



Cheshire  
Constabulary

# NEWSLETTER

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## ALERT

May:

We have had a report of a burglary in the area please ensure doors and windows are closed and locked before going to bed at night. Keep valuables off display.

If you have any concerns regarding home security please get in touch.



## INTRODUCTION

Hello, I hope this newsletter finds you well. My name is **PCSO Stephen Heaps** and I am the local officer that covers the area of Penketh and Cuerdley. I am looking at different ways to communicate with the local community and am also aware that some of the local residents are not on social media or may not have access to the internet, so this newsletter is another way of trying to get information and alerts to the community.

### Door Step Scams

As COVID restrictions are being lifted within the UK we anticipated that door step scams will increase again, here is some advice on how to deal with these challenges.

Garden work,

Garden work is one of the more common things that people fall victim to. If you need garden work doing then look for referrals from various websites, Thomson directory or more reputable directory. Politely decline anyone who knocks on the door or if you are concerned call us on 101 or in an emergency 999.

Repair work,

No reputable company would go door to door looking to do work, again politely decline anyone who knocks on the door or if you are concerned call us on 101 or in an emergency 999. If you do have concerns about any highlighted issues that they have raised look for referrals from various websites, Thomson directory or other reputable directories.

Charities,

Anyone collecting for charities should have identification on them and a cover letter stating who and why they are collecting, if this is not the case politely decline and close the door if you have any concerns call us on 101.

Cheshire Police have NO COLD CALLERS window signs, if you would like one please get in touch or call into the Police station to collect one.



## Home Security

As the weather starts to get warmer it's easy to forget to shut/lock windows and leave doors open. Get into the routine of checking doors and windows before going out or to bed to make sure your home is secure.

Assess your home security and think about the possibility of installing some CCTV at the front door. CCTV cameras are becoming more affordable and simpler to install with the ability to be accessed from smart phones, ideal if you have vulnerable relatives, as you would have the ability to see anyone approaching their address for peace of mind.

The rise of Smart home gadgets such as door contacts, motion detectors, smart speakers, accompanied by the fact that they are easy to install, has never been more simple to protect your home. If you are unsure about what items are available, please discuss this with family members or get in touch with myself.



## Vehicle Security

Please remember to keep all valuables off display in vehicles such as removable satnavs, smart devices, expensive sunglasses/shades and other devices.

Think about possibly installing driveway posts as a deterrent and for those that have driveway posts installed ensure you keep the keys separate from your car keys try and not make it simple for would be thieves.

Keep vehicle keys away from the front/back door and off display.

For any help or advice with anything in this newsletter or would like to see previous copies of newsletters please get in contact with myself and I will try and assist.



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Penketh & Cuedley has a Neighborhood Watch Scheme, if you would like to join, advice or help please get in touch with either myself or William Ferris who is the local coordinator for the area he can be contacted on

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