

Puriton/ Woolavington/ West Poldens Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

May 2009- June 2009 Newsletter for Puriton/ Woolavington/ West Poldens

Welcome to your third Puriton/ Woolavington/ West Poldens Neighbourhood Policing Team newsletter.

We have been very busy, speaking to nursery groups, marking more property under the Rural Watch scheme and setting up No Cold Calling Zones.

We hope you enjoy this issue of your newsletter and we look forward to keeping you updated on our progress in the forthcoming months.

PACT

Partners and Communities Together (PACT) gives you the opportunity to influence what happens in your neighbourhood. Neighbourhood issues are identified through local meetings, are taken to a partnership panel, where courses of action are agreed. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Current public priorities agreed 21st^h April 2009 by members of your community No new priorities.

Next PACT meeting:

21st July 2009, 7pm at Woolavington Village Hall

Introducing PCSO Lora Bray

Your police beat will temporarily have an additional PCSO working on the beat, dealing with issues around Anti Social Behaviour and crime reduction.

Lora Bray is an experienced PCSO, having worked within the Bridgwater rural team for 3 years and is looking forward to a new challenge on the Puriton, Woolavington & West Poldens beat.

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Bogus callers: Stop, chain, check

Avon and Somerset are committed to tackling Rogue Traders and people that target the vulnerable and the elderly in our communities.

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into your home. These people are known as distraction burglars or bogus callers, whose aim is to get into homes to distract people and steal from the home.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from agencies or companies such as the council, the police or gas and water companies. They can be men, women or children and can be persuasive and convincing. They may use stories such as asking for a drink of water or be looking for a lost pet. Sometimes they use props such as ID and wear clothes with logos.

Simple steps to beat the bogus caller

Lock: Keep your front and back doors locked, even when at home.

Stop: Are you expecting anyone? Check that you have locked back doors and taken the key out. Look through the spy hole or window to see who it is.

Chain: If you decide to open the door, always put the chain on first and keep it on while you are talking to the person.

Check: Always ask for a callers identification and make sure the photo matches the person standing in front of you, even if this is a prearranged appointment. All legitimate callers will carry identification. If in doubt, shut the door and contact the company that they say they are working with to verify their attendance.

Only let people in when you are absolutely sure they are genuine.

If you are in any doubt, keep them out.