

## Clifton Neighbourhood Watch

**Crime Stats**: There were just 3 miscellaneous thefts in Shefford Road & Rectory Close, together with theft from a motor vehicle in Legate Place and a common assault in Whiston Crescent providing our Clifton community with a relatively crime free month in September.

To ensure we maintain this situation, we must be especially vigilant as we enter the time of year when our residents are at their most vulnerable. Burglars will welcome the change of the clocks with longer darker nights. Please review your home security by checking out <a href="www.bedfordshire.police.uk">www.bedfordshire.police.uk</a> Crime Prevention "Burglary Dwelling" & "Stay Safe at Home".

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## **CARD MINDER:**

Many of you will now have Credit/debit cards in your wallet, bearing the 'radio wave' symbol which indicates that the card can be used in contactless transactions – you just wave them at the shopkeeper's machine, no PIN, no signature needed, to pay for small purchases. These are potentially liable for enabling fraudulent transactions. A criminal with the right equipment can pass near you and read your card details, enabling them to make fraudulent purchases using YOUR information.

CARD MINDER is a small wallet in which you can keep such cards. It blocks all access to the card data.

I have been asked whether these may be obtained through Neighbourhood watch. I have established that these ARE commercially available, but as they are so cheap, much of their cost of purchase is the cost of postage to you. I am prepared to make a bulk purchase on behalf of the citizens of Clifton, if there is sufficient demand.

I can buy in bulk, then sell them at 50p each, with a 10% discount for NW members. Please let me know if you are interested by leaving a message on my phone, or dropping me an email, and I will proceed, depending on demand.

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