

ELLERKER NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

December 2012

Incidents

Only one serious incident has been reported in the last three months and that was the theft of a trailer from Chris Bradley's barn. There has been a further attempted break in at the same premises but nothing was stolen.

Owners of buildings housing high value equipment might like to consider installing closed circuit television with data recording, this has come down in price considerably over the past few years.

It is essential that residents report any criminal activity, no matter how trivial, to the police as the number of reported incidents is one of the main criteria that the police use in determining the required amount of police presence in an area.

Speed Limit

We have had a number of complaints from residents about the lack of a speed limit in the village. This is a matter for the Parish Council not Neighbourhood Watch but for your information the current situation is as follows:-

The speed limit in the village is currently 60mph.

The government's policy is that all villages should have a speed limit of 30mph and, in certain cases some stretches of road may be limited to 20mph.

Regulations then differ according to whether or not the road is lit.

Roads with street lighting

If the street lights are no more than 183m (200 yards) apart the road is automatically a 30 mph area unless signed differently

Roads without street lighting

After the initial 30mph sign there must be a repeater sign within 200m and then a repeater sign either every 400m if on the same side of the road or every 250m if on alternate sides.

Cars may not be parked without lights on roads in a 60mph zone.

Emergency Plan

The County Council recently held a seminar on Emergency Planning for Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators and Parish Councillors. We need to discuss this with our colleagues on the Parish Council particularly with

regard to flooding but in the meantime very useful information is available at <http://www.environment-gency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods>. Residents who do not have access to the internet should contact their coordinator for more information.

Parish Website

Bicycle lights

The dark nights mean that we have to repeat our plea for cyclists to have lights on their bikes and pedestrians to wear something light coloured when going out at night.

Communications

Our job is to help to keep the village safe and secure. If you see or hear anything suspicious please tell the police and your local co-coordinator, their phone numbers are at the end of this newsletter. If we hear of a serious matter which merits informing the whole village your coordinators will contact every house by putting a note through the door. Less serious matters are usually resolved by us talking with the local Police Community Support Officers who are always very helpful.

John Timperley, Chairman. Telephone 425288

Police telephone numbers: - 101 or in an emergency 999

Your coordinators are

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