

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER FOR RADLETT**

## **FOR THE PERIOD JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2011**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This Newsletter is for the residents of Radlett, and is distributed electronically to households via the Neighbourhood Watch network.

Our aim is to give you a feel for the crimes reported to the police in the period, to make you aware of how the break-ins were made, or how they failed, to allow you to consider how you might make your home and yourselves more secure.

**This is not an official record and may have unforeseen omissions or errors.**

### **CRIMES RECORDED**

#### **THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

##### **Loom Lane between 15.50 and 16.00 on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June**

A mobile 'phone was taken from a car left unlocked on a driveway.

##### **Cobden Hill at 15.50 on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June**

A driver's side window was smashed and a wallet and mobile phone were taken. It is believed that 2 offenders were involved and they left in a vehicle.

##### **Cobden Hill between 16.00 and 16.15 on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June**

A passenger window was smashed and a mobile phone was taken from underneath the seat.

##### **Watling Street between 09.40 and 17.00 on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Access to a locked car was gained by removing a cover from a door handle lock. Items were taken from a glove compartment and boot.

##### **The Warren between 10.00 and 16.00 on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June**

The front and rear registration plates were taken from a car.

##### **Folly Pathway between 22.20 on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June and 09.00 on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> June**

The front registration plate was taken from a car parked on a driveway.

##### **Battlers Green drive at 15.00 on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July**

A van parked in a lay-by near to a building site had the driver's door forced open and items were taken from the rear.

##### **Oakridge Avenue between 19.00 on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July and 07.30 on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Without damaging the car items were taken from the glove compartment.

##### **Meadow Mead between 18.00 on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July and 10.00 on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Access to a locked car was made by unknown means and the car searched. An item was stolen from the glove box.

##### **Aldenham Grove between 16.00 on wed 13<sup>th</sup> July and 07.40 on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

The passenger door of this car left locked on the owner's driveway was opened and a visa card and cash were removed.

**Newberries Avenue between 20.15 on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July and 11.45 on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Access to a locked car parked on the owner's driveway was gained via the passenger door. Items were taken from inside.

**Watling Street between 15.00 and 16.00 on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

A vehicle parked on the car park near to a pay and display machine had its catalytic converter cut off and taken.

**Newberries Avenue at 04.22 on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Three offenders were seen inside a car parked on the owner's driveway. The owner shouted and they ran off jumping into a small dark car, possibly a micra, leaving at speed along Williams Way.

**Watling Street between 07.45 and 17.00 on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

A catalytic converter was removed from a car.

**Homefield Road between 23.00 on Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July and 09.30 on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July**

All four doors were opened on this car parked and secured on the owner's driveway. An untidy search was made of the interior.

**Christchurch Crescent between 07.30 and 14.07 on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

A lock was drilled on this vehicle parked on the street where the owner was working. An item was removed and the offender made off in a red vehicle index number FJ02 XZS in the direction of Loom Lane.

**Scrubbits Park Road between 15.00 and 17.30 on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

A rear door lock was forced and after an untidy search items were taken.

**The Pathway between 15.00 and 19.30 on Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July**

An ipod touch was taken from a car parked on a driveway. Access was gained via an open window.

**The Drive between 18.55 and 20.45 on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Entry was gained to this vehicle by removing the barrel on the door lock. An untidy search was made and items were taken, including a stereo.

**Aldenham Road, Elstree between 18.15 and 21.35 on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> August**

A front passenger window was smashed and items were taken from a locked car parked at a boys' school.

**Brook Court between 17.30 on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> August and 11.30 on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Both registration plates were taken from a vehicle parked in a disabled bay.

**Watling Street at 13.20 on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Whilst the owner was at the ticket machine an iphone was taken from the door pocket of this car parked in the car park.

**Newberries Avenue between 00.00 and 07.00 on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

A sports bag and presentation folder were taken from a car parked on a driveway. The items were later found discarded on Williams Way.

**The Drive between 20.30 and 21.45 on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Items were stolen from an unlocked car.

## **THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

### **Aldenham Road, Elstree between 17.00 on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June and 08.30 on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Two tractors were taken from a school field. They were locked and secured and the gates of the field were padlocked.

