



Linley Point Neighbourhood Watch

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Hi Everyone

How have we managed crime in our community this year?

The first quarter was our worst start to the year for many years, with a number of incidents reported. We then went into our more expected quiet mode with more vigilance shown by us. A spate of vehicle break-ins spoilt this recently in the Avenue when some person/persons smashed windows to gain entry to a number of vehicles parked in the street. We have had petty crime reported in the past weeks, of roses being stolen from a garden and limes stripped from another neighbour's tree in the Crescent.

A neighbour who works in the security industry told me recently that professional criminals now have devices which, when scanning a vehicle, can identify those which have items left in them!! As I keep reminding you we have over 70 odd such vehicles parked in streets or exposed driveways – an inviting target so please leave nothing of value in your vehicle.

Talking of professional thieves - did you read in this week's Village Observer an article written by a Mr Dulhunty of Greenwich? Their house was so quietly and efficiently invaded that wallets and hand bags were stolen from them next to the bed where they were sleeping, TV and other items stolen and their garage opened and a motor vehicle pushed out and driven away ... and their dog was sprayed so it could not bark!! An alarm they have was not on. We are all vulnerable to this violation and must remain alert to taking sensible precautions. With the economy slowing and unemployment rising crime will increase -be alert !

Another problem being faced is the unreliability and lack of security of our postal service this year. Many important letters/cheques have gone missing or have been delivered to the wrong addresses. If you, like many up here, have experienced this please make a formal complaint to Australia Post via the internet or the phone . If you don't, we will have to continue to put up with this unacceptable level of service.

Once again, my thanks to Carl Moser for the Linley Point website and for his assistance getting these letters out to you.

Christmas is with us again and again the usual reminders of garages/windows not being left open, letting neighbours know when you are going to be away. Letters and junk mail being cleared from letter boxes - all common sense.

Once again many thanks for your continued support and interest in making our community safe and crime free. Neighbourhood Watch is all about looking out for each other. If you see anything/anyone acting suspiciously report it immediately to Chatswood Police and let me know so I can activate our efficient Linley Point quick response email list. If you are not on it yet, please let me know your details.

Jan joins me in sending our best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a healthy, safe, enjoyable and crime free New Year.

Best regards

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