



# WATCH IT

The newsletter for Nailsea's Neighbourhood Watch  
November 2018 edition



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Welcome to the last newsletter of the year! Thank you to everyone for keeping up with us, visiting the website and attending the meetings. May we also take this opportunity to thank all our Coordinators for their continued efforts to help your Schemes run smoothly. We certainly could not do without you.

**A happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year to all our members and their families**

## Final call for subscriptions!

A big thank you to everyone for submitting their subscriptions following the last newsletter. For everyone else, your £1 subscription and slip need to be returned to your Coordinator by the end of November 2018. If we do not receive this, we will have to delete your details and you will no longer receive Police Alerts and Newsletters.

Coordinators: Please retain the returned slips until the next audit.



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Please complete both sides, cut out and return in an envelope with your subscription to:

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## Christmas Social – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

United Reform Church, Stockway North at 7.30pm

Our next Open Meeting will be the Christmas Social evening. It is free to attend and all members are very welcome. We will have complimentary festive refreshments and entertainment including bingo and a free raffle. It always is a very enjoyable evening and we look forward to seeing you there.



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## The Ride Along Experience

The 'Ride Along Experience' is a scheme offered by Avon & Somerset Police, where local residents are given the opportunity to shadow police staff in their day-to-day activities. The experience is offered over a range of policing areas such as the communications centre, the response team, the training school and the neighbourhood policing team.

Earlier in the year, one of our NHW members (Jill Collard) joined two Police Response Officers on their evening patrol (5pm to 12am) of the Weston Super Mare area. During this time, she sat in on their debriefing session and attended six call outs. Speaking about her experience with the Police Officers, Jill says, "they were excellent and very professional in the way they dealt with their calls, in explaining what was about to happen and why they had to do it. I've always admired our Police Force and having now done the Ride Along it only confirms to me just what a brilliant job they are doing to keep our streets safe."

The scheme is open to people living in the Avon and Somerset area but some options are not available to under 18's. All details for applying can be found online at:

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/services/ride-along-scheme](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/services/ride-along-scheme)

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## October meeting update

Our October open meeting was again very well attended with approximately 70 people in attendance! We were treated to a very interesting and informative talk on Scams by Lin Griffin from Age UK/Trading Standards. Remember that scams can come in many forms; bogus door callers, phone calls, emails and banking scams, to name just a few. The yearly cost to the public exceeds £1 billion and anyone can be a victim!

Please report any scams to:

Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040 or  
The Police: [www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us)



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## Crime Report

The crime report below was taken from the Police.UK website. At the time of going to press the most up to date figures relating to the Nailsea beat area (AN004) were for September 2018:

Assault:	2
Assault on police:	0
Dwelling burglary:	1 (+ 0 attempted)
Non-dwelling burglary:	0 (+ 0 attempted)
Criminal damage (property)	4
Criminal damage (vehicle):	4
Theft from motor vehicle:	2
Theft of motor vehicle:	0
Theft of pedal cycle:	1
Theft from shops:	3
Anti-Social behaviour*:	15

\*These include reports of neighbourhood disputes, youth issues and noise issues

### Nailsea Police Station opening times:

Mondays to Fridays: 10am – 6pm

Closed for lunch: 1:30 – 2:15pm


Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and Bank holidays



## Seasonal security checks

With robbery and burglary figures peaking in January, this is the time when we need to be extra vigilant about security. Here are a few tips for the coming months:

### Online:

- Avoid using free, open and unsecured Wi Fi hotspots when out and about
- For online payments, check websites are secure by looking for the padlock symbol and 'https' in the address bar, e.g.  <https://www.amazon.co.uk>
- Keep passwords secure and ensure security software is up to date
- Do not open links or attachments in emails if you are unsure of their validity
- Do not give away too much detail about your whereabouts or gifts bought/received over social media as this may affect insurance claims

### At home:

- Ensure purchases are not visible in your vehicle or house
- Make sure you have a secure place where post can be left
- If using external decorations, avoid passing electric cables through open windows as 30% of burglaries occur this way
- Check refuse collection dates over the holiday period. Fold packaging to avoid advertising your new goods and put your rubbish out only just before the collection is due

### Shopping:

- Purchase more expensive products last so you can head straight home with them
- Try to reduce the number of bags you use, it is easier to keep track of one large bag rather than several small ones
- If making several small, low cost purchases have change in your pocket (preferably zipped) so you do not need to keep getting your purse/wallet out

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

**999: Emergency services**

**101: Non-emergency calls**

**0800 555 111: Crime Stoppers**

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## Resolution of the month:

With Christmas in mind, make sure you install relevant security software on any new technology you receive before it is used. This is especially important for children's presents.