

The Park - street by street recorded crime figures

Autocrime and **Burglaries** Jan - Mar 2003 (with the figures for Jan - Mar 2002 in brackets)

Alexander Road	1 (0)	0 (0)	Chamber Court	0 (0)	0 (0)	Lenton Avenue	5 (6)	3 (0)	Pelham Crescent	6 (2)	1 (1)
Barrack Lane	4 (2)	0 (2)	Fennes Cres	0 (1)	0 (0)	Lenton Rd	0 (7)	0 (2)	Peveril Drive	7 (5)	0 (0)
Castle Grove	0 (0)	0 (0)	Foxes Close	0 (0)	0 (0)	Lincoln Circus	0 (3)	0 (0)	Rock Drive	0 (1)	0 (0)
Cavendish Cr N	0 (2)	1 (0)	Friars Court	3 (1)	0 (0)	Maxtoke Road	1 (0)	0 (0)	St Helier Court	0 (0)	0 (0)
Cavendish Cr S	0 (3)	0 (0)	Fishpond Drive	3 (0)	0 (1)	Newcastle Circ	0 (2)	0 (0)	South Road	0 (2)	0 (2)
Cavendish Rd E	3 (0)	1 (0)	Hamilton Drive	2 (3)	1 (3)	Newcastle Drive	3 (5)	0 (0)	Tattershall Drive	0 (8)	1 (1)
Cavendish Rd W	0 (0)	0 (0)	Hardwick Rd	0 (1)	0 (0)	North Road	0 (2)	0 (0)	Tennis Drive	1 (3)	0 (0)
Clare Valley	0 (1)	0 (0)	Hermitage Walk	0 (1)	0 (0)	Ogle Drive	0 (0)	0 (0)	Tunnel Road	2 (1)	0 (0)
Clumber Cr N	2 (1)	1 (1)	Holles Cres	1 (1)	2 (0)	Park Drive	1 (1)	0 (0)	Western Terrace	2 (4)	0 (0)
Clumber Cr S	1 (0)	0 (1)	Hope Drive	7 (4)	0 (3)	Park Terrace	2 (2)	0 (1)	Yeoman's Court	0 (0)	0 (0)
Clumber Rd E	1 (0)	0 (0)	Huntingdon Dr	0 (3)	1 (0)	Park Ravine	1 (0)	1 (1)			
Clumber Rd W	1 (0)	0 (0)	Kenilworth Rd	2 (0)	2 (0)	Park Valley	0 (5)	0 (0)	TOTALS	62 (83)	15 (19)



PARKWATCH

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Action Plan

Summary of actions

The incidence of crime in the Park Estate is primarily crime against property. Theft from cars features highly as does domestic burglary – both of which are largely opportunistic in nature. Violent crime and crime against the person are of a sufficiently low level so as not to be a priority at this time.

A Letter to Park residents from **Mr Stephen Walsh**,
Crime Reduction Manager, Canning Circus Police Station



Dear Householder

It is not always possible for the Nottingham Police to give the community all the support they need to prevent and detect crime. The responsible householder recognises the need to take steps to maintain and secure their own property from any who might enter the Park Estate with criminal intent.

As this newsletter suggests, the management of the Park Estate are encouraging working in partnership with ourselves and residents to maximise the benefits of crime prevention through self help. Anecdotal evidence and crime statistics suggest that there is more that can be done to reduce the opportunity for crime, reducing the loss and damage of property. These are my priorities.

Domestic Security Many properties in the Park could be more secure. The Home Office guide that has been sent to you is a good starting point. More information is available from Police Stations, Libraries and DIY stores.

Vehicle Security Many Park residents do not have a garage and must park on the street. Too many people leave their belongings in their car and on view. This can be very tempting to the professional and opportunistic criminal. So long as this goes on these people will continue to see the Park as offering rich pickings.

Personal Safety Your chances of experiencing a personal attack in the Park are very low but it's wise for everyone to remain alert and to take sensible steps to be safe - especially at night. I'll be covering this in detail in a future issue of the newsletter.

The table above shows the incidence of crime on each Park road from January to March this year and the same time last year. Let's hope that all our concerted efforts will mean we report falling figures in future issues of ParkWatch.

Until next time.

Stephen Walsh

Following the AGM and against the background of rising concern about the incidence of crime The Nottingham Park Estate Ltd (NPEL) has established a Security Working Party to:

- Review the security management arrangements of the Park Estate.
- Review the recommendations and take appropriate crime reduction action highlighted by independent consultants, WH Consulting.
- Address residents' concerns about crime that were revealed in the NPRA/NPEL Crime Survey undertaken in 2002.
- Make recommendations to the Board on actions for NPEL to pursue.

The Working Party has met on several occasions throughout January and February and made recommendations to the Board, which were approved on the 18th February. These are detailed in the Action Plan.

