supposed 'employee' of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), the police or a bank calls the victim, claiming that the individual in question owes a substantial amount of money and/or that there is an immediate warrant for their arrest. The individual is then informed that this 'warrant' or 'debt' can be cancelled, but only if the individual purchased gift cards, principally iTunes Vouchers, up to and including the value of £500. The purchased codes are then read across to the caller and are believed to be sold on at 'discounted prices' by the fraudsters, in turn robbing the victims of up to hundreds of pounds at a time and generating an easy profit for criminals. Although this is by no means a new scam, with cases following this pattern being reported last years, it has been brought to the forefront of organisations such as Action Fraud, Trading Standards and the Police by the sixteen cases of this scam between August and October with thousands of pounds being lost in this bizarre but dangerous scam.

Trading Standards aims to ensure anybody who receives threatening phone calls (in addition to voice mail and text messages from 'phony numbers') from 'HMRC' or any other legal authority about a warrant that can only be resolved with the purchasing of iTunes vouchers or gift cards recognises them for the scams that they are and report the incident to the Police. In addition to this, businesses and shops that sell these vouchers to be extra vigilant in regards to those who are purchasing them, especially if they are purchasing large amounts of giftcards or if ones of particularly high value are being bought.

## No more payment surcharges.

From today you cannot be penalised for choosing to pay by card, either online or in-store. Currently many people have had to pay anywhere between 2% and 20% for choosing a particular method of payment. So the amount you pay can be very varied and can end up costing the consumer a lot of money especially on things such as flights and holidays. However the new legislation does not stop



retailers putting up the cost of the goods or service to cover the cost of the processing the payment or they may decide to no longer accept the particular form of payment.

### **Free Home Visit from a Member of your Local Police Team**

If you would find a home visit from a member of your Safer Neighbourhood police team to give you specific crime prevention advice on protecting your home helpful, do give them a call on their direct number:

<b>South of the Borough</b>	<b>North of the Borough</b>
<b>Alexandra – 020 8721 2516</b>	<b>Beverley – 020 8721 2750</b>
<b>Berrylands – 020 8721 2002</b>	<b>Canbury – 020 7161 8115</b>
<b>St Marks – 020 8721 2044</b>	<b>Coombe Hill – 020 8721 2804</b>
<b>Surbiton Hill – 020 8721 2518</b>	<b>Coombe Vale – 020 8721 2515</b>
<b>Tolworth – 020 8721 2045</b>	<b>Norbiton – 020 8721 2000</b>
<b>Chessington – 020 8721 2001</b>	<b>Tudor – 020 8721 2580</b>
	<b>Grove – 020 8721 2588</b>
	<b>St James – 020 8721 2595</b>
	<b>Old Malden – 020 8721 2517</b>

### **Free Home Visit from the Fire Brigade**

London Fire Brigade Staff can visit your home, offer personal fire safety advice and will also fit free smoke alarms where needed. If you or someone you know would like a visit either call for free on 0800 028 4428 or email [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)

## Dementia Friends Talks



Know anyone with Dementia?

Has someone in your family got Dementia?

Want to know a bit more? A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia, changes that occur in the brain and then turns that understanding into action - anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend. Tell your friends to come along, all welcome.

All it takes is to attend a Dementia Friends session for 45 minutes....you will learn 5 key messages, learn where to get support and get a badge!

All sessions will start at 12pm and be in the John Lewis Kingston Community room, first floor by The Opticians

February 5

March 5

April 16

May 14

June 4

**No need to book; just turn up!**



## Easyfundraising



Collect **FREE donations**  
every time you shop online

1. Join  2. Shop  3. Raise 

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Kingston Borough Neighbourhood Watch? There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

### 1. Join.

Head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingstonboroughneighbourhoodwatch/> and sign up for free.

### 2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

### 3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Kingston Borough Neighbourhood Watch will be really grateful for your donations!

## Co Op Home Insurance Discount

### Neighbourhood Watch 10% discount offer

All new Co-op Insurance customers who are active members of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and purchase a home insurance policy directly from Co-op Insurance over the phone will receive a 10% discount for the first year of their policy. In order to claim this offer you will need to telephone their customer contact centre for a quote. An active member of a valid Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is someone who is designated as such by Neighbourhood Watch. The terms and conditions of this promotion do not alter or vary the terms and conditions of any Co-op Insurance home policy which may be purchased. The Co-op reserve the right to decline any application for any insurance policy in their absolute discretion and they are not obliged to disclose any reason for rejection. Please visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk/exclusions-and-limitations/](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/exclusions-and-limitations/) for Exclusions and Limitations for this offer. A new customer is someone who has not had an Insurance policy of the same type with Co-op Insurance in the last 12 months. Home insurance lines are open from 8am- 8pm weekdays, 8am-5pm Saturdays and 9am-4pm Sundays. Applicants for insurance are subject to normal underwriting criteria.

