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NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

**WHITBY/PAPAKOWHAI/AOTEA/MANA/PLIMMERTON/PUKERUA
BAY HAYWARD'S/ PAUATAHANUI & TAWA**

Crime stats for Feburary 2014

I hope the cold weather did not caught anyone out with you not being prepared for the cooler weather.

The number of reported occurrences was down on last month, which is pleasing to see, but the number of thefts from cars still remains a worry.

There has been a bit of correspondence on the local Whitby Facebook page about the subject but people are not reporting all occurrences which are disappointing.

It has been very pleasing to see the number of community activities recently and there is a great number coming up. I would hope that all of the community get together and support these events because that is how communities become a supportive.

We are still looking for Guardians to join the team that patrol Friday and Saturday nights, if anyone is interested please contact me Finally have a good months and I will contact you all again next month.

WHITBY

01/02/2014	U/L Take M/V	Joseph Banks Dr
01/02/2014	Burglary	Bobstay Lane
03/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Spyglass Lane
04/02/2014	Theft X Car	Spyglass Lane
04/02/2014	Theft X Car	Navigation Drive
04/02/2014	Theft X Car	Port Lane
07/02/2014	Theft X Car	Anchor Lane
07/02/2014	Wilful Damage	The Companion Way
07/02/2014	Wilful Damage	The Quarterdeck
07/02/2014	Theft x Car	Longitude Close

07/02/2014	Theft X Car	The Mainsail
10/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Ayton Drive
13/02/2014	Theft X Car	Navigation Drive
15/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Postgate Drive
17/02/2014	Theft	Venus Place
21/02/2014	Suspicious Person	Longitude Place
23/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Discovery Drive
25/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Discovery Drive

AOTEA/PAPAKOWHAI

04/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Papakowhai Road
07/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Routeburn Ave

PAREMATA/MANA

01/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Kahu Road
01/02/2014	Theft	Pascoe Ave
01/02/2014	Burglary	Karoro Place
03/02/2014	Theft x Car	Mana View
04/02/2014	Theft	Mana Esplanade
05/02/2014	Burglary	Kahu Road
07/02/2014	Petrol Drive Off	Mana Esplanade
08/02/2014	Petrol Drive Off	Mana Esplanade
10/02/2014	U/L Takes M/V	Seaview Road
10/02/2014	Harassment	Paremata Road
11/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Paremata Road
13/02/2014	Burglary	Trevor Terrace
14/02/2014	Disorderly Behaviour	Kahu Road
16/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Kiriwai Road
18/02/2014	Theft	Kiriwai Road
19/02/2014	Theft	Paremata Crescent
19/02/2014	Theft	Kahu Road
20/02/2014	Theft X Car	Paremata Road
22/02/2014	Theft X Car	Kahu road
22/02/2014	U/L in a Close Yard	Mana View
25/02/2014	Disorderly Behaviour	Mana Esplanade
27/02/2014	Burglary	Paremata Road
28/02/2014	Theft	Mana Esplanade

PAUATAHANUI/HAYWARDS

13/02/2014	Burglary	Paremata/Haywards
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PLIMMERTON/CAMBORNE/PUKERUA BAY

03/02/2014	Burglary	James Street
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03/02/2014	Theft of a Boat	Ocean Pde
04/02/2014	Burglary	Ulric Street
05/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Airlie Road
07/02/2014	U/L Takes M/V	Gordon Road
09/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Grays Road
11/02/2014	Theft	Airlie Road
11/02/2014	Theft	Cluny Road
27/02/2014	Suspicious Car	Sea-vista Drive

TAWA

03/02/2014	U/L Takes M/V	The Drive
03/02/2014	Trespass	Collins Ave
03/02/2014	Suspicious Person	Florio Tce
05/02/2014	Burglary	Willowbank Road
05/02/2014	Suspicious Car	Olivia Cres
08/02/2014	Wilful Trespass	Hampton Hill
09/02/2014	Burglary	Peckham Grove
10/02/2014	Theft X Car	Ranui Tce
10/02/2014	Theft X Car	South Street
11/02/2014	Theft X Car	Matai Street
11/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Larsen Cres
11/02/2014	U/L Takes M/V	Rossiter Street
12/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Massey Street
12/02/2014	Wilful Damage	Coates Street
12/02/2014	Theft	Main Road
12/02/2014	Harassment	Raroa Tce
13/02/2014	U/L Takes M/V	Bing-Lucas Dr
13/02/2014	Suspicious Car	Main Road
13/02/2014	Theft	Main Road
16/02/2014	U/L Takes Bicycle	Carleton Tce
16/02/2014	Disorderly Behaviour	Cecil Road
17/02/2014	U/L Takes M/V	Wilfred Street
18/02/2014	Theft	Woodman Drive
19/02/2014	Burglary	Redwood Ave
20/02/2014	Suspicious Car	Handyside Street
20/02/2014	Suspicious Car	Lyndhurst Road
20/02/2014	Theft	Oxford Street
21/02/2014	Burglary	Massey Street
22/01/2014	Theft X Car	Collins Ave
23/02/2014	Shoplifting	Collins Ave
26/02/2014	Disorderly Behaviour	Larsen Cres
27/02/2014	Harassment	Orderly Grove
27/02/2014	Suspicious Vehicle	Oxford Street

27/02/2014
28/02/2014

U/L Takes M/V
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Turkington Street
Sunrise Blvd

U/L = Unlawfully
M/V = Motor Vehicle

Facts Sheet

Rental accommodation and you

People living in rental accommodation are just as much part of the community as people who own their own home.

