



PARKWATCH

NOTTINGHAM PARK RESIDENTS' SECURITY NEWSLETTER NUMBER TWO



Welcome to the second edition of Parkwatch. The first was received positively by residents of The Park.

It's clear that crime remains a concern. Since Issue One The Security Working Party has been enhancing the role of our 'team on the ground'.

Current status in terms of our Action Plan priorities are:

- Our maintenance and security team is now managed on our behalf by Thomas Bow Ltd.
- New uniforms and additional patrols make our team's presence felt throughout the day
- Graffiti removal and the repairs of public areas have been prioritised.

We have also begun to enhance the physical security measures on the Estate and we have improved our monitoring of crime.

- A new entrance with railings and swing gates has been erected on Lenton Road. Others will be installed at Hope Drive / Fishpond Drive and at Castle Boulevard during this winter.
- Monitoring has identified the Tunnel through to Derby Road as being a hotspot and not surprisingly an obvious escape route for any disturbed criminal. We are discussing with nearby residents the installation of a pedestrian gate at the Tunnel.

On the back page we detail again reported crime on all streets in the Estate, and are pleased to see a substantial decrease in car crime.

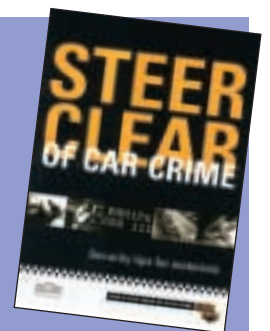
There is another Home Office security leaflet with this Parkwatch. It's more common sense advice. I hope it helps.

Victor Semmens

Chairman, Security Working Party,
Nottingham Park Estate Limited.

With this edition...

... more handy tips from the Home Office ...
... don't give criminals an easy ride!



Making light work



Our gas lights are one of the wonders of living in The Park.

We have the largest gas street lighting system in Europe. It creates for us an ambience in The Park quite different from any other part of the City, and quite different from other residential villages in the country.

Of course the gas does not light up our lives as brightly as electricity does elsewhere and some might worry that this relative gloom might attract criminals. There is no evidence to confirm this but the Park Estate Company does believe that it is sensible to be doing something about

places which are especially dark and can cause people to worry about their safety.

There are four actions that have been identified:

- We are continuing to install extra gas street lights. There are now 219 lights - 62 more than there were 8 years ago.
- We are doing a better job of getting broken lights repaired swiftly and keeping all lights well serviced.
- We are trimming roadside trees so that branches and foliage don't shade the gas lights.
- We are developing a larger, more powerful gas light. The prototype is being tested at the junction of Peverill Drive and Hope Drive and

we are looking to introduce 10 in selected locations. See if you think it's an improvement.

There is one further action that we are considering and about which we would like to hear your views.

- We are investigating the potential for installing additional electric lighting to back up the gas lights at key locations. Perhaps these could be at ground level only, and in the form of illuminated bollards.

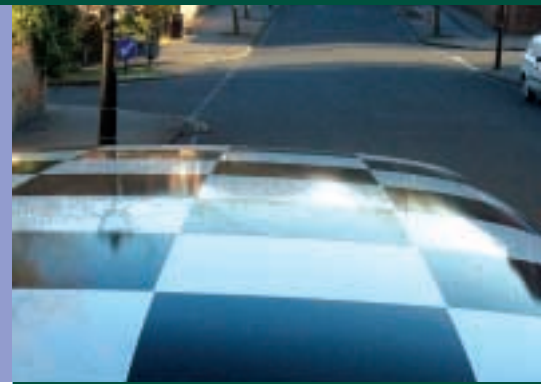


Please let us know what you think of the above idea. It would not be progressed before extensive consultation with residents resulted in a positive outcome. Contact Lydia on 947 4273.

Crime Checklist

How do you score?

Just how much more could you do to make your home secure? See how you score against our checklist.



- Do you use a mortice lock on external doors, especially at night?** Yes No
- Do you have and use a door viewer and/or intercom to check callers at your door before opening it?** Yes No
- Do you always check that all windows are shut before you leave the house?** Yes No
- Do you have an externally visible security alarm installed?** Yes No
- Do you always keep your garage and shed locked?** Yes No
- Have you properly marked and made a record of valuable items in your home? (Perhaps by Smartwatering)** Yes No
- Do all your windows have locks fitted to them?** Yes No
- Have you fitted a protector to your letterbox?** Yes No
- Does a neighbour always keep an eye on your home while you are away?** Yes No
- Does your home have external security lights fitted and working?** Yes No
- Does your home insurance policy require that you have certain security measures in place?** Yes No

COMMENT **JANE ELLIS**

WHAT'S DRIVING CAR CRIME IN NOTTINGHAM?

It's a rather sad reflection of our times, but the vast majority of acquisitive crime is drugs driven. In Nottingham over 60% of those arrested and subsequently drug tested by the police test positive for heroin and/or crack cocaine.

The implication for residents of The Park will be that many crimes committed here are crimes of 'need' - although the 'need' is to support a drugs habit.

