

ELLERKER & HILLDALES NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CRIMES

We are pleased to report that we have not had any incidents in Ellerker, although we understand that there have been a high number of burglaries in the West Hull area in general. The Police have asked everyone to be vigilant, particularly in rural areas and if you see anything suspicious then please report it to Crimestoppers on 0800 783 0137 with as much information as possible, eg car registration number.

CAR PARKING

Following on from our last newsletter, a meeting was held last month with the Chairpersons of the various village organisations to discuss the car parking problem in the village. Various thoughts were expressed, including single yellow line waiting restrictions to permit farm vehicles and buses to get through Main Street past parked cars and to ensure that those turning left from Sands Lane are not forced to drive on the verge on the south west corner of the junction adjacent to Sebastopol Cottage. The meeting generally was not in favour of the installation of yellow lines but residents are to be consulted in due course as part of the conservation area appraisal which will be undertaken this year. ERYC Highways have advised us that options at the present time are limited to potholing and installing a single yellow line on Main Street between Ings Lane and Cave Lane where the stream runs past the restaurant and play area. Long-term, ERYC would like to kerb both sides of the road, install some concrete offlets and pipe them into the stream. We await further developments. The advantage of these proposals would be that the carriageway would be widened but once again, residents are to be consulted as part of the conservation area appraisal taking place in due course.

PLAYING FIELDS

The Playing Fields Committee are to install a notice confirming the rules and regulations applicable to the playing fields. It was mentioned that the playing fields are held in a charitable trust and as such are managed by trustees and it is not public land. It was originally made available for use by the villagers of Ellerker. To prevent people using the rear of the village hall as a toilet, consideration is to be given by the Playing Fields and Village Hall Committees regarding the erection of a fence to the back of the village hall to prevent access. The Playing Fields Committee are to consider whether the goalposts should have a permanent position on either the small or large greens with appropriate standing to protect the grass. In view of objections, consideration is also to be given for the removal of these goalposts completely.

LAND REGISTRY ALERT

An article has been published which reported that a householder in the south of England had had her house 'stolen' by fraudsters who had intercepted her mail. The full article can be found here: www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/article-7155387/I-came-home-house-stolen-fraudsters-intercepted-mail.html

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators have a copy of the full article. If residents would like to download further information regarding how to set up alerts for activity relating to their property then the link to the Land Registry's Property Alert Service is as follows: <https://propertyalert.landregistry.gov.uk> You can also call them on: 0300 006 0478, particularly if you have queries about land.

WHAT3WORDS

This is really a simple way to talk about location and What3Words have assigned each 3 metre square in the world a unique 3 word address that will never change. They are as accurate as GPS co-ordinates. For example "filled.count.soap" marks the exact entrance to What3Words London HQ. The main purpose of all this is to direct emergency services to the right place, particularly if assistance is required in a remote place which doesn't have any distinguishing features/markers. The app can be downloaded for free from your App store on your phone. For further information please log on to www.what3words.com/aboutus

SCAMS

It's the time of year when unscrupulous people tend take to email and telephone to pretend to be someone they're not in order to gain your personal details or even money. Two of our Committee members have, in the last week, received scam emails – one purporting to be from Vodaphone and another TV Licensing saying the TV licence needed to be renewed. The email addresses were bogus (easily checked by clicking on the address in the 'from' field and it's usually found that the address bears no resemblance to whom it is supposed to be from). Please be careful.

Ellerker and Hilldales Neighbourhood Watch Committee wish you a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes
Mike Parker
Chairman

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