

# Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



## Newsletter Christmas & New Year 2013/14 Edition



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### WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR-THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HARD WORK DURING THE YEAR.

Dana Wiffen/Chairman



Steaming to Santa on the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway

### DON'T DELAY MARK YOUR PROPERTY TODAY

Bexley police are asking residents to mark property including electrical equipment, car keys, jewellery, other valuables such as collectables.

If you are unlucky enough to be burgled this winter, at least if you have marked your items there is a good

chance of recovery and of course this allows police to arrest and charge those responsible which they cannot do if they cannot identify any items.

We can offer two ways of marking your property, the superior Smartwater-kits from £25 plus a delivery charge or alternatively you can use a UV pen which both ourselves and the police are offering free of charge. Contact us or your local police team for more information.

### HOUND WATCH-LAUNCH



We together with Bexley Police are setting up "Hound Watch". This is to recruit dog walkers and ask them to report anything suspicious they might see while walking

their dog(s). We are inviting all dog owners to join our brand new scheme. Please ask any neighbours with dogs to join. Those joining at the launch will receive a membership pack and also a chance to win a painted portrait of your dog and other fantastic prizes. Come along on **FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER** to **Pets At Home, Tower Retail Park, Crayford Road, Crayford, DA1 4LD** between 10am - 2pm. For more information contact the Neighbourhood Watch office on 0208 284 5537 or email [bexwatch-office@btconnect.com](mailto:bexwatch-office@btconnect.com)

### OUR SCAM NEWSLETTER IS STILL AVAILABLE

We have distributed 5,000 copies Borough wide, this details 13 current scams and we have just had a reprint of 1,500. If you would like some for your residents please let us



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know and we will deliver them to you.

**Copies have also been left at all libraries in the Borough.**



**TOTAL POLICING**

We are still working with Bexley Police to target those streets that have seen an increase in domestic burglaries, and our specially designed leaflets are being distributed in these target areas by our coordinators, police teams and police cadets. Streets in Longlands/Sidcup, Falconwood & East Wickham/Welling, and Christchurch,Blendon & Danson have been leafleted in phase two of this operation.

### **BE ALERT OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND WINTER PERIOD**

Please ensure you double lock all doors and shut windows, a timer light can help to deter break-ins. If you see any suspicious "door to door" callers call

**101** or your local police team;- see listed numbers next column

Belvedere:	020 8721 2023
Colyers:	020 8721 2502
Erith:	020 8721 2049
Lesnes Abbey:	020 8721 2602
North End:	020 8721 2023
NorthumberlandHeath:	020 8721 2502
Thamesmead East:	020 8721 2049
Barnehurst:	020 8721 2505
Brampton:	020 8721 2022
Christchurch:	020 8721 2592
Danson Park:	020 8721 2505
East Wickham:	020 8721 2025
Falconwood&Welling:	020 8721 2022
St. Michael's:	020 8721 2592
Blackfen&Lamorbey:	020 8721 2585
Blendon & Penhill:	020 8721 2503
Crayford:	020 8721 2584
Cray Meadows:	020 8721 2292
Longlands:	020 8721 2507
Sidcup:	020 8721 2576
St.Mary's:	020 8721 2816

If you do not get a positive response from your team officers please let us know straight away and we will follow it up.

### **PLOT WATCH-gets tough on criminals**

Many allotment owners are marking all their shed contents with "Smartwater" in order to try and prevent a repeat of the burglaries during the summer period. Well done to all those Plot Watch members who have purchased kits to deter further break-ins and protect their property.

## **Bexley Historical Archives to move to Bromley?**

As part of Bexley Council's plans to make further budget cuts for 2014/15 they have plans to move Bexley's Archives to Bromley making a saving of £41,000. Many retired people and schools use this service and as 2014 marks 100 years since the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, many more will want access. Whilst we are told on-line access will not be affected we understand a fair percentage of these records are not available on-line. If you would like to see more on this and other planned cuts and add your input please visit the Council's website on [www.bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk) "Listening to you"- Budget 2014/15 SURVEY



We wish a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to Cory's Riverside and all their staff.

