

We extend our welcome to all those attending our public surgeries for advice on these or other issues. For more information please visit www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention.co.uk



Dear Ward Member

Please have a read of what the team have been doing.



The Eastcote team have been carrying out numerous weapon sweeps across the ward in order to try and detect weapons and articles adapted for use as weapons. The team have put their focus on knife crime this month and have raised awareness in relation to the seriousness of knife crime and what the serious consequences are for carrying a knife. The majority of individuals carrying a knife, do so under the false belief that it will provide them with protection. Carrying a knife is more likely to cause you harm than protect you. The team have been engaging with the youth and trying to educate and raise awareness about this serious subject. Drop The Knife And Save A Life! If you find a knife or wish to discard one, please do so safely. You can dispose of a knife in a knife bin, Eastcote ward has a knife bin located in the rear car park of Aldi. The team have continued to carry out high visibility patrols on foot and by cycle, in order to keep a strong police presence on the ward. The team are aware that the ward is getting busier with COVID restrictions relaxing and this can bring with it the increase in anti-social behaviour and crime. Taking this into consideration the team does have a plan in place and are pro-actively patrolling the ward and working with neighbouring ward officers to deter anti-social behaviour and crime as best they can. The team have also continued to raise awareness in relation to specific topics each month. This month the team raised awareness in relation to World Health Day, which was celebrated on 7th April 2021, to mark the anniversary of the founding of WHO (World Health Organization). World health day is celebrated annually and draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. This year's topic was building a fairer and healthier world with reference to COVID-19.



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Bogus Callers!

How to beat the Bogus Caller.



STOP

Is anyone EXPECTED?
Back door LOCKED?



CHAIN

Put CHAIN ON before
opening the door.



CHECK

Ask for caller's I.D.
Check it by PHONE.

Bogus callers sometimes work in pairs or even teams. They are often well organised. One will distract the person while the other searches the house for money or other valuables. They can be men, women or children or often a combination. Watch out for anyone who says they are in a hurry. Don't let them pressure or confuse you.

If you think a bogus caller has called at your door, report it to the police immediately – dial 999 and tell them what has happened. Try to give the police a description of the person. While they are on their way, tell a neighbour, caretaker or family. The earlier the police know that the bogus callers are working in the area, the quicker they can investigate.

LOCK: Keep your front door locked, even when at home.

STOP: Before you answer, stop and think if you are expecting anyone. Check that you have locked any back doors and taken the key out. Look through the spyhole or the window to see who it is.

CHAIN: If you decide to open the door, put the door chain or bar on first. Keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep. (Normally, when the door is shut and locked, leave the bar or chain off in case you need to get out in an emergency.)

Some bogus callers call on older and vulnerable people saying they need help urgently. They may ask you to help them outside the house or ask to come in to make a phone call or have a glass of water. Only go to help if you have someone else with you. Don't worry if you choose not to help – it is not rude or unfriendly.

CHECK: If someone who looks official calls at your door, always do the following. Ask for and carefully check their identity card, even if they have a pre-arranged appointment (all genuine callers will carry one). Do they look like the person on the card? Is the name the same one as that on your letter? Close the door while you do this. If you are not expecting them and they have not shown you an identity card, do not let them in until you have checked and double-checked that the caller is genuine

If you have any doubts, KEEP THEM OUT!!

Residents can contact us using any of the following methods

Email : Eastcote.Ruislip.snt@met.pnn.police.uk
Twitter : @MPSEastcoteXH for regular updates.
Telephone: 02082461823

Postal Address

Eastcote & East Ruislip Safer Neighbourhood Team
Hillingdon Borough Police
Ruislip Police Station
The Oaks, Ruislip
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Upcoming Meetings

Due to the unprecedented times we are currently in with Coronavirus a decision has been made to cancel all our advertised crime prevention stalls, and contact sessions. This decision has been made with the safety of all in mind, and to follow in line with the Government guidance on social interaction. That said we will still be on the streets, and will continue to Police your community to the best of our ability. Please follow the right advice and Stay Safe!

What you need to do:- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

What to do if you have Coronavirus symptoms:- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

