

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

In an emergency or to report a crime in progress.	999
To notify Police about a crime, report a suspicious Incident, or to contact your Community Beat Officer	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
HM Revenue & Customs	0800 595000
National Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Victim Support Dorset.	01202 606200
Environmental & Consumer Protection Services	01202 261700
Emergency Noise Pollution	0800 506050
B of P Anti Social Behaviour Team	01202 633438
Poole Harbour Watch contact Jacky Hardy	07962 242227
Poole Harbour Control	01202 440230
Mail Preference Service	0845 703 4599
Telephone Preference Service	0845 070 0707

To find a trader you can trust, phone Citizens Advice consumer service on 08454 040506 or web address www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk
Police terrorism hotline tel. no. 0800 789 321
Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk/node/89 Tel. 03001 232 040
Police & Crime Commissioner Martin Underhill 01305 229084
email pcc@dorset.pnn.police.



POLICE / NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SURGERIES

A member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and your Watch Group are at
Parkstone Library, Britannia Rd.
on Friday November 27th & December 18th
from 11 am. to 12 noon

Please use these opportunities to tell us about any problems, or ask for crime prevention advice.

This newsletter was delivered by your contact _____

who can be reached at _____

or by telephoning _____



Lilliput & Lower Parkstone
Neighbourhood Watch

www.llpnw.org.uk

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Chairman: Graham New tel.01202740425 Contact S.N.T. via 101

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

'It's A Lesson To Late For The Learning, so sang Tom Paxton in 1964, and as I found to my cost, equally true today. Picture the scene, Palma Bus Station, a busy, late afternoon in September and a crush to board the bus back to the hotel, an hour away. (you're ahead of me aren't you?).

I never felt it go, but later realised that the nudge on my backpack was just enough to distract me from the fingers in my pocket, lifting my wallet. No great drama, no shouting, no fisticuffs, just that sinking feeling that I had been careless after previous warnings. Cards, a small amount of cash and my driving licence gone. All replaceable but now I have to put my hand up and admit it and feel foolish having to do so.

Fagin encouraging his small charges including young Oliver Twist that. "you gotta pick a pocket or two" sounds romantic and mischievous until you're on the wrong end of it. So I'll not finish by lecturing you on the need to be vigilant, you know already, just don't get careless.'

Best wishes for Christmas, Graham

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Police Advice For Safe Online Social Networking

(Dorset Police, Communications and Engagement Department, Force HQ)

Dorset Police is continuing to educate the public on the threat of cyber-crime and is encouraging Dorset's residents to ensure they are safe online while social networking. The internet is a great way to stay in touch with family and friends, with many of us using Facebook, Twitter, Skype, online dating sites and others on a regular basis.

Superintendent Mark Callaghan, Director of Intelligence, said: "Many of us enjoy sharing the details of our lives with our online friends, but do you really know who you are communicating with and who can see your posts?"

"Make sure your privacy settings are set to the highest level so that only your friends can see your details. It is easy for a cyber-criminal to get personal details from social networking sites. Posting details and photographs of your summer holidays while you are away may seem innocent enough, but to a burglar you have just advertised you have an empty house."

"Be wary about who you invite or accept invitations from on social networking sites and internet telephone services. Do not accept friendship requests from complete strangers. You would not do this in real life!"

Dorset Police is advising people to be wary of publishing any identifying personal information either in a profile or in posts – such as phone numbers, pictures of your home, workplace or school, your address or birthday.

Think twice before clicking on any links. These can lead to hoax pages and sites designed to defraud you or steal your identity. Choose safe passwords – careless use of passwords can lead to an account being hacked.

The risks are becoming the victim of online bullying, trolling or other forms of abuse such as revenge porn or extortion. What goes online stays online. Do not say anything or publish pictures that might later cause you or someone else embarrassment.

Dorset Police is encouraging everyone to visit GetSafeOnline and cybersafe.dorset.police.uk for help and advice on online safety. If intimate photos or videos of you are posted online against your will report it to Dorset Police by calling 101.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH NEEDS YOU!

Community Speedwatch Needs More Volunteers!

Your Neighbourhood Watch runs regular Speedwatch patrols to encourage drivers to adhere to the speed limit. Should a Speedwatch patrol observe a vehicle exceeding the speed limit, details are noted and passed onto the police (who write to the vehicle's owner). Speedwatch patrols require a minimum of 3 people and, as we currently have only 4 regular volunteers, we need more. If you are interested to help with Speedwatch please contact Alasdair Bavister on 07709 209355 or alasdairbavister@hotmail.com.

Crime in our area

Criminal activity in our area is mainly break-ins to garages and sheds, especially where top of the range, expensive bicycles are stored. Use good locks for bikes, garages and sheds. Stand alone alarms suitable for sheds and garages can be bought for £12 These come with a bright yellow sticker telling any would be offender that the shed / garage is alarmed. This is a good deterrent. Tel. 01202 742049 for more details.

Thefts from motor vehicles has increased across Poole. Leave nothing on display, remove all valuables and always lock the vehicle even if it is parked off the road on a drive.

See full crime figures for August and September online at www.police.uk They were not available at the time of writing this newsletter.

News In Brief

Council tax band ruse.

Individuals have been called or received emails claiming that their homes are in the wrong council tax band. For a fee to cover administrative charges the firm say they will challenge the council tax band on your behalf and often mislead people into thinking they're due a refund. If you want to challenge your council tax band, you can do it free of charge by contacting your local Valuation Office Agency.

Consumer Rights Act 2015

This act applies to purchases you make on or after 1st October 2015. The new act makes your digital content rights clear: the product or service must be of satisfactory quality, fit for purpose and as described by the seller. Issues with goods bought before 1st October will be governed by the Sale of Goods Act. This act, written long before the digital age, can still be very effective even when goods have been bought online.