

CEDARWAY HOMEWATCH
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SEASONAL TIPS ON SECURITY

We have received a Christmas "Menu" from the Police Homewatch Co-ordinator, and we reproduce her advice below:

YOUR HOME

- Always make sure doors and windows are locked. Use timer switches to bring lights on when the house is unoccupied especially late afternoon.
- Keep wrapped presents out of view; try not to display them under the Christmas tree.
- Never leave car keys or handbags downstairs at night.
- If you are spending Christmas away from home consider using automatic lights, cancel milk and papers and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your house.

YOUR CAR

- Keep presents out of sight, if they can be seen they can be stolen.
- Never leave keys in the ignition even for a short period e.g. whilst popping into a local shop, or on the driveway.
- Never park in a dark secluded area especially at Christmas when town centre car parks are full. Do try to park in well lit areas or in an attended car park.
- Make sure your vehicle has been prepared for bad weather just in case it snows or becomes icy over the festive season

YOUR PROPERTY

- Advise children not to take Walkman or i-pods out in the street on Christmas Day. Others could jump from behind and steal property.
- Make sure new bicycles are left secure. Never leave cycles on the front driveway insecure and unattended.
- Never write down PIN numbers and keep in wallets and handbags along with bank cards.
- Children spending Christmas gift money should not take all their money out in one go.

ASKING POLICE FOR HELP

When you want to contact Bollington's Police Community Action Team (CAT) you should phone **0845 458 6371**.

If they are out on patrol please leave a message for them and they will reply as soon as they can. If you feel it is essential that you speak to the Police without delay then please phone **01625-610000**.

You will be connected with the officer on duty in Macclesfield.

In cases of emergency the number to use is of course still the same: **999**.

This number should be used only when you are sure that the other numbers are not appropriate, and there really is an emergency.

Bollington's CAT

The members of the Bollington Community Action Team are:

Police Constable **Tim Berry**
Community Support Officer

Special Constable **Nick Martin**
Kevin McHardy
They can be contacted by phone on
0845 458 6371

The next public meeting to discuss local priorities with the Community Action Team will be held at St John's School on Wednesday 6th February, starting at 7.30pm. All Bollington residents are welcome.



Tim Berry

Room for more Homewatch Members

Almost all Cedarway residents are already paid-up members of this Homewatch group. If you have not yet joined the group and you wish to do so please contact the Homewatch coordinator:

Mark Stedman on 575227

Total cost is only £1 for life

Merry Christmas to everyone!