



HARROGATE & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

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CRIME FREE CHRISTMAS

We are now into the countdown period to Christmas. The number of shopping days is rapidly declining – a fact that you need no reminding about. Many presents will already be wrapped waiting for that special person.

Unfortunately, they are also much sought after by burglars and thieves.

Extra vigilance is needed at this time of year.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Looking at all the Christmas trees lit up in house windows is a splendid sight that helps to brighten up our lives during the dull winter nights.

However, a little care should be taken as to where you site your tree so that potential burglars cannot see into your room and all the presents around the tree. It is a great temptation to the thieves if they can see what is available before they break in.

SHOPPING SAFETY CHECKLIST

Be vigilant when withdrawing money from an ATM. Simply move on if there are any suspicious looking individuals hanging around. Protect your PIN – always shield the keypad with your hand. This also applies when using the new machines to pay bills in shops and supermarkets etc.

Keep your chequebook and cheque cards separate and keep your purse or wallet close to your body and carry as little cash as possible.

Shopping early means less crowds and less opportunity for pickpockets.

Keep aware of who is around when using your mobile phone in public places.

Always park in well lit public places.

“Leave it on show, expect it to go”.

If you are away for Christmas do not forget to cancel the milk and papers before you go. Make the house look occupied with time operated lights and radio. Do not close your curtains. If you have an intruder alarm make sure you alert it.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

To find out more about Neighbourhood Watch just visit our website: www.nwatchharrogate.org.uk or you can e mail us at info@nwatchharrogate.org.uk or contact us by phone on 01423 539347 (administration only).

To make contact with the police dial 999 in an emergency or 0845 6060 247 for all other calls.

Finally, A Very Happy and Crime Free Christmas.

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONES'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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