

Winter Burglary Campaign 2013-14

London Borough of Barnet's Community Safety delivery plan

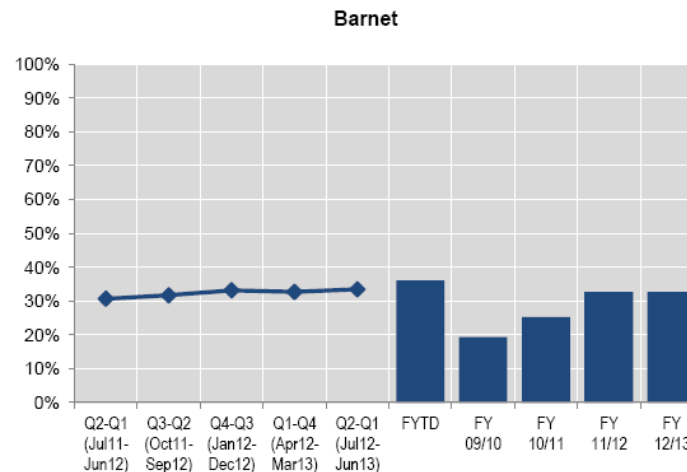
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There is currently an 8% reduction in burglary (over a rolling 12 months) The major focus of our campaign is 'target hardening' or persuading householders in Barnet to make their homes more secure by taking elementary precautions of closing windows, locking doors and activating security alarms. This particular approach to tackling burglary is strongly supported by the Home Office and is based on the underlying rationale that increased rates of residential burglary are at least in part as a result of a casual approach to security on the part of individual householders. This rationale is supported by the results of recent surveys into fear of crime in Barnet which show it continues to fall.

Difference from
previous quarter
[Borough]: $\pm 0\%$

Difference from same
quarter in 2012/13
[Borough]: $+2\%$

% worried (very/fairly)	Barnet			MPS
	%	Base	Confidence interval	%
Q2-Q1 (Jul11-Jun12)	31%	398	$\pm 4.53\%$	35%
Q3-Q2 (Oct11-Sep12)	32%	398	$\pm 4.57\%$	35%
Q4-Q3 (Jan12-Dec12)	33%	398	$\pm 4.63\%$	35%
Q1-Q4 (Apr12-Mar13)	33%	398	$\pm 4.61\%$	34%
Q2-Q1 (Jul12-Jun13)	33%	398	$\pm 4.63\%$	33%
FYTD	36%	100	$\pm 9.41\%$	34%
FY 09/10	19%	591	$\pm 3.19\%$	27%
FY 10/11	25%	626	$\pm 3.4\%$	30%
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FY 12/13	33%	398	$\pm 4.61\%$	34%



In the Q1 Public Attitude Survey 33% of Barnet Residents stated they were worried about crime in the area.

Don't advertise your home to burglars

Top five tips to beat the burglar this winter

You may be eligible for a grant to improve the security of your home please call 020 8359 4475 or 020 8359 7462 to find out more.



V **aluable** – Ensure all valuable items (for example, laptops, car and house keys, jewellery) are kept out of view and not left by your front door – especially if they can be seen through the letterbox.

A **ppearance** – Make it look like you are in when you are out by using a timer switch on lights fitted with energy saving bulbs or radios.

U **nder cover** – Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition and gates can be secured. Trim bushes and trees so that burglars can't hide and branches don't block lighting.

L **ocks** – Close and lock all doors and windows, even if you're just popping out for a minute. Try to get into the habit of checking doors are locked when you go to bed too.

T **ools** – If you have a garden shed containing ladders and tools always make sure the shed is locked so the equipment can't be used to break into your home.