You may be a victim of a crime, purely to enable somebody else to commit the further crime of buying and using drugs. If we can do our bit to reduce acquisitive crime then hopefully that may go on to reduce drugs crime in Nottingham.

Give yourself 1 point for each Yes box you are able to tick but no points for a No

- 0 - 2 Quite possibly 'luck' is on your side
- 3 - 5 Consider exercising more caution
- 6 - 8 (Reasonably) Good, but room for improvement
- 9+ Good - Any more 'tips' for others?

PC Nicholson 07792 437368

Remember Eddie's not always around so he may not be able to respond immediately.

Please don't use this number to report a crime in progress or to ask for a crime number.

Crime figures

April - September 2003
(April - September 2002)

	Autocrime	Burglaries
Alexander Road	0 (1)	0 (1)
Barrack Lane	7 (10)	2 (1)
Castle Grove	0 (1)	0 (0)
Castle Mews	2 (0)	0 (0)
Cavendish Cres N	5 (5)	1 (1)
Cavendish Cres S	1 (5)	2 (0)
Cavendish Road E	4 (5)	1 (1)
Clare Valley	0 (0)	3 (0)
Clumber Cres N	1 (5)	1 (2)
Clumber Cres S	2 (6)	2 (3)
Clumber Road E	2 (3)	0 (1)
Clumber Road W	4 (4)	0 (0)
Clumber Court	0 (0)	0 (0)
Dk William Mt	0 (0)	0 (0)
Fiennes Crescent	0 (0)	0 (0)
Foxes Close	0 (0)	0 (0)
Friars Court	0 (0)	0 (0)
Fishpond Drive	6 (4)	2 (0)
Hamilton Drive	6 (9)	1 (2)
Hardwick Road	0 (3)	1 (2)
Hermitage Walk	0 (0)	0 (0)
Holles Crescent	5 (1)	1 (0)
Hope Drive	3 (14)	1 (2)
Hardwick Grove	0 (0)	1 (4)
Huntingdon Drive	0 (1)	2 (1)
Kenilworth Road	0 (0)	0 (0)
Lenton Avenue	7 (7)	2 (5)
Lenton Road	1 (9)	4 (1)
Lincoln Circ	0 (0)	1 (0)
Newcastle Drive	7 (16)	0 (2)
Newcastle Circ	2 (0)	1 (1)
North Road	6 (11)	0 (1)
Park Drive	0 (4)	0 (0)
Park Terrace	3 (4)	0 (2)
Park Ravine	0 (0)	2 (0)
Park Valley	7 (3)	2 (1)
Pelham Crescent	9 (7)	7 (1)
Peveril Drive	5 (15)	2 (1)
Rock Drive	0 (1)	0 (0)
South Road	2 (2)	0 (1)
Tattershall Drive	5 (8)	0 (0)
Tennyson	1 (4)	0 (1)
Tennis Mews	1 (4)	0 (1)
Tunnel Road	1 (3)	0 (0)
Western Terrace	6 (14)	2 (3)
Yeomans Court	0 (0)	0 (0)
TOTALS	111 (189)	44 (40)

- Car crime in 7 key peripheral roads is down by 50%, whilst car crime throughout the Estate is down by 40%
- Whilst burglary has gone up generally by 10%, this is only in fact on a handful of roads, including Barrack Lane, Cavendish Crescent South, Clare Valley, Fishpond Drive and Pelham Crescent



A Letter to Park Residents from P.C. Steven Walsh, Crime Reduction Officer

Don't be The Park's next victim.

If we are optimistic, the recorded crime figures above can be read to suggest that the new focus on security from the Park Estate Company and more residents taking simple steps to better secure their cars and homes are having an impact. Whatever else is a factor there will be some truth in this. If there are less obvious opportunities for crime then a casual criminal is unlikely to get what he calls 'lucky'. Fewer valuables left on show in cars, better security lighting, window locks and visible patrols mean that for the casual criminal 'rich pickings' are not to be had. If you want to reduce your chances of being the next victim of crime in The Park you can. It's the simple things that we all can do to protect our property that makes the property of us all more secure. This is where you could start.

Domestic Security Many properties in The Park could be more secure. Take a walk around the house. Where would you try to get in if you forgot your key? Make it secure. Start again. Helpful information and advice is available from Police Stations, Libraries and DIY stores.

Vehicle Security If you do not have a garage and must park on the street you're best off if you leave your car secured, locked, alarmed and most importantly empty. Valuables on the seat of a car are a sitting target. Anything valuable in the boot should not be there if it can be avoided.

Personal Safety Your chances of experiencing a personal attack in The Park are very low but that doesn't tell the whole story. The fear of personal attack can outweigh the reality of the danger. I'd be interested to hear from you if you have ideas about how personal safety - and the feeling of being safe - could be improved.

Thinking about crime and how to prevent it works best when a whole community acts and an area gets a reputation for no longer being an easy touch. Then you see fewer unwelcome visitors.

Until next time.

P.C. Steven Walsh - 07865 245789