

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association

Newsletter March/April 2014 Early Spring Edition

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OUR APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY IN GETTING OUT OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 2014

This is due to our workload and computer problems that have now been resolved.

VULNERABLE AND LONELY RESIDENTS IN YOUR AREA

If you know of anyone who lives alone who is over 60 and struggles to get out and could be lonely, **AGE UK-Bexley** offer support in many ways-see below: -

POP IN PARLOURS-OFFERING TEAS COFFEES & SNACKS AND A CHANCE TO MEET OTHERS

2 DAY CENTRES-PROVIDING MEALS AND A NAIL CLIPPING SERVICE

HANDYMAN SERVICE - FOR SMALL JOBS

GARDENING SERVICE

BROKERAGE SERVICE- OFFERING LOCALLY VETTED TRADESMEN WHO WILL QUOTE A PRICE FOR SERVICES SUCH AS PLUMBING, ELECTRICS AND ROOFING ETC.
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BURGLARY INCREASE IN SOME AREAS OF THE BOROUGH

Are you being informed and visited by your police team members? We have asked that all of our coordinators are visited and informed of any such crime that happens in their Watch area. If you hear of a crime in your Watch and you are not visited please let us know.

BEXLEY ARCHIVE SERVICE SAVED

USE IT OR LOSE IT

People power has saved Bexley Archives from being moved to Bromley and the Council has decided to keep this superb service in the Borough based at Bexleyheath Library.

HOUND WATCH MEMBERSHIP IS NOW PUSHING 200 MARK



Together with Bexley Police, we have set up "Hound Watch". This is to recruit dog walkers and ask them to report anything they see that appears suspicious while out walking their dogs.



Well Done to Erith Watch it looks like the fly-tippers at Erith Morrisons are to be prosecuted thanks to observant members

OUR 2014 AGM to be held at new venue.

Due to local elections and the planned move by Bexley Council to their new offices, Our 2014 AGM will not be held at the Civic Offices this year. The new venue is likely to be Geddes Place United Reformed Church near Bexleyheath Bus terminus, the date is to be announced soon.



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TARGETING CRIME HOT-SPOTS IN THE BOROUGH

We are working with Bexley Police to target those streets that have seen an increase in domestic burglaries and our second target leaflet is being distributed in these areas. Check out our appeal for more coordinators in the next Bexley Magazine. So far police cocooning in these areas has added 13 new Watches which means well over 750 homes are now additionally covered by NW.



THE LATEST SCAM

Foreign fraudsters are using personal details stolen from records such as companies house to apply for credit and store cards. They then order expensive equipment on-line and an accomplice then waits near the unsuspecting victims home to intercept the courier and sign for the goods. If the parcel has already been delivered a bogus courier will call at the house asking for the item's return, claiming it was sent in error.

QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL-URGENT CARE CENTRE

The Centre is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides care for people who have minor illnesses and injuries including:

- Minor cuts, bites, stings and nose bleeds, burns & scalds
 - Dislocated fingers, thumbs and toes
 - Minor chest, neck and back injuries or pain
 - Foreign objects in wounds or other parts of the body
 - Injuries, sprains and strains
 - Infections, including wounds
 - Fractures to shoulders, arms, hands, fingers, legs and ribs
 - Minor eye injuries
 - Minor head injuries with no loss of consciousness and not related to alcohol
 - Minor ailments
 - Minor allergic reactions
 - Emergency contraception, simple women's health problems, Chlamydia testing and C-card
 - No appointment is necessary. When you arrive, please go to the reception desk. Our reception staff will ask for your name and contact details and what you are there for so they can ensure you are seen by the best person. They will then ask you to take a seat until your name is called. Waiting times to see a doctor or nurse practitioner at the Urgent Care Centre can vary and at times the centre can get very busy, although it's efficient and much better than sitting in QEH A&E
- See more at:
<http://qmh.oxleas.nhs.uk/services/urgent-care>

SHOP WATCH has been set up in Bexley Village

Local small businesses are being targeted more than ever by criminals. These have included forged £50 & £10 notes, distraction theft, break-ins and confidence tricksters. If this scheme is successful we will look to expand it to other shopping areas in the Borough



SHOP WATCH

SUPPORT A CHARITY, NOT CRIME. Specially detailing leaflets are now available giving information on how to prevent you donating to scam charity collections. Contact us for your electronic or paper copy.

TRIP TO CITY HALL IN MAY. There are some places left for a guided tour on 14th May. Contact us if you are interested in going?

OFFICE OPEN HOURS

We are in the office every morning 9-12 Monday to Friday and often to 3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you need any help or support please ring us during these times.