Actions

The Winter Burglary Crime Prevention Poster Campaign was launched 21st October 2013:

- Posters to be displayed on notice boards at London Borough of Barnet venues and Police Stations
- Distribution by Neighbourhood Policing Teams, High Street Post Offices, Banks, Town Halls
- Barnet Borough Watch to distribute electronically and physically the burglary prevention leaflet with link to www.barnetboroughwatch.co.uk targeting over 30,000 residents
- Distributed by CommUnity Barnet to Community Groups and Community Centres;
- Distributed to Synagogues and Jewish Community Centres
- Displayed in all Barnet Fire Stations
- Displayed in all Barnet Libraries
- Displayed on a fleet of 100 Barnet Council vehicles and 25 Police vehicles
- LBB Intranet narrative to promote launch date 21st October 2013
- Posters with crime prevention tips, sent out to every Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and electronically to over 30,000 residents
- Enhance the Safer Homes Scheme to repeat burglars and hate crime victims
- 25,000 leaflet drop in hot spot areas linking with MPS Neighbourhood Policing Teams

To complete four Burglary Prevention Awareness Events through 2013-14:

Crime Prevention Stand: The Community Safety Team in partnership with the local police and Barnet Borough Watch have already ran two burglary awareness days this year with a further two planned for November 2013 and February 2014, identified through crime analysis. The third will be arranged in Hendon where intelligence currently details this area to be one of the current hot spots.

Crime Prevention Open Day: Two Community Safety Team staff have attended a recent Crime Prevention Open Day at Colindale Police Station interacting with a target audience of over 150 local residents communicating crime prevention tips, distributing 300 timer switches and window alarms many of which from a recent survey completed were concerned about their own security measures at the rear of the property.

Objectives: To continue to sustain a reduction of burglary, distribute a further 1000 timer switches (2000 in total) with accompanying crime prevention tips leaflets. The team have already received plenty of positive feedback from residents who are welcoming of the advice and many of whom were unaware of the implications of leaving windows open and having poor security measures at the rear of their properties.

Visits to properties in burglary hotspot areas

- The Council's Priority Intervention Team (PIT) liaising with local Neighbourhood Policing Team's will **visit houses** on the **most burgled streets** in each hotspot
- The PIT / NPT officers will complete an environmental audit running through a checklist of possible opportunities the residence is offering to any potential burglar e.g. no lights on; valuables on display; high hedges. If identified as a vulnerable occupant they will be offered the safer homes scheme with an additional offer of a free fire survey and smoke alarm from the London Fire Brigade
- If at home residents will be given crime prevention advice and either given or marked down to receive a light timer switch. If not at home a checklist stating that partnership officers were on patrol in the area and a burglary crime prevention tips leaflet was left at the property

Summary of actions for the Winter Burglary Campaign

- **Neighbourhood Policing Team's** in hotspot wards have been provided with approximately 300 crime prevention posters to distribute to local businesses, community centres. They have also been given approximately 25,000 crime prevention leaflets to distribute and 1000 timer switches to burglary victims and other vulnerable residents
- **Trading Standards** in partnership with Police will visit approximately 20 pawn brokers, gold outlets and second hand laptop sellers which had been identified by Police intelligence as possibly receiving stolen goods and were located in or near to a prominent burglary hotspot
- **Crime Prevention** talks taking place at community centres around the borough by both the LBB PIT team. Looking to give vulnerable residents advice on home security within the safer homes scheme and free fire alarms
- **London Fire Service** are distributing the burglary prevention leaflets at each Home Fire Safety Visit (current estimates are that 2000 vulnerable adults' homes will have been identified with a further 6000 to be completed by the end of March 2014). Crime prevention booklets also given to their Community Safety Team to distribute at various engagement events in the borough
- **Barnet Borough Watch** - Disseminated crime prevention messages to all Neighbourhood Watch scheme coordinators
- **Schools Liaison** - Requested through the Police for Schools Liaison Officer include the Winter Burglary Campaign crime prevention advice in their work presentations at local schools including the Safe At Home Messages and to give out property marking pens and instructions for carrying out their own home security checks when they return home

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