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## Message from the Chairman

We are all conscious of security, particularly in our homes and cars, but so often failure to remember the basics leaves us vulnerable to the actions of criminals. A case in point recently came to my notice where a lady left her handbag in the car just for a few minutes only to return and find it gone, together with her credit cards, cash and mobile phone. The loss is bad enough, but even worse are the problems when you have to cancel all your credit cards. Please remember to lock your car **every** time you leave it, after having removed everything from sight—even an empty bag. A thief does not know the bag is empty and will break in, causing costly damage to your vehicle.

My attention was drawn to an article in The Sun newspaper on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The headline was 'DAYLIGHT FOBBERY.' Car thieves can steal your motor in just six seconds using a gadget that is 'LEGAL'. Apparently a Sun team managed to open and start ten different cars in a few moments using a legal gadget, which only **highlights a glaring security weakness in keyless motors.**

Using a scanner, it took them a mere six seconds to unlock a Ford Focus and start the engine — and not much longer to do the same thing to nine others ranging from a Skoda to a Jaguar. The most difficult car was a VW which took 42 seconds. Not one car stayed secure for more than a minute.

One way to prevent this is to block the scanner by using a Defender Signal Blocker. Jane Power, who holds our Security stock, can supply these to you at cost.

Peter Whittam.

## Heath Watch News - February 2019

Hello everyone,

The winter season brings a wealth of birdlife to our local area, as migrant species join us from colder climes. Wildfowl and wader numbers in Poole Harbour are huge, and you might encounter species such as Blackcaps, Fieldfares and Redwings. It is time to dust off the binoculars and get outside! Keep an eye out too for Snowdrops and other signs that spring is not too far away.

Alison Copland  
Heath Watch Co-ordinator



## Crimes Reported in December

**Corfe Mullen Home Watch Committee:** Peter Whittam (Chairman) 01202 692313, Jane Power (Secretary and Security) 01202 601042, John Bentall (Treasurer) 01202 695764, Geoff Harris (Membership and Publicity) 01202 605273, Terry Plummer (Newsletter Editor) 01202 911011, David Shaw 07719 307852, David Atticks 01202 658883, Anne Hand 01202 696715, Paul Harrison 01202 698050

Anti-social behaviour	2
Bicycle Theft	0
Burglary	1
Criminal damage and arson	3
Drugs	0

<http://www.corfemullenhomewatch.btck.co.uk/>

## **Membership Report Spring 2019**

This is the first time we have had the new database available for subscriptions. It has given us the opportunity to accurately determine the membership and follow up on those who had not paid, which has made a difference. To this end we have managed to increase the paid membership from last year to 927. This is up by just under 100 compared to the year before, so a big pat on the back to the Co-ordinators who have been distributing and collecting their members subscriptions.

We are aware that some roads have lost members. This is mainly due to Co-ordinators leaving and nobody taking over the role. This has meant there is no Co-ordinator to distribute the subscription envelopes and collect the subs. We have recruited some new Co-ordinators so any members who wish to renew their membership in Phelipps Road can contact Karen Oliver or Paul Harrison. Paul has also kindly agreed to take on Ralph Road, Jubilee Close and Pye Close. Wendy Wright will be acting for part of Albert Road and Blacksmith Close. Mrs Elliot has taken over Towers Way. Mike Fry has taken over Violet Farm Close and Roz Doman is looking after Orchard Lane and Orchard Close. Until we can find somebody to take on responsibility for Dalkeith Road those members who wish to continue their membership can contact Jane Power. If you live in any of the above areas and have not yet had the opportunity to renew your membership, contact me and I will put you in touch with your local Co-ordinator.

### **There are still roads with no representatives -**

Brook Lane  
Dalkeith Road  
Candys Close  
Cecil Close  
Towers Way  
Wayman Road  
Windgreen

If your road is listed above and you have not yet had the opportunity to renew your membership, please contact me at the email address below.

Over the next few months we will be interested in renewing their membership. Anyone who is interested in helping the Membership Secretary, using the following e-mail address, please contact me at the email address below.  
Thank you



please contact me at the email

address below. If you are a resident, please contact the residents to see if they are

interested. Contact Geoff Harris, Membership Secretary, at [geoff@volunteers.co.uk](mailto:geoff@volunteers.co.uk)

## **Dorset Alert Messages**

Dorset Police has recently received a number of reports from members of the public that they have been telephoned by someone claiming to be a police officer from London, telling them that police have arrested someone trying to use their bank account details fraudulently. This is a scam. Do not carry out any instructions given by the bogus police officer.

There has been an increase in the reporting of malicious calls, voicemails, text messages or emails to members of the public purporting to be from HMRC. The fraudsters state that as a result of their non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings such as repossession of belongings to settle the balance but can avoid this by arranging for payment to be made immediately by method such as bank transfer or by iTunes gift cards. Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.

There have been more than 5,000 reports about fake emails and texts purporting to be from TV Licensing. The messages contain links to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information. Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

## **Speed Watch**

*Corfe Mullen Community Speed Watch (CSW) has had our best-ever year. With 2 new*