

# ELLERKER

## NEIGHBOURHOOD

### WATCH

September 2014

#### Incidents

Our crime free spell has ended with a report that a locked shed was broken into and a chain saw and hedge cutter stolen. It was also sad to hear that someone had taken a tin of coffee from the church.

Please be on your guard as we obviously have thieves operating in the village.

#### Oil Thefts

As the weather gets colder heating oil becomes a target for thieves so it is worthwhile taking a few steps to protect your oil. Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. These gauges can be located in the kitchen, or perhaps a utility room to warn of any potential problem. Some alarms will emit an audible alarm if the tank rate drops 1.5cm in a minute, which is not common in a domestic tank.

If you have a lockable tank a close shackle padlock is a good idea as bolt croppers cannot grip these.

#### Cold Calling

As some residents have expressed a wish for "Cold Callers" to continue to be allowed in the village we are unable to take any further action in this matter. Stopping Cold Calling requires the agreement of all residents.

#### Newsletters

A number of residents have asked that the paper NHW newsletter be continued and we are happy to cooperate in this.

#### Darker Nights

A plea to everyone particularly cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians to use lights and wear reflective clothing. We frequently find people walking or riding on the road in dark clothing without lights and this is both dangerous to the people concerned and to vehicle drivers.

#### New Residents

If you know of any new residents please let your coordinator know so that we can welcome them to the village and deliver a Neighbourhood Watch Welcome Pack to them.

Your coordinators are      Tricia Christmas    422104                              Martin Scott    424441

If you are unable to reach your coordinator please contact Janet Green on 423601

John Timperley, Chairman.