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The Hughenden Street Association vision:

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40>

WIDE – burglary protection



There is no doubt that we need to be continuously vigilant whether in respect of our property or our expenditure.

As Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) marks its 40th anniversary it continues to play an important communication role in promoting ways to mitigate the, sadly, everyday risks we face. This week the focus is on our homes.



Window locks Installed



Interior Lights on Timer



Door Double or Deadlocks



Exterior Lights on Sensor

Properties with the **WIDE** security combination - **Window locks, Indoor lights on a timer, Door double or deadlocks and External lights on a timer or sensor** - are nearly 50 times more protected from burglary than those with no security.

In the year ending March 2021 there were over 267,000 burglaries in England and Wales. This was almost one-third less than the year before, and that year had also seen a 9% decline in the numbers of burglaries committed. However, while the numbers are falling we mustn't let ourselves become complacent.

As we exit out of lockdown, more of us are leaving our homes unoccupied once again and opportunists are ready to take advantage of this. As with all types of crime, prevention is much better than cure. Taking simple measures such as locking Windows, leaving Indoor lights on a timer, double locking your Doors and leaving Exterior lights on a sensor setting can greatly reduce your chances of being burgled.

Neighbourhood Watch has produced a comprehensive **Burglary Prevention Toolkit**. Click [HERE](#) to follow the link.

Mobile phone scam – this week's latest

Kindly forwarded on by one of readers:

“Last night I received a text from a mobile number to say I'd been in touch with a Covid contact and should isolate and get tested. It directed me to a website link. That link took you to a website that purported to be the NHS. It had a stern message about getting tested and how to obtain test kits. The website had spelling mistakes though and didn't feel right. So I reported it as a scam”.

From the item on the radio today, it seems that the website directs you to enter your details, including credit card so you can purchase testing kits.



CPRE Star Count 2022



Between 26th February and 6th March the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is encouraging us all to look skywards at night to count the stars within the four borders of Orion. Click [HERE](#) to find out more

Walk with a purpose



Although at the time of writing this week's newsletter the weather is not being very kind and storms are on the way particularly in the north it is great to notice that Spring is gradually appearing: snowdrops provide a welcome bit of colour and woodpeckers are being heard. A list of the **Top Ten Wildlife** sightings for February has been created by the local Wildlife Trust. How many can you confirm? Click [HERE](#) for the list. You can sign up for the newsletter and find out so much more about our fabulous wildlife and what you can do so help. Our surroundings are so precious to us all.

Community Impact Bucks



Lew from **Community Impact Bucks** attended the Pub Lunch at the Harrow earlier this month. As one of the HSA partners we are delighted to join forces seeking your feedback on our amazing community and what the priorities should be for 2022. HSA has created a short anonymous survey – only 4 questions and your input would be much appreciated. Here is the [LINK](#). Thank you in advance!!

Don't Forget.....



Harrow Pub Lunch. Book your place for the next gathering on Wednesday 2nd March. This popular event is the ideal opportunity to meet local residents from across the parish and not just Hughenden Valley. Contact Anne Smart for further information on 07970 037419



The next **Wheel Pub Lunch** is on **Wednesday 16th March**. Booking essential. Please contact **Susan Bickerstaffe: 01494 565161**. You will enjoy a two course meal for only £10.

Great Kingshill Residents Association Quiz Night 2022

Following the success of the October 2021 Quiz the team has organised another on Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm at the village hall. To find out more email shirleyannchallis@gmail.com or call 07771 567921

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