

Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch

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Charity No 1062009

Spires Estate Newsletter

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH

Dear Resident.

Bedford Police, the Borough Council and Neighbourhood Watch are aware of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area around the Spires Estate.

No one should have to tolerate this type of behaviour and no-one should be afraid of reporting such behaviour through 101 or 999 if there is a crime in action. At its least anti-social behaviour is a nuisance, at its worst it alarms the more vulnerable residents in your area.

NHW is one of the most effective crime reduction initiatives and its values are recognised by our partners, the Police, Fire & Rescue Service and the Borough and Parish Councils. It's all about people getting together and actively having a positive impact on crime in their area.

In the Spires Estate there is an active NHW scheme run by Ajit Shah in Langlands Road, who is your Area Coordinator, and a number of Street Coordinators who will offer more information on how you could be involved in this scheme.

The effectiveness of a scheme is dependent on the enthusiasm and efforts of those involved.

- If you see or hear any ASB always call 101
- Police will not tolerate any ASB. We ask parents to support us in stamping it out.
- Park areas are for EVERYONE, including our pets, to enjoy in a sensible way.
- Police and the ASB team treat all ASB seriously.

Your Street Coordinators

Ajit Shah	Langlands Road
Stuart Harrison	Pedley Way
Julie Watson	Pedley Way
Tanya Keys	Pedley Way

Remember – when reporting incidents, the more details you can give, the more you are helping the Authorities.

Your PC

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BEDFORD POLICE STATION.
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**An active
Neighbourhood
Watch Area
is a safer area**

Our aims:

1. To develop safer local communities and improve quality of life.
2. To involve the local community in the prevention and reduction of crime.
3. To raise community confidence by reducing the fear of crime.
4. Neighbourhood Watch helps to reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur.

If you are new to the area and would like more information, or to join, please contact Ajit Shah, or Lynne Arch on 824043.

lynne.arch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

It is now possible to enrol on line, through our new OURWATCH website. Visit: bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk and follow the link to register.

In partnership with:



BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Bedfordshire
Fire and Rescue Service

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Scam Awareness

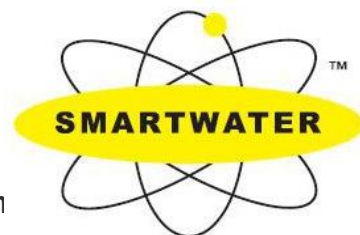
We are all at risk of being scammed, whether it is from a phone call, text or email. The incidents of scams are growing and they are evolving daily, becoming more sophisticated and more plausible and it could be easy to be taken in.

How to spot a scam. All these are signs that it might be a scam:

- The call, letter, e-mail or text has come out of the blue
- You've never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about
- You didn't buy a ticket – so you can't win it!
- They are asking you to send money in advance
- They are saying you have to respond quickly, so you don't get time to think about it or ask family and friends before you decide
- They are telling you to keep it a secret
- They seem to be offering you something for nothing
- If it seems too good to be true – it probably is!

How to protect yourself better. These are some things you can do:

- Never give out contact details like your name, phone number or address to strangers or to people who should have this information already
- Never give financial information or details of your identity, bank accounts or credit card to strangers or to the businesses that should already hold your details
- Shred anything with your personal or bank details on – don't just throw it away
- If in doubt, don't reply. Bin it, delete it or hang up
- Persuasive sales patter? Just say: "No Thank You"
- Take your time – resist pressure to make a decision straight away
- Never send money to someone you don't know
- Walk away from job adverts that ask for money in advance
- Ask friends, neighbours or family about whether an offer is likely to be a scam



Neighbourhood Watch Week 20th – 28th June 2015

Saturday 20th June

Harrold Country Park – 10.00am to 4.00pm

Come along and support the start of National Neighbourhood Watch Week
Tuesday 23rd June

Live Link Session – 7.00 to 8.00pm.

Join us on line for a question and answer session.

Wednesday 24th June

Annual Quiz. White Horse Pub. Newnham Avenue

Why not bring a team of up to six and have some fun at our annual quiz.

Thursday 25th June

Town Centre Event – 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Saturday 27th June. Grand finale.

To complete Neighbourhood Watch week, we are asking all our Members to link in with their local events (Fetes etc.) or why not hold a coffee morning if there are no activity where you live.

Check out our website for more details

CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS

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smell it!**

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*colourless, odourless, highly
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website at

<http://bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk>



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