



## SALTDEAN, ROTTINGDEAN & OIVINGDEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013



### ATM MACHINE SCAM

Sad to say but very recently Saltdean/Rottingdean ATM Machines were tampered with and local residents were affected. This is just a warning to remind you to always take care when using these machines. Cover entry of your PIN, be wary of people around, do not get distracted by 'well meaning' strangers. Check the machine has not been tampered with and a card reader not been added! If your card should be withheld phone your bank or emergency card number there and then!! Make sure this important number is on your mobile phone.



### CONTACTING THE POLICE

Transition to the 101 non-emergency number is now complete. This is a much easier number to remember than the previous 11 digit number. Calls cost 15p for the entire call and applies to land lines and mobiles. Members of the public with impaired hearing or speech can still use the text phone 188001 101.

### SUMMER IS COMING!!!

It is that time of the year again and NHW will be manning promotional and information stalls at the local fairs during the summer. Come and have a chat, pick up some security and safety leaflets and generally show your support. We would love to see you and will do our best to answer any questions you may have. If your neighbours are not yet members please persuade them to come and see us!!

### VACANCIES FOR COMMITTEE MEM- BERS

Our Chairman, Peter Brookshaw unfortunately has to retire from the committee as he is moving out of the area. Peter has been invaluable to Neighbourhood Watch and we would like to thank him for his commitment and enthusiasm during his time on the committee. He will be greatly missed.

**Are you interested in your community and have a little time and energy to spare?** We are a small enthusiastic and hard working committee who feel passionate about the safety and security of our community working closely with the Police and meeting approximately every six weeks. As mentioned at the AGM we do need more committee members and without a working committee *NHW will not be viable*. Please give it some thought and if you would like to find out more about the involvement please contact secretary Linda Hood (details at end of newsletter).

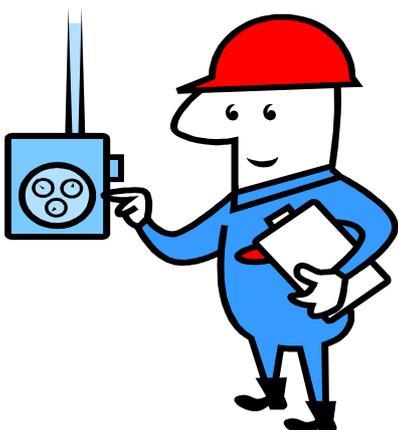
### FIRE CAN KILL

A working smoke alarm can buy you and your family the valuable time you need to get out, stay out and call 999. But you are more than four times as likely to die in a house fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm. Many people will have a list of household tasks and DIY plans for the summer, so why not just add this simple test to the 'to-do list'. It is also a perfect opportunity to test alarms for older relatives (or neighbours) who might find it hard to reach their alarms but who are often at greater risk.

A working smoke alarm is a proven life-saver and is absolutely essential to keep you and your family safe. But only half of all householders who own a smoke alarm say that they test it is working on a regular basis.

Don't take the chance on your family's life. Do it now and make checking your smoke alarm a household habit on a regular basis.

**PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY NOT ONLY COULD IT SAVE SOMEONE'S HOUSE, BUT IT COULD SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE!**



### UTILITY PASSWORD SCHEME

- Password schemes are available from all Gas, Electric and Water Companies.
- The scheme works by enabling customers to register an agreed personal password. Then, whenever a homeowner receives a call or a visit to their property by someone claiming to be from a utility company, they should always ask for the password.
- If the caller cannot provide the homeowner with their personal password, they **should not** let them into their property or continue with the phone call.
- Ring your Utility Company now for more information!

## Stopping nuisance telephone calls

*We are all plagued with the problem of nuisance and unwanted phone calls!*

You can register with the 'Telephone Preference Service' and this will stop telemarketing calls originating from within the UK. You can set this up on line very simply and it takes 28 days to become fully effective. Unfortunately it does not stop telemarketing calls that originate from outside the UK.

A way of further reducing the problem is to utilise a combination of phone facilities and equipment. If you have a digital phone with a display some phone companies can provide 'Caller Display' that shows you the number of the incoming call on the screen. Your phone can also be loaded with names and numbers of those you call and receive from regularly, and in those cases the phone display will give you the name of the caller. If the number displayed is one that is not on your list you can decide whether to answer or not. If the call is from abroad it will display a message such as 'Out Of Area' and in those cases you can just not pick up. If you couple those facilities with an answerphone you can decide whether the caller is someone you wish to talk to as they leave a message.

Information has also been provided to us that BT has launched a new telephone which allows the user to block nuisance or unwanted calls through facilities in the phone.. It's call management feature enables you to choose the calls you want to take and those you want to block. With the BT 6500 you can choose the type of calls you want to block. For example international and withheld numbers, which account for a large proportion of unwanted sales calls. Calls still go through to the in-built answer machine, so, if you decide it is someone you want to hear from they can still leave a message. Alternatively you can block up to 10 specific numbers from getting through.

## SUSSEX POLICE — LOCAL CRIME FIGURES



There have been a number of burglary otd's, (other than dwellings) at which all the doors were left insecure. It is important to note that should you make a claim on your property insurance you may well find that your claim will be INVALID if you failed to secure your property.

On patrol in Saltdean PCSO Chris Kingswood came across an insecure vehicle with all doors unlocked, on finding out the owner he was able to go to the address. On turning up at the front door the property keys had been left in the door. **DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!!** In the crime figures there are a number of vehicle crimes that could be due to the vehicle being left unlocked. Please be vigilant and make sure your property is secured.

There have been a number of burglaries and as a result a number of plain clothes operations were run by East Neighbourhood Policing team. This Op carried over into May and as a result a number of persons were apprehended for going equipped and in relation to burglaries. While the investigation is still ongoing the persons are **OUT** on police bail and while they may well have conditions, this won't necessarily stop them from going out and continuing with their activities.

Peacehaven have had an increase in burglaries and garage break ins. If East Saltdean residents would like crime prevention information please contact PCSO Ivan Tickner or PCSO Chris Kingswood for advice in W. Saltdean etc.

CRIME FIGURES	FEB			MAR			APR			APR
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Burglary	0	1	2(otd)	0	2	2	0	2(3otd)	(7otd)	0
Vehicle Crime	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	3	2	0
Criminal Damage	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0
Public Place Violence	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0

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**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER: 101 - IN AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: 999**

**POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS**

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