

For Co-ordinators

NEWSLETTER

The Keyholder Registration Scheme.

With the worst of the winter weather hopefully now behind us many people will be turning their thoughts to holidays so it is perhaps appropriate to bring to your attention a police service which has not received a great deal of publicity.

Through this scheme you can nominate a responsible person for the police to contact should your home or business come to their notice when you are not in residence. The person's contact details will be registered on a confidential database maintained by Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and can be accessed 24 hours a day, all year round.

So who should join? Even if your premises have a **monitored alarm** you can also join the Keyholder Scheme to cover incidents which affect your premises but would not activate your alarm. For example, a flood caused by a burst water main. You should also join the scheme if you have an audible-only alarm which is not monitored by a third party. Where there is no alarm, the emergency services will have a point of contact should something happen.

What are the benefits?

- A rapid response to property problems.
- Authorities can quickly notify you of any impending danger such as flooding.
- Your information will be kept secure and will only be available to the emergency services.
- Your information can be easily updated.
- You can indicate your preferences for emergency repairs who we could call if we are unable to contact you.

How to join? You will need to telephone **0901 470 0440** to register your details and give the following details:

Name of premises (plus URN number if there is a monitored alarm)

Full name, address, postcode and telephone number together with full contact details for the nominated contact person.

Any hazards at the address, such as toxic substances, dogs or other pets, ponds, swimming pools will need to be mentioned together with your preferences for emergency repairs should these be necessary.

There is a charge involved with the scheme. The calls cost 60p per minute with a maximum cost of £5 – Users only have to call again if they wish to update any details and once again every two years to ensure your entry is kept live on the system – which of course will incur an additional cost. It is the cost of the calls that covers the cost of the service.

Mike Jackson

Forum Meetings 7.15- 9 p.m.

Wednesday 19 September 2012 at

Great Torrington School

Wednesday 14 November 2012 at

The Springfield Centre, Bideford

Police Contact Numbers:

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| Emergency calls | — | 999 |
| Non-urgent calls | — | 101 |
| Crimestoppers | — | 0800 555 111 |

Statistics - as at May 2012

No. of Area Co-ordinators.....35

No. of Co-ordinators.....289

No. of Households.....6510

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NHW Support Office 01237 428 046

is manned Fridays 2.15 - 4 p.m.

Phone messages may be left at other times.
You may contact Torrige NHW by e-mail to:

torridgeareanhw@hotmail.co.uk

Forum Officers

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ATTENTION CO-ORDINATORS! REGISTER YOUR WATCH SCHEME

The **National** Neighbourhood Watch is trying to get a full listing of all Watch Schemes registered on their system. The idea is that if someone comes to live in your area and does a local post code search, they will see the Watch Schemes in the immediate area and can then contact you to become a member of your Watch Scheme.

To register your Watch Scheme in order for this to occur go to

www.ourwatch.org.uk

and follow the link. Whilst registering it is most important to state the name of your Watch Scheme and then go on to map your area by following the instructions. This will do two things, one it promotes your Watch Scheme, and two it promotes Neighbourhood Watch.

In Torridge we are ahead by having two qualified Administrators in David Brazil and Tom Carrick. Should you have any problems with the procedure please contact Administrator David Brazil at email...

davidbrazilnhw@btinternet.com

and he will help you with your registration.

David Brazil

NOW HEAR YE THIS!

Insomuch as the most worthy Thomas Carrick, captain of the band of Volunteer Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in this land of Torridge, has mastered the con-founded newfangled machines whereby messages can be instantaneously moved across the ether, let it be known to all persons heretofore mentioned, that all criminal pursuits of the less wholesome members of our society can now be communicated to the honourable members of the Volunteer Co-ordinators in an instant.

Let it also be known, therefore, that those possessing one of these new fangled machines, known in the common parlance as “computers” – a most disagreeable word – and these persons being so skilled in the art of understanding the pressing of so-called “keys” and, as well, having also the necessary skills to be able to operate the mechanisms, then **ALL** these most worthy Volunteers shall be able to receive the messages which go forth concerning the activities of the criminal classes. All it takes, using these machines or other less complicated forms of communication, is to send a so-called “e-mail address” (how I hate this modern jargon!) to our respected captain, the aforesaid Thomas Carrick, at this “e-mail” address...

torridgeareanhw@hotmail.co.uk

Notwithstanding that for some seasons now this information has been abroad, it is most disheartening to learn that only about **ONE HUNDRED** souls of the Co-ordinator Volunteers do receive these messages, which fly at unbelievable speed across the ether. This, my dear reader, means that

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED souls in our esteemed fraternity do **NOT** receive this most valuable information. I say “most valuable” as those aforementioned Co-ordinator Volunteers who **DO** receive the messages claim that they are a stalwart means of raising awareness of the activities of the criminals. These recipients also claim that they are thereby enabled to warn their local neighbours of appropriate measures to protect themselves from those who wish them harm and also to prevent damage to their property.

Finally let all of the aforementioned **TWO HUNDRED** souls be aware that, even if they themselves do not possess one of these infernal machines, then they may have relations, friends and, even, dare I suggest? grandchildren, who may possess and operate the aforesaid machines. They could then receive these weekly messages and pass them on to you. It is, dear friends, a fact that, in these strange days when the very world is changing before our eyes, that even the youngest school-child can operate and control these “computers”, and, horrible thought, they are **EVEN** taught to understand the workings and operation thereof even at the expense of learning **HANDWRITING** and **ARITHMETIC!** Such, alas my friends, is the world we live in today.

Let me therefore urge you to take advantage of these massive leaps in technology and, somehow, receive these messages known in today’s jargon as...

“CRIME REPORTS”.

Barry Taylor