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Welcome to your March newsletter,

****** Burglaries ******

As usual folk's burglary is ongoing, we have had 6 this month and the locations are all over the ward all the way from Richmond Hill Court to Breamwater Gardens so no real pattern. We did see one burglary where the method was the same as the November break in's and the car was taken, so the advice of double locking doors is still current. Also several reports were just windows being damaged rather than entry being gained, this is still a burglary, but it is showing that securing windows and doors is preventing items from being stolen. Our patrols will be targeting during the day when people are at work.

Crime prevention - Make sure access to the rear of your property is secured and limited. Make sure side and rear gates are locked at the middle of the gate rather than the top, this is to prevent criminals from opening the gate themselves by just reaching over, and a trellis is also good to prevent people climbing over easily. Spotlights at the rear of the property, light up the garden and neighbours eyes could be drawn to the location, it also helps scare criminals as they aren't hidden as well. Security window film can be placed on glass to prevent it from shattering, this makes breaking rear glass doors and windows a lot harder. We advise to never leave keys in the back doors and to always lock doors and windows when leaving the property.

****** Vehicle Crime ******

Top end of the ward in and around of the hotels are still being targeted this month people targeted are almost always hotel visitors or tourists to the area, we have been working with the crime prevention unit this month and have managed to secure some signage warning motorists about the dangers of vehicle crime, these can be found on the street outside the Richmond Hill Hotel.

Crime prevention – As stated last month, please make sure nothing is left in your vehicle, even if you try and hide things in the foot well or boot of the vehicle, these vehicles are still being broken into for the items. If there is no temptation of something to take they will hopefully leave the vehicle alone. Several posters have been put on in the area, warning people that vehicle crime is happening in the area, however we are still trying to get some posters for the Richmond Hill pay and display area.

******Graffiti******

As some of you have probably seen we have had a sharp increase in graffiti in Ham, seems to be the same tags appearing "ONZER" "SANE" "JPT" "TOKOE". We are currently still unsure who the people responsible are but we are working with the schools to try and help identify them usually they

will practice on their exercise books then walk around with it, so hopefully it's only a matter of time until we find out.

******Crime Stats******

| | MAR |
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| Burglary Res | 6 |
| Burglary Business | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 |
| Violence Against | 9 |
| Theft of M/V | 2 |
| Theft from M/V | 3 |
| Criminal Damage | 10 |

******Neighbourhood Watch******

We are still looking to expand NHW. If any of your friends or relatives live in Ham please speak to them about NHW so we can get more roads covered. We are still actively progressing NHW ourselves and trying to cover all non NHW areas.

****** Cuppa with a Copper ******

Report Anti-Social Behaviour, report a crime or just say hello to one of the team and see what advice we have to offer at one of the upcoming contact points below. This month we are focusing on Be Safe, which is advice on how to reduce vulnerability to crime.

3:00PM - 4:00PM, Wed 03 April 2019

Richmond Hill Hotel 144-150 Richmond Hill, TW10 6RW

4:00PM - 5:00PM, Wed 10 April 2019

Costa Coffee Ham Parade KT2 5PU

1:00PM - 2:00PM, Sat 20 April 2019

Ham Library Ham Street TW10 7HR

7:00PM - 8:00PM, Sat 27 April 2019

Richmond Hill Hotel 144-150 Richmond Hill, TW10 6RW

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone in the Ham area, who may not be a member of NHW.

Best Wishes

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