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Linton Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter



This newsletter is issued by Linton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Linton Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been around for a number of years now. Co-ordinator & deputy co-ordinator are Anne Holt & Carl Holt. The Neighbourhood Watch Treasurer is Jerry Whitmarsh.

Please join the scheme - you can do so by contacting Anne & Carl, Jerry or by visiting:

<http://lintonkent.org/nhw>

Thanks for reading!

Neighbourhood Policing Team:

Our neighbourhood policing team consists of PCSO Jo Watts and PC Gary Shaw. PCSO Jo Watts has been doing regular patrols in the area recently, and has been focusing on parking along Wheelers Lane. So we would like to thank Jo for this, and remember to speak to her or Gary if you have any concerns when you see them, or you can contact them on their office phone number:

01622 604392

Barbeque Safety Advice from Kent Fire & Rescue Service:

Charcoal barbeques



**Kent Fire &
Rescue Service**

- Make sure the site chosen for the barbeque is flat
- This must be well away from sheds, fences and overhanging branches and other foliage
- Use only recognised fire lighters or starter fuel, and only use on cold coals. Use the minimum quantity necessary to start the fire
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area
- Never leave the barbeque unattended
- When the cooking is finished, make sure the barbeque is cool before trying to move it
- Empty the spent ashes onto bare garden soil

Gas barbeques

- Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder
- If you suspect a leak in the gas cylinder or pipework brush soapy water around all joints and watch for bubbles
- If you find a leaky joint, try to tighten it, but do not over-tighten
- Do not keep more spare gas cylinders than you need
- Store gas cylinders outside (protect from frost and direct sunlight)
- When you have finished cooking with a gas barbeque, turn off the gas cylinder before the barbeque controls, this makes sure that any residue gas in the pipeline is used up

Enjoy yourselves, but remember... excessive alcohol and fire are a lethal mix

This is the seventh in an occasional series produced by Carl Holt - please contact him with any comments or suggestions for future articles. email: cool_carl20@hotmail.co.uk

Calling 999 in an Emergency:

Only dial **999** if it is an emergency, an emergency is when:

- *Life is threatened*
- *People are injured*
- *Crime is in progress*
- *Offenders are nearby*

Here are some tips:

1. *If someone is injured no matter what has happened ask for an ambulance, they will dispatch the other emergency services if needed*
2. *Listen to what you are being told or asked*
3. *If the exact address is not known tell the call handler any landmarks that may help the emergency services help find you*

The call handler will stay on the phone with you until help arrives.

Non-emergency Police Number:

Kent Police now has one single non-emergency police number. The new number is:

01622 690690

Please only use this number for the following reasons:

- *Reporting non-urgent crimes*
- *Incidents of anti-social behaviour*
- *General enquires*

Non-urgent incidents are:

- *There is no immediate danger to life*
- *The crime isn't in progress and the offender isn't near by*

Call **999** if a crime is in progress or life is in danger!

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Kent Police Advice:

Advice Following Car Park Thefts:

There have been some incidents in supermarket car parks in the Maidstone area where people have been distracted by a request for help and then had items taken. This has happened when someone was sitting in his or her car and someone has approached the vehicle asking for help. When the person gets out and walks away to help, another person enters the car and takes something. If this does happen to you can we suggest that you either secure the car properly before walking away or if it does not seem too serious suggest that they go into the supermarket as there is usually staff on hand who can help.

Garden Security Advice Following a Number of Thefts:

We have again seen an increase in the theft of plant pots and other garden ornaments, particularly in front gardens. This is a usual crime trend for this time of the year and we would like to warn you to secure any desirable objects in the hope that we can prevent any further crime. If you can secure them to an object that cannot be moved, such as a wall or a fence then do so. There have also been incidents in previous years where solar lights have been taken, they are usually just stuck in the ground with a spike and easy to remove, consider cementing them into the ground.



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