

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Undoubtedly Neighbourhood Watch stickers on windows on all sides of a house are a first visible deterrent for the opportunist. But for the more sophisticated burglar, seeing the circular yellow and black MARKED PROPERTY stickers which tell him that your possessions are marked with your postcode and house number, is far more of a turn off. He knows that marked property found in his possession is direct proof of his guilt, and 'fences' on middlemen who deal in lost or stolen property won't want to touch it.

What should be marked? Almost anything of value can be marked, and the Police and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinates have check lists of suggested items. Typical examples are jewellery, silver, electronic equipment, pictures, valuable carpets, porcelain, cameras, binoculars, bicycles and sports equipment. Incidentally, the Police have checked with some of the leading valuers such as Sotheby's and Christies and, contrary to popular belief, silver, jewellery and other valuables are not devalued by engraving provided the marking is discrete — for instance, on the underside of silver items, on the inside of gold or platinum rings or on the inside of necklace clasps. But precisely what items are marked is entirely up to you.

Other items worth considering are umbrellas, handbags, brief cases and spectacles — perhaps not particularly valuable but a bonus to have them returned to you when left in trains, buses, taxis and so on. You postcode and house number will enable the Police anywhere in the United Kingdom to locate your particular house within

minutes.

How is it done? There are two major ways, by engraving and by using an invisible ink pen. An electric engraving pen (cost about £207 is easy to use after a few minutes practice on the back of a biscuit tin, and all metals and plastics from silver and gold items to T.V. sets and picture frames can be marked with it. Invisible ink pens, obtainable from leading stationers, generally come in two sizes. The larger is for marking items such as carpets and rugs, and the smaller for the lining of fur coats and other clothes, or for porcelain and other objects which could be harmed by engraving. When dry, the invisible ink marking cannot be seen until a powerful ultra violet light is shone on it. It is also possible to obtain a special ceramic marker for about £5, which leaves a permanent mark. But this is not essential.

How long does it take? This, of course, depends on the amount to be marked. Almost every house has something worth stealing — even if it is only the T.V. set or a radio — and the minimum time is probably about half an hour. One lady wanted



every item in her house marked, down to the last waste paper basket, and this took some 8 hours. But the average time is probably a couple of hours.

If it's so simple, why doesn't everyone do it? Goodness knows! Most Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinates have their own kits which they are prepared to lend out, and some are even prepared to help with the marking personally. Experience shows that generally the houses that are burgled a broken into are those without MARKED PROPERTY stickers. One Suburb Watch has 80% of its houses with MARKED PROPERTY stickers, but many have 10% or less. Perhaps this is a modern example of the old saying (John Heywood c.1497-1580) "you can take a horse to water but you can't make it drink"!

In the January issue, details were given of 25 Watches and their Co-ordinates. Since then, further watches have been, or

Watch	Co-ordinator	Address	Tel. No.
Addison Way	Mrs Sylvia de Peyer	4 Addison Way	455 3873
Bigwood	Mrs Jill Scher	13 Bigwood Road	455 7528
Brim Hill	Lady Atkinson	39 Brim Hill	455 8522
Brooklands	Mr John Angus	48 Brookland Rise	455 4315
Charlton Drive	(does not want name and address to be divulged)	(New Co-ordinator not yet appointed)	
Corringham	Mr Eric Townley	53 Denman Drive	458 1911
Denman Drive	Mr Stan Myerson	26 Edmunds Walk	883 4563
Edmunds Walk	Dr Lorna Lake	41 Erskine Hill	455 1971
Erskine Hill	Mrs Judy Charlton	2 Grey Close	458 2721
Grey Close	Mrs Sonya Zuckerman	6 Gurney Drive	455 4413
Gurney	Mr Peter Loyd	12 Meadway	455 4543
Heath and Hampstead Way	Mrs Anne Rimmer	23 Hogarth Hill	455 2583
Hogarth Hill	Mrs Valerie Herman	4 Holyoake Walk	883 0839
H.O.L.	Mrs Joan Marks	28 Midholm	455 9052
Holm	Mrs Patricia Larsen	34 Kingsley Way	455 7619
Kingsley Way	& Mr Michael Seal	58 Kingsley Way	458 3337
Litchfield Way	Mrs Gillian Caplin	22 Litchfield Way	455 3888
Meadway and Turner	Mrs Janet Parker	1 Turner Drive	458 2646
Thornton and Middleway	Dr Margaret Lense	23 Thornton Way	455 8601
Milton Close	Mrs Coral Sebag-Montefiore	10 Milton Close	458 1527
Neville Drive	Mr David Goodenday	Bunkers Dip, Neville Drive	458 2814
Norrice Lea	Mrs Rosemary Goldstein	1A Church Mount	458 1123
North Square	Mr Richard Townley	3 North Square	455 8934
Northway	Mr Evelyn Down	79 Northway	455 6110
Oakwood Road	Mr Ivan May	29 Oakwood Road	458 1301
Reynolds Close	Mr Robert Schwob	19 Reynolds Close	458 1543
Southway	Mr Xavier Pullen	65 Southway	458 1470
Southwood Court	Mrs Jean Hudson	5 Southwood Court	458 1288
Sutcliffe Close	Mr Philip Goldsmith	13 Sutcliffe Close	455 5398
Temple Fortune Lane	Mrs Daphne Cookson	70 Temple Fortune Lane	455 8323
Wildwood Road	Mrs Jacqui Ellert	9 Wildwood Road	455 7777
Willifield Way	Mrs Dina Shapiro	92 Willifield Way	455 9597

