



SAFER GUILDFORD  
a partnership approach

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# **Stoughton Community Safety Update**

## **Welcome to this month's update**

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### **1. Church Website**

Recently Sheila and myself were invited to attend the first anniversary celebrations of the New Life Baptist Church, based at Northmead school. We were warmly welcomed, as we always are, and made to feel very comfortable and 'at home' with everybody there. They have just launched their own website, which can be found at [www.newlifebaptist.org.uk](http://www.newlifebaptist.org.uk)

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### **2. Five a Side Football**

We have recently started playing five a side football at Emmanuel Church on Tuesday evenings with the 10-14 age group. We have a good amount of 12-14 year olds attending, but would love to see more 10 and 11 year olds. More details can be obtained by contacting me via email, or mobile phone.

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### **3. Youth Club**

Yes, it has finally started. We have recently launched a new youth club in Stoughton, aimed at the 10-14 age group. We held a welcome session recently, which attracted 45 young people, who told us what sort of activities they wanted, and named the club. It will be held every other Wednesday at the army cadet hall on Queen Elizabeth Park from 1830 till 2030. We have one session on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, and have managed to fit in another the following week, to generate some interest on the week leading up to xmas. It will restart again after xmas when it will establish itself as a fortnightly event. More details can be obtained from myself, or Sheila Willis, using the contact details in the column to the left of the newsletter.

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#### **4. Contacting the Police**

Please continue to use the **0845 125 2222** number to report any non-emergency incidents to the police. Each call is logged and given a reference number, which we can use to collate the information provided, and look for patterns to the incidents. Please remember, if a crime is taking place, or a serious incident, continue to use **999**

#### **5. Bike Thefts**

We are continuing to suffer from a high amount of break ins to sheds and garages, where expensive mountain bikes are being stolen. Please try not to keep bikes in the shed, which are easily broken into, and keep the garage secure at all times.

#### **6. CRACK CAR CRIME AT CHRISTMAS**

The Safer Guildford Partnership has joined forces this year to ensure shoppers and visitors to the town do not fall prey to car thieves this Christmas.

Although vehicle crime in Guildford is low, thieves will still target car parks across the town, particularly as the Christmas shopping season gets underway.

If you are planning a big day's shopping, which will involve popping back to the car at intervals, leaving bags of shopping on show inside the car or even tucked apparently safely out of sight in the boot, be aware that a car thief may be watching. He will often hang around busy car parks at Christmas, waiting for an opportunity. He may guess that you returned to leave your expensive goods in the car because you have more shopping to do, and that you will be gone some time. He could break into the car and be away with your property possibly hours before you return.

Some simple measures can drastically reduce your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle crime, such as: Don't leave anything valuable in your car. Thieves are opportunists and it only takes them moments to break into a vehicle.

Lock all doors and windows when leaving your car. Never leave the keys in the ignition when the car is unattended, even while you're paying for petrol. Portable navigation systems are easy to remove from vehicles. Never leave the equipment on the dashboard but take it with you, together with the support cradle and suction pads.

If you do leave your car unattended, try and choose a car park where closed circuit television cameras are in operation. Park near the entrance, where people are

constantly passing on foot. Suspicious activity may go unnoticed at the rear of a car park or behind walls or shrubs.

Use car parks that are part of the police-approved Safer Parking Scheme. Approved car parks display the official "Park Mark" sign. For details, visit [www.saferparking.com](http://www.saferparking.com)

The partnership is also warning that loading your car up with presents the night before a visit to relatives, even if it is parked on your driveway, is not always a good idea.

A pile of presents on the back seat is often the invitation a thief needs to smash a window and escape with the lot.

Help prevent a break-in by parking the car on the driveway under a sensor light or in the garage, having a car alarm fitted, or leaving the car empty until the morning.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact:

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**Best wishes – Andy**