



Ashburton Ward February 2015

Ashburton Neighbourhood News

Female Knocking on residents doors

The Ashburton team are still getting reports of a female knocking on people's front doors. The female will knock on people's front door in the early hours and state that she lives at an address nearby and that a family member is ill or has been injured. The female will ask if you drive as she needs to get to the hospital. This leads onto the female asking or being offered money for a taxi. Please be aware of a mixed race female in her early thirties, short in height, slim build with curly dark hair.

Mopeds

Stolen mopeds continue to be a problem on the Tollgate estate and around Arena tram stop area. Various stolen mopeds have been recovered by police recently and investigations are continuing. The Ashburton team have raised their patrols in the area to try catch any offenders.

Anyone with further information please contact the team via the team telephone number or via the Ashburton e-mail address.

Twitter

Ashburton are now on twitter!!!

Sgt Mick WOOLLEY can be followed on

@MPSAshburton



Contact The Ashburton Team
Telephone – 02087212474
E-mail - ashburton@met.police.uk



Promises

The Ashburton team promises still continue to be...

Boqus Callers

Residents living near Bingham Road please be aware of the female mentioned on the left. This has been the hotspot area for these type of offences.

Residents around The Glade area please be aware of cold callers knocking on doors making out that various maintenance is needed on their property.

Any concerns please call

Trading Standards Tel: 020 8407 1311

Dangerous Mopeds

The Ashburton team continue to patrol the hotspot areas around the Tollgate estate and around Ashburton Playing fields. If any residents have any information about offenders in their area please contact the Ashburton team or call crime stoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**

Neighbourhood Watch

If you want to be involved in the Neighbourhood watch Scheme please contact

Kate Moore TEL: 0208 555 1200

ext 37637

E-mail – nhw@cbnwa.com

Vehicle Crime Prevention Advice

- Always lock your vehicle and use an Alarm and Immobilizer. Motor cycles should have a disk lock fitted and be secured with a ground anchor.
- Always protect your keys, never leave a running vehicle unattended and place your keys and any vehicle documents out of sight in your home.
- Steering wheel locks or wheel clamps are also recommended.
- Fitting locking wheel nuts will reduce the likelihood of wheels and tyres from being stolen.
- Tamper resistant screws will prevent your number plates being stolen.
- Do not leave any items in open view such as bags, loose change or sunglasses. Portable GPS and mounting brackets should be removed.
- Consider having your car or bike security marked with one of the recommended methods or fitted with a tracking device.
- To reduce theft from vehicles such as external parts such as Catalytic converters, number plates and wheels and internal items such as Sat Nav's and personal property.
- When driving in slow moving traffic activate your central locking and keep your windows up and your handbag or valuables down in the footwell.
- When parking try to leave your vehicle in a safe place that is managed with security staff, good lighting, and CCTV surveillance.

Ashburton History

Some Ashburton residents maybe unaware that the Ashburton Playing Fields was once used as a race course. Until well into the late Victorian age a race-course thrived on the ground behind the Woodside Fire Station, with the site covering the Stroud Green housing estate, Ashburton School and Ashburton Playing Fields.

Part of The Stroud Green farm was leased from 1866 until the race course closed in 1890. Horses would be brought to the race course via Woodside railway station (now Woodside tram stop).

Community Events

**23rd February 2015 – Jack The Ripper talk by Ian Porter at Ashburton library
Shirley Road, Croydon**

**9th March 2015 – Yoga taster at Ashburton library (contact Maria Gardener for
information 0208 726 6900)**

23rd March 2015 – John Whitgift legacy talk at Ashburton library