



**NEIGHBOURHOOD & STREETWATCH
REPORT AUGUST 2017 CLIFTON**

Our two reports
are combined this month to save space.



Crime Information included a residential burglary on 20th July at 5 am in Pedley Farm Close.

Theft and damage to motor vehicles continue to plague our village, especially in the Church St locality. One of our bell ringers had her reg plates (number plates) taken, these probably will be used for some form of illegal use. Two other incidents of theft from motor vehicles occurred in Church St 2nd July & Grange St 20th July in daylight hours.

A baseball bat, suitably equipped with nails was found in the remembrance garden opposite the church. It has safely taken away the Police.

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June saw an increase of 'Cold calling' salesmen of home security systems. One member suspected a scam, and the Police were consulted and gave their advice and support.

If this happens to you, please look out for:

- Cold calling – with something so sensitive as an alarm, please seek advice – of a friend, Trading Standards, Age UK, or neighbour with an alarm with which they are happy.
- Offer of a 'free' survey.
- Time pressure to sign a contract – you have a cooling-off period of 14 days, but the seller will not tell you that...
- Time pressure to start work – you must pay for all work done, even if it is within the 14 days...
- A bargain price, dependant on a quick signature.
- Hidden costs – the company may offer to monitor the system remotely and action any 'events' on your behalf. This can be a valuable benefit – but you may be asked to sign up for the monitoring service at an annual cost which might be excessive and will more than subsidise the original low cost of installation.

The Police visited our member and have arranged for "Mr Bobby" to call, a Police-funded locksmith, who can offer advice and simple installation at no cost to the member.

If in doubt, give me a ring or an email and I can consult the Police on your behalf.

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