WATCHWORD

DID YOU REPORT IT TO THE POLICE?

The police are constantly and continuously asking the public to report every suspicious incident to them, or to the authority responsible.

WHY is it so important?

Because every small piece of information is like one, tiny piece of a jig-saw. Without that little piece, it is impossible to see, or understand the whole picture.

That one, small bit may be the key to the puzzle, indeed, it may be the final clue that enables the police to solve a much larger, more serious crime.

When something small happens, we cannot know its significance, and we may never know, for the police cannot reveal sensitive information to anyone.

COMMON SENSE tells us that reporting something suspicious, or strange, must always be the "right thing to do."

People do not report crime for many reasons.
The 101 non-urgent police line is nearly always busy, and members of the public understandably grow tired of
waiting, and waiting, and waiting for an answer.

A better, quicker way to report an incident, or crime that has already happened is to ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 They will pass on all the details you give them to the police. Or email the police at 101@dc.police.uk If it is happening RIGHT NOW, then it is 999

We are all aware that the police force is suffering from massive spending cuts. HOWEVER, it is not in anyone's interest that crime should go unchallenged and unpunished.

AND THIS IS WHY THE POLICE WANT YOU TO TELL THEM WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR AREA.

Often, local crime can be controlled, or even eradicated by police patrols.
By repeatedly reporting incidents of crime, no matter how small,
the statistics will rise and an argument can then be made for an exra officer in that
area to sort out the problem for the residents.

HELP YOURSELF, AND YOUR COMMUITY BY REPORTING CRIME.
WORK TOGETHER WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS TO
DEFEAT CRIME.

If it is happening RIGHT NOW, ring 999.

If it has happened and the culprits have gone,
try 101 at a time when the line is not busy,
because if it has already happened and the culprits have disappeared,
there is no real urgency for your report and you can take your time,
ensuring that you report every detail.

If you wish to remain anonymous, ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Or you can email 101@dc.police.uk

DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT AGAIN.
IT'S NOT FAIR !!

CUCKOOING.

Like many crimes these days, it is the vulnerable who are most likely
to become a victim of this most horrible of crimes.

A vulnerable person, usually living alone, will be be-friended by strangers.
They will call on that person, give them presents and lend them money.
Then, these nice, generous friends will move in,
and start dealng drugs.

This is a terrible crime, and one that concerns the police.
However, they are aware of those in our community who are most likely to be targeted and actively engage with them.

There are tell-tale signs that cuckooing is happening. Is someone suddenly having visitors night and day, are there more cars than usual outside that property and are there signs that other people are staying at that address?

Are they NOT out and about as usual, doing their shopping and having a coffee in the local cafe?
IF SO, THEN IS IT TIME TO CALL THE POLICE AND THE NUMBER TO CALL IS 999.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH has always been about keeping an eye out for each other and reporting suspicious activity to the police. THIS IS WHAT WE DO, AND HOW WE HELP THE POLICE.

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LOCK YOUR CAR.
IF YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF IT, NO-ONE ELSE WILL!