The key issues identified by the Working Party relate to the incidence of crime both real and perceived, and to specific actions that the Company and residents can take to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

One of the foundation stones to the Working Party's direction is to ensure that a sense of 'positive community safety' flourishes in what is one of the City's prime residential areas. With this aim the group consider that communications lies at the heart of what the Working Party can achieve. This, the first edition of Parkwatch, is the first step in our action plan to help make the Park Estate a safer place for everybody to live and enjoy.

Victor Semmens

Chairman, Security Working Party, NPEL

PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR THE CRIME REDUCTION WORKING PARTY

Tackling Car Crime

- Actions to Reduce Actual Crime
- Self Help Initiatives/Tips
- High Risk Areas

Tackling Burglary

- Self Help Initiatives
- Guidance Measures

Other Proposed Actions

- Entrances to the Park Estate
- Company Personnel
- Improvements to Lighting and other Services
- Production of a Regular Newsletter

Act Against Crime Now

and don't be the Park's next victim

This first Newsletter addresses how we can all help overcome the issues surrounding crime in The Park by working together. Current thinking suggests that there are some things that we can do that are well within our spheres – both NPEL and as individual residents – and other things that are outside of our collective areas of influence. We intend to concentrate on those areas where we can make a difference, and we start therefore, with a number of self-help initiatives.



This edition comes with a copy of the Home Office publication 'Your Guide to Keeping Your Home Secure' (left). Lots of handy

tips are contained in the booklet, and endorsed by the Local Police and Crime Reduction Teams. It's just common sense – but before you bin it, remember it's removing the 'opportunity' for a crime to be committed in the first instance that will have by far the greatest impact on reducing burglary in The Park.

To you it's just an old coat you keep in the car but to the criminal it could contain keys or money or it could be sold on very quickly indeed.

The common sense approach to keeping your home secure also extends to your cars. There are approximately 2000 resident cars, and a high number of visitors to The Park. We have a much



higher proportion of car ownership than any other City Centre Ward and with so many parked on the roads they are an obvious temptation to a car criminal. Car crime in managed car parks is very low – but car crime 'on street' is rising everywhere – particularly in the evenings. Theft from cars is probably the quickest, most opportunist form of property crime and it's so easy for the criminal if belongings are left on view. A thief will have a different perception of the 'value' of your possessions from that which you have yourself.

Leave an old coat on the backseat; to you it's just an old coat you keep in the car but to the car criminal it could contain keys or money and it could also be sold on very quickly. Any personal or work possessions left in the car and on display are an open invitation. Think twice – it's not what you think it's worth, it's what the car criminal thinks he can

get for it. Once the window is smashed and the items grabbed, the crime has been committed and it's too late.

In the next issue we will publish the results of a special survey on opportunities for crime carried out by the Police Crime Reduction Manager.

The damage is done and you'll be calling your insurance company all for the sake of putting that old coat out of sight in the boot.

This will focus on one road and give an objective assessment of 'potential' and 'opportunity' – in other words a risk assessment of crime in The Park. So Act Now – particularly on the outer peripheral roads of the Estate, which are the current areas of particular concern - and don't be the Park's next victim.



Our Team on the Ground

The Park Estate is comparatively quiet, although there are certain times and routes which are more busy than others. We are fortunate in having an existing staff team, working directly under Barry Hill, who are out and about and provide extra 'eyes and ears' to help reduce crime in The Park. We will be adding value to what the existing Team already does by extending their duties to include 'providing a sense of security'. The proposals include the following :

- **New Uniforms**
– to increase visibility
- **Training**
– to raise awareness about the deterrent effect they can provide
- **Daytime Patrols**
– built into every working day
- **Twilight Patrol**
– extending the Park Warden's duties to early evening
- **General Improvements**
– including improved response times to graffiti and damage to 'public areas'



The Police

Much of our community safety work is carried out in co-operation with the Police, especially our 'neighbourhood copper' PC Eddie Nicholson. The Company has issued Eddie with his own mobile phone that he will carry whilst on duty to make him more contactable and accessible. We do stress that this new point of contact does not replace 999 or other emergency calls – but it will, we believe, allow residents to call Eddie direct for advice or to bring matters of security to his attention.

PC Nicholson 07791 908624

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 or to ask for a crime number.



Who's Watching You?

A final word on CCTV.



There has been debate, amongst residents and the Security Working Group, on the issue of CCTV. The Board adopted the recommendation of the Working Group not to take any further action at present in respect of CCTV, for the following reasons.

- *Whilst cameras can provide a visible deterrent, there is little or no evidence to suggest that crime reduces significantly (Home Office research Study 252).*
- *Recording pictures of persons is unlikely to assist in the detection of criminals or successful prosecutions.*
- *Coverage would be limited leaving large areas uncovered.*
- *Effective schemes involve continuous monitoring and instant Police response – we cannot expect that level of support nor can we realistically afford continuous monitoring.*

On balance, therefore, we believe the achievable benefits are marginal and CCTV is of little help at present and unlikely to be in the future.