### **Aldenham Road between 22.50 and 23.30 on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August**

A car was taken from outside a shop that the owner was working in. He believes that he may have dropped his keys and when he returned 40 minutes later the car had gone.

### **Phillimore Place between 22.30 on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> August and 08.30 Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August**

An attached garage was broken into via the rear door and a car was then stolen from the garage.

## **BURGLARY (DWELLING)**

### **Phillimore Place between 20.10 and 20.30 on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

A case of mistaken identity occurred when the occupant of a property heard a 'bang' and when he opened the back door was confronted by 3 individuals who burst in through the door, one grabbed him by the wrist asking him where the drugs were, the second stood by his side holding a knife and the third searched the living room – they then asked if occupant name was 'Jim' when he replied that it wasn't they said 'sorry mate' and left.

### **The Avenue between 22.15 and 22.24 on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June**

A PIR sensor at the side of the property was smashed before the offenders approached the rear of the property smashing the UPVC patio doors with a small stone. Despite triggering an audible alarm an untidy search of the master bedroom and dressing room was made, no other rooms were entered. The offenders left via the point of entry.

### **Oakridge Avenue at 22.54 on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June**

The offenders have broken a sensor light, opened a side gate and kicked a front door open. They were chased away by the owner dogs turning left on to Oakridge Avenue before making their escape.

### **Watling Street between 22.00 on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> August and 04.00 on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Entry was gained via an unlocked door and an untidy search was made of the living room, front room and kitchen. Some cash and a mobile phone were taken. Two occupants were asleep at the time.

## **BURGLARY (OTHER)**

### **Red Lion Hotel between 03.15 and 03.38 on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Entry was gained via the front door by breaking through the bottom panel, then pulling an inner door breaking it away from the lock. Once inside the bar area a fruit machine was the target with the money box being taken before the offenders left.

### **Watling Street between 17.30 on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July and 06.45 on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> July**

After unsuccessfully trying to kick the rear door of the premises access was gained after a side window was smashed using a large stone and the offenders reached in and unlocked the door using a key left in the lock. The till cable was cut and the till removed.

### **Watling Street at 22.50 on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> August**

A grey or silver M3 pulled up outside the store index number GP51 AUV. The front door was smashed with a sledge hammer and the offenders searched the premises. They then left driving along Watling Street turning into Aldenham Avenue. It should be noted that there were other number plates inside the vehicle.

### **Haltons Jewellers at 16.49 on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Three offenders smashed the front window after repeatedly hitting it with hammers. They have reached in and grabbed stock. The owner managed to pull a glove from an offender whilst trying to retrieve his property. The three made off across Watling Street and up Aldenham Avenue.

### **Watling Street between 01.50 and 02.10 on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Offender(s) have smashed the lower glass panel of a door to gain entry and have stolen a laptop computer that was on view.

## **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

### **Highbridge Close between 09.30 and 12.30 on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June**

A first floor living room window was smashed. The item used to cause the damage is unknown.

### **Holbrook Gardens between 02.30 and 03.00 on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Oranges, eggs and wine bottles were thrown at a front window causing it to smash.

### **The Rose walk between 00.01 and 00.05 on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

An unknown object was thrown at a living room window causing it to smash.

### **Elstree Aerodrome between 18.12 and 18.22 on Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Whilst trying to gain entry by cutting a barbed wire fence and forcing a gate with a metal bar the offenders were disturbed. They made off over a fence and left in a white van.

### **Broadfield Way Aldenham between 09.17 and 09.27 on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July**

After a dispute with a lady regarding the parking around an address the offender has kicked the rear quarter light of her car causing damage before leaving the scene on foot with a female.

### **Watford Road between 23.30 on Sun 14<sup>th</sup> August and 00.45 on Mon 15<sup>th</sup> August**

An external floodlight was broken causing the security system to the front forecourt of a block of flats to fuse.

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Burglary on Links Drive between 5:30pm and 10:10pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Offenders forced open the rear patio doors. Some electrical equipment was taken. If you can help then phone 101 and quote crime ref J1/11/3496

A potted tree was stolen from Radlett Park Road on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 09.15 and 10.30.

As you can see from the picture below it is quite distinctive. If you have seen it anywhere please call PC Phil Tuck on the non-emergency number 101.



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