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OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



It's October and autumn has well and truly begun. The nights are starting to draw in... time to think about security lights and checking the settings on your timer lights.

This month we have the crime update for September and feedback from our Birkdale Scheme Leader meeting. One of the concerns raised was the continuing threat from scams so I have included some advice from Which? on the 5 most convincing scams, also a reminder of where further advice is available. Also, don't forget it is Halloween at the end of the month...

CRIME UPDATE



Residential burglary

- ☐ Roselea Drive - property under renovation entered and items stolen
- ☐ Eastbank St - flat attached to commercial premises entered by sneak offender
- ☐ Sussex Rd - property under renovation entered and items stolen
- ☐ Saxon Rd - entry via porch and forced door - items stolen
- ☐ Grantham Close - front door damaged in attempt to gain entry
- ☐ Delamere Rd - bike stolen from unsecured garage

Vehicle Crime

- ☐ Leyland Rd - theft of number plate overnight
- ☐ Melling Rd - items stolen from unlocked vehicle
- ☐ Ocean Plaza - electronic items stolen through open car window
- ☐ Promenade - entry via unknown means - items stolen from within vehicle
- ☐ Bath St - entry via unknown means - items stolen from within
- ☐ St Georges Place - unlocked vehicle entered and item stolen
- ☐ Talbot St - entered car and interfered with wiring in attempt to steal car
- ☐ York Ave - number plate stolen
- ☐ Eastbourne Rd - vehicle entered and items stolen
- ☐ Dinorwic Rd - vehicle entered by unknown means - searched but nothing taken

- ☐ Liverpool Rd - vehicle stolen without keys
- ☐ Clifford Rd - vehicle on driveway - overnight person trying car door handles enters vehicle and steals
- ☐ Waterloo Rd - theft from vehicle overnight

Points to note:

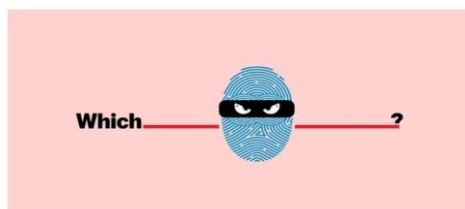
- ☐ Interesting that 2 properties being renovated have suffered burglaries. It doesn't say whether the properties were empty or whether it was household items or tools stolen. If you are having any work done on your house consider the effect on the security of the property.
- ☐ There appear to be more thefts of property from cars than actual vehicle theft. Make sure you lock your vehicle when you leave it and, if you must leave property inside, make sure it is out of sight.



BIRKDALE SCHEME LEADER MEETING

We had an interesting and informative meeting for Birkdale Scheme Leaders on 30th September.

Many thanks to St Peters Church for providing the venue free of charge and even serving tea and coffee! Neighbourhood Police officers PC Luke Holden and PCSO Barry Calder attended and there was a question and answer session after a presentation on Neighbourhood Policing. There is a section on our website Events page <https://www.southporthomewatch.org.uk/events> which contains links to notes from the meeting.



SCAMS

One of the materials handed out at the meeting was a copy of the AgeUK booklet "Avoiding Scams – Ways To Protect Yourself". This booklet is quite up to date and has

sections on postal, doorstep and telephone fraud as well as online. It is particularly useful for those who may not have access to online resources.

Copies of this booklet are available, free of charge, for distribution to all members. Please email if you would like a supply.

For those who do have access to online our strong recommendation is to sign up for the Which? regular scam newsletter. It is completely free and bang up to date. For details click here [Which scam alert newsletter](#)

Which? also provide a timeline of the latest scams doing the rounds. Click [here](#).

Scams reported on for September include:

- ☐ 1 September
Utility Warehouse impersonation email
- ☐ 3 September
Coinbase scam call
- ☐ 15 September
Pension fraud warning
- ☐ 17 September EE scam text
- ☐ 22 September
ParentPay scam app
- ☐ 24 September
Screwfix scam ads
- ☐ 29 September
MetaMask email scam

Full details available by following the link above.



HALLOWEEN

It's Halloween at the end of the month and some residents find it intimidating and frightening rather than fun. If you are aware of any vulnerable residents in your street, please consider if there is anything you can do to help. It is possible to download and print No Trick or Treat signs (plenty of choice on Google).

If you are a parent, here are some tips for your children to keep Halloween safe:

- ☐ If you're going trick or treating, make sure you go with an adult and your parent or carer knows where you're going and when to expect you back.
- ☐ Don't knock if there's a sign saying 'No trick or treat here.'
- ☐ Be careful not to frighten elderly or vulnerable people.
- ☐ Don't go trick or treating alone - stay with your group.

- ☐ Only visit areas where there are streetlights.
 - ☐ Don't throw eggs and flour.
 - ☐ Be careful crossing roads in the dark.
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Thank you for supporting Southport Homewatch and please don't hesitate to get in touch with any concerns, questions or suggestions.

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