Feeling secure in rental accommodation has a lot to do with asking the right questions before signing the Tenancy Agreement. Feeling comfortable and welcome in a new neighbourhood has a lot to do with being a good neighbour.

Security

Burglars and thieves do not differentiate between rental and owner occupied dwellings. They target properties where they think they will not be detected.

A number of steps can be taken to reduce the risk of being a target for burglars and thieves:

- Find out from the landlord whether the locks were changed after the previous tenant moved out.
- Make sure doors, windows and other entry and exit points have working and effective catches and locks - deadlocks if possible.
- Get in the habit of always locking doors and securing windows at night. When out in the garden or going out or away, do not leave a door key hidden outside - burglars know all the places to look.
- Be careful not to leave valuable items on display and if possible, lock them away. Make a list of the serial numbers of items that have serial numbers and photograph other small valuable items, for example, the spines of your DVD collection. Information can be saved for free on the [SNAP](#) site.
- Burglar alarms are a good deterrent but only if they are turned on when no one is home. Be careful about giving the alarm code to anyone who is not a family member. Find out whether the alarm code was changed after the last tenant moved out and change it if possible.
- Insure personal belongings.
- Back up valuable electronic records such as photographs and store at another place.
- Keep your letterbox clear.

Good Neighbours

Take time to meet and get to know neighbours. You will feel more comfortable and neighbours will take an interest in who visits your property when you are not at home.

- Introduce yourself to neighbours and let them know some basic things about yourself, who is likely to visit regularly, where you work, your partner and children's names etc.
- Be alert to the possibility that neighbours may not think your dog or cat is as loveable as you do. If you have a dog, make sure your neighbours know they can tell you if it barks a lot when you are not at home.
- Keep gardens tidy and mow lawns regularly.
- Put rubbish and recycling out on the correct day and do not leave it out if you missed the collection vehicle.
- Respect neighbour's property. Fences and trees are often a point of contention. If the trees on your property are getting too large and overhanging a neighbour's property, make sure the landlord or the agent is aware of the fact.
- Touch base with your neighbours regularly. Let them know if you are going to have a party. Be considerate, keep the noise down and have a reasonable cut off time.
- Let your neighbours know if you are going to be away.
- Make sure someone, preferably a neighbour, knows how to contact you in an emergency if you are away and will keep an eye on your place, for example, clear the letterbox.

If you experience problems with neighbours, such as noisy parties or dangerous dogs, and are unable to resolve the issue yourself, contact the local council or check their internet site.

Call 111 for immediate help in a life threatening emergency or if property is being damaged.

If you suspect criminal activity is occurring at a neighbours property, contact local Police at the time of the incident or report the situation anonymously through Crimestoppers 0508 555 111.

Neighbourhood Support

Neighbourhood Support groups help neighbours talk with each other, prepare for and handle emergency situations

Insurance

Insurance should not be regarded as an optional extra. Insurance protects possessions against unforeseen loss or damage and replaces or repairs whatever items are insured if

lost or damaged. If the cost of insurance is an issue, have a higher excess. At least you won't suffer a total loss.

Additional information for Student Flats or Multi-Tenanted Homes

If sharing a property with others, remember that everyone has responsibility for security. Keep your valuables secure and easily identifiable so they don't get mixed up with others. Make sure windows and doors are closed and locked when everyone is out and that everyone who is a tenant has a key to get back in. **DO NOT GIVE OUT COPIES OF KEYS TO PEOPLE NOT LIVING AT THE PROPERTY.**

Keep the front door locked, even while everyone is at home. Also keep bedroom doors locked while everyone is congregating in the communal areas. Bedrooms are often at the front of a property and can be easily accessed by an intruder if the front door is inadvertently left open.

When having a party, remove all valuables from the property. It is too easy for criminals to walk in without being noticed and help themselves to mobile phones, money, jewellery etc. If you cannot remove valuables, agree on a room that can be locked securely that **NO ONE** will enter during the party. If living in a non-student street, please be considerate to non-student neighbours regarding noise.

Remember, the criminal element know which are student flats and that their security is often slack. Reduce the opportunity for burglary or theft. Speak with your local campus police officer or proctors office for advice on how to make your place a harder target. Ask if the flat has been burgled in the past year and if so, have the locks been changed? It is fair and reasonable to expect that locks are changed in such circumstances.

Tenancy Agreements

You need to be confident about your flatmates commitment and ability to pay if you sign the tenancy agreement, power supply agreement or SKY contract etc. [Read more about Tenancy Agreements.](#)

The funny

Q: Are you a scratch player?

A: I sure am - every time I hit the ball I scratch my head and wonder where it went.

*** How many golfers does it take to change a light bulb? FORE!**

*** Q: What's the problem with my golf game?**

A: You're standing too close to the ball ... after you've hit it.