are just about to be, formed and various changes have taken place making a total of 322 Suburb Watches as follows:-

Other Watches are being considered and may be formed in the near future to cover Heathcroft; Hill Rise, Hill Top and Maurice Walk; Vivian Way; and Waterlar Court.

This will leave a few pockets without coverage, notably:-

- ☐ Asmunds Place and upper Hampstead Way;
- ☐ Queens Court;
- ☐ The Orchard;
- ☐ Lower Hampstead Way, Wellgarth Road, Maland Close and Romney Close area;
- ☐ the Market Place;
- ☐ Lyttleton Road, Greenhalgh Walk, Blandford Close and Cornwood Close area;
- ☐ Deron Rise, Totnes Walk and Harford Walk;
- ☐ Denison Close, Neale Close, Ossulton Place area;
- ☐ Emmott Close;
- ☐ 1-66 Willifield Way;
- ☐ Ingram Avenue and Winnington Road.

If anyone was prepared to take a lead and act as the Co-ordinator in any of these areas, they are invited to contact Peter Loyd (455 4543) who will be delighted to advise how to get a Watch started and organised. **PL**

Supervisor needed

Meal Time Supervisor to supervise children during the lunch period of school terms. Rate of pay is approximately £2.95 inclusive per hour, a free meal on completion of duty, and half-pay retainer for established staff during school closure, plus annual leave payment. Please contact 455 3269.

THE TRUST INVITES RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE COMPANY

In many respects the constitution of the Trust company is unique, and both new residents and those of long standing might like to know how the Trust differs from a normal company.

1. Non-Profit Making

The sole objective of the company is to maintain and preserve the present character and amenities of the Suburb. The Trust does not produce profits or pay dividends to its members.

2. Unpaid Directors

The eight directors of the company are known as Trust Council Members. Four of the directors are appointed by outside organisations (Law Society, Royal Institute of British Architects, Royal Town Planning Institute and Victorian Society), and four are elected by the members. None of the directors receive any financial remuneration for all the work they do is voluntary.

3. Role of members

The Trust does not have shareholders in the conventional sense but members. As mentioned previously, they receive no dividends and if the company went into liquidation, their liability is limited to one pound. Membership is free. It is important to remember that the Trust was set up as a result of pressure from local residents, and was not

created by outside interests. Many of the founding members of the Trust company were also members of the Residents' Association and of the HGS Protection Society. Under the Trust's Articles of Association there can be 1250 registered members, which is less than 10% of the total number of people who live on the Suburb. This number has never been achieved and at the present time membership stands at around 50% of the permitted number. We are anxious to boost this total and we hope that residents will fill out the attached coupon. The sole requirement to become a member of the company is to have lived on the Suburb for an uninterrupted period of at least 3 years, and there are no restrictions on the number of people who can become members from the same household. There are 3 main advantages to membership:

- a) Receipt of the annual report and accounts of the company and participation in the election of the Trust Council.

- b) Attendance at the annual general meeting. This year the meeting has been fixed for 8 O'clock on 14 September in Bigwood Hall, Bigwood Road. For the first time there will be a short reception before the formal business of the evening, which will give residents the opportunity of meeting members of the Trust Council informally over a drink.

- c) The opportunity to take part in the management of the Suburb. Most people come to live on the Suburb because in terms of Architecture and Town Planning it is a unique environment, and they support the aims of the Trust in trying to help preserve this Outstanding Conservation Area. The Trust belongs to the Suburb and therefore all residents who feel that the job we are trying to do is worthwhile should become members.

Membership of the company is valid for 3 years, after which time members receive an automatic renewal notice.

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Please send meapplication form(s) for membership of the Trust Company.

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