**Call the Co-op on 0800 781 1390 and quote code NHW10**

## Smartwater Discount



All Kingston NHW members can benefit from a discount when purchasing Smartwater.

Please visit:  
[shop.smartwater.com/london-nhw](http://shop.smartwater.com/london-nhw)  
Or call: 0333 320 7797.  
Use discount code: **L6EK25NW**

### REGULARLY STOLEN ITEMS FROM HOMES:

Mobile phones • Tablets • Laptops  
• Hand tools • Jewellery • Bikes

## Smartwater Q & A

### Q How long does SmartWater last?

**A** It's guaranteed to last for five years, that's £5 a year for peace of mind. In practice it could last longer depending on how much has been applied, if it's outdoors or indoors, and other factors.

### Q How can I check to see the liquid I've applied?

**A** All you need is a UV light. You can buy one from the main SmartWater online shop or from other retailers. Some UV lights will fluoresce SmartWater better than others. The ideal light frequency is 365nm.

### Q Could I not just mark my property with a UV pen?

**A** There are limitations to using a UV pen. Pens don't write on all types of surfaces. Some items such as jewellery are too small to clearly write your postcode on. Thieves can strike through a postcode, scratch or deface it. SmartWater on the other hand can be applied to virtually any item and only a small amount of it is required to recover your unique code to identify the registered owner.

### Q What happens if I move?

**A** You can update your personal details recorded on SmartWater's database by contacting the Customer Services Team. There is no charge for this service.

### Q Do I have to pay a subscription?

**A** No, not with this special offer to NHW residents. There are no additional or repeat costs.

### Q Can I share my SmartWater with a friend or neighbour?

**A** No, because the code in your kit is uniquely registered to you. If you don't own a piece of property, then don't mark it with your code.

### Q Why do I need to register?

**A** Every SmartWater forensic traceable liquid carries a code which is unique - we never make the same code twice. The code within your liquid, together with your name and address details, are stored on our off-line secure database, which is maintained to the highest international standards of ISO27001. If your valuables are stolen and recovered by the Police, our forensic scientists will analyse traces of SmartWater to link the stolen item back to you.

### Q Why do criminals fear SmartWater?

**A** The most effective way of deterring criminals is to increase their chances of getting caught. Traceability makes it more difficult for a thief to sell on their stolen goods, because through traceability comes accountability - and the likelihood of proven guilt. Because the police regularly check for SmartWater on recovered stolen property and actively raise awareness of it, SmartWater is well known and feared by criminals. With hundreds of convictions and a 100% conviction rate in court to our name, criminals are aware of our power to place them at the crime scene and secure a conviction. By displaying SmartWater THIEVES BEWARE® deterrent stickers, you are sending out a powerful warning to any would-be thieves.

## Patlock Discount



Patlock is the home security product and visual deterrent for French and Conservatory doors. Designed to deter and stop would-be intruders, the Patlock provides extra security and instant peace of mind for the homeowner. The Patlock is easy to fit and works by holding the door handles in place. This ensures that the door mechanism cannot be opened, even if the locks are snapped or removed. In addition, each Patlock comes with a pair of tamper resist spindles to enhance the security that Patlock provides:

- Instant french door security lock.
- Easily fitted and released in seconds.
- No keys or code numbers required.
- Adds extra security and provides peace of mind.
- Supplied with a pair of tamper resist door spindles.
- Locks patio doors securely, stops intruders fast.
- Patent registered design, developed in the UK.

Watch a video at [www.patlock.co.uk](http://www.patlock.co.uk) to see how Patlock works. Members of Neighbourhood Watch can buy Patlock at the exclusive discounted rate of £42.50. <http://www.patlock.co.uk/neighbourhood-watch>

## Public Liability Insurance

NHWN is delighted to have secured an excellent deal on our Public Liability Insurance cover on behalf of the membership for the year ahead April 2017 – March 2018. The new policy will be available from the 1st April 2017 and can be downloaded from the Knowledge Base section of the Ourwatch website.

## Social Media

Kingston Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Business Watch are all on social media. We would love you to follow us:



@mpskingston

@KingstonNHW

@KBBusinessWatch



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