

21 THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

Selsey Neighbourhood Watch Members Newsletter for 2010

(with apologies to all the genuine callers, traders and distributors)



1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your fence, or delivering your new refrigerator or perhaps just posting leaflets door-to-door

2. Thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your garden last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

3. I love those flowers. They tell me you have good taste and that means there are probably nice things inside. Those garden toys your children leave out make me wonder what type of game systems they have indoors

4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the doorstep. And I just might leave a pizza leaflet in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

5. If it happens to snow while you're away on holiday, get a neighbour to create car and foot tracks into the house. Untrodden snow in the drive is a dead give-away that no one's about.

6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's been set. That makes it all much too easy.

7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink and the windows on the second floor, which often access your bedroom and your jewellery. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

8. It's raining and you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door, understandable but please understand this; I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I often knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Did you really think I wouldn't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables but if it's not bolted down, I'll try to take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device

that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. Find it at <http://www.faketv.co.uk/>

14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard, sometimes an office briefcase. I do my best never ever to look like a crook.

15. The two things I hate most are loud dogs and nosey neighbours.

16. I'll break a window to get in even if it makes a noise because even if your neighbour hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear anything again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. That's what people do.

17. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs, laptops or gaming systems I'd like. I'll often drive or walk through your neighbourhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your "Facebook" page. It's much easier than you think to look up your address.

20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door and occasionally I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

The above observations are the results of interviews with burglars, in a number of American prisons, and other American criminologists. The list is being circulated by e-mail. I have anglicised it a bit and used terminology and spelling that is more acceptable in the UK but I think many of the items are worth noting. Even the 'snow' item might trigger a few thoughts as in the last prolonged Selsey snowfall a few years ago an illegal squatter was only discovered to be living in a caravan parked on someone's drive because his footprints were spotted after a snowy night.

Selsey Neighbourhood Watch is still operating and we are looking forward to expanding back to our 2007 membership. We are taking this opportunity to pass on these tips and a copy of our noticeboard page (overleaf) to all our members. Internet users can always view it and many other topics at the Selsey website. www.cdnwa.org.uk/selsey

Please keep these pages near your phone

Helping to keep Selsey safe,

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P.T.O.

In any Emergency (a crime imminent or taking place) use 999. At other times use 0845-60-70-999

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ALARM COMPANIES should be certified by either:

- 1) NACOSS Maidenhead
tel. no. 01628 637512
- 2) SSAIB North Shields
tel. no. 0191 2963242
- 3) AISC Southport
tel. no. 01704 500897
- 4) IAI Bolton
tel. no. 01204 532362
- 5) Integrity 2000 Brentwood
tel. no. 01277 262000

"FIRMGUARD" in SELSEY (603210) is NACOSS certified and will offer a discount to NW members.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

<u>Service</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Mail Preference	0845-703-4599
Tele. Preference	0845-070-0707
Crimestoppers	0800-555-111
Dog Warden	534618 or 785339
Abandoned Vehicles	534610
Streetlighting	605803
Locksmith Bernie Brown	601136
Lifeline replacements	534645
Community Wardens	604546
Trading Standards	777100
Or	642124
Crackdown	642222
Neighbourhood Watch	604205

and ask for either PCSO Missy, or Sean, to call you back.

SELSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ORGANISATION

Chairman (acting)	Michael Shergold	603590
Assistant	Norman Barter	607958
Treasurer	Grahame Swain	602118

AREA Area-Boundaries with Co-ordinator and Assistant

N/W Northwest of West Street and High Street, Crablands, Paddocks, Chichester Road, Selsey Gate, Norton and Church Norton

Norman Barter (607958) Sue Watson (604004)

EAST North East of Beach Road and the East Beach Amenity Area to Park Lane and Park Copse, Alandale Close.

Anne Nicholas (603201) (vacancy)

MID North of Latham Road-Grove Road to Manor Farm, & between Hillfield Road - High Street and west side of Manor Road, & Elmtree Close

Grahame Swain (602118) Ron Earles (607784)

LIFEBOAT Between Beach Road and East Street-Albion Road plus Sunnymead Drive, and between the east side of Manor Road and Kingsway.

Alan Bateman (606604) George Brown (601295)

S/W Hillfield Road & West Street, Southwest to Thorney Drive & the sea. Also includes Bridgeway and Peachey Road.

Valerie Stevens (604709) Patricia Humphreys (602131)

SEASIDE James St, and Broadreeds Park to Bill Point, Grafton Road. (includes all Grafton Road schemes)

Chris Williamson(607379) (vacancy)

SOUTH Between Latham/Grove Rds. and the sea, and the roads between Hillfield Road and Grafton Road except those in S/W area.)

Michael Shergold (603590) Susan Harris(605258)

Our local, (CDNWA) Neighbourhood Watch Website is now at www.cdnwa.org.uk/selsey

As an alternative to the 0845-60-70-999 number, you can record non-urgent crime information via the Sussex Police website: <http://www.sussex.police.uk> or by e-mail to: contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk

The reactive Neighbourhood Police Team now work out of Chichester and will attend and manage all emergency 999 crime calls and ongoing investigations.

The Manhood District Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) are under Inspector Chris Wollerton (in Chichester) but the team is based in **Selsey consists of **Police Sgt. Kris Ottery** and:**

Manhood South: PC Andy Rawlinson & PCSOs Missy Trent (neé Blanke), Sean Keefe cover Selsey

Manhood North: PC Dave Lyons and PCSO Craig Voke) cover Hunston, Sidlesham, Mundham, Appledram, Stockbridge and also

Manhood West: with PCSOs Rose Bainbridge & Ann Bromley covering the Witterings, Birdham, Itchenor etc..

On the Front Desk: PNSOs Teresa Kalli and Georgie Blackaby cover all the areas of the Manhood Peninsula.

You can contact them on 604205 during office hours 10am-8pm (8am-6pm Saturdays), however, they would definitely prefer all crime incident reports to be routed through either 999 or the 0845 number (below) so please do not abuse our local facility. Call 642222 to make any Operation Crackdown reports.

SELSEY COMMUNITY WARDENS operate from an office at the Fire Station. Try 604546 first but then try their mobile numbers. Jay Blackwood (07768-210920) and Gareth Jones (07768-206974)

Selsey Crime and Nuisance Activity is summarised on the Internet on the Sussex Police pages. Some of the Manhood Police Office incidents (burglaries, thefts, vandalism, nuisance etc.) will now appear in the PCSOs' Blogs. Use www.sussex.police.uk and enter your postcode or the PCSO's names, select your PCSO and then look at "What's happening in your area".

If you are not already on this e-contact list and want to be added then please e-mail me at michaelshergold@btconnect.com

WHEN CALLING THE ABOVE NUMBERS PLEASE SAY THAT YOU ARE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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