



**CONFIDENTIAL HBAC MEMBERS ONLY**

**Number of Exclusions and Warning Letters**

Since our last meeting we have issued 4 new exclusions and 15 new warning letters, please keep on reporting incidents to us so that we can continue to react quickly to problem offenders.

**Instant access to photographs via SIRCS database**

HBAC has been awarded additional funding from the Constabulary to purchase a new database that can be accessed via the internet. This technology will allow HBAC to update members instantly via a secure internet area. Members can logon when convenient and view photographs, images and descriptions of suspects as they are available. More details will follow.



**PROJECT ARGUS**

**WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN A TERRORIST ATTACK OR AN EMERGENCY SITUATION? FREE** training is on offer from Cambridgeshire Constabulary as part of Project Argus, a National Counter Terrorism security Office (NACTSO) project. This vital training could save lives and is designed to help you and your colleagues prevent, handle and recover from a terrorist attack.

The training due to be held in September will take you through a simulated terrorist attack and detail what measures you would need to take to minimise and prevent risk, a panel of experts from various relevant agencies will also be on hand to give advice.

Please support this event, terrorism can happen anywhere and the more people who are trained the less impact any attack would have. We require a minimum of 40 members for the training to commence. More details will follow.

**HBAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009**

The date for the HBAC Annual General Meeting is the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2009. This important meeting summarises what HBAC and its members have achieved and been involved in during the past year. It is also when we present the hotly contended Thief Catcher of the year and best supporter awards. We are looking for ideas on centrally located venues and a suitable time. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

**CCTV Visit and Radio training**

If you were unable to attend the last CCTV tours then please let us know if you are available to join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June at 6.30pm at the CCTV offices. The tour of the CCTV room is always a popular event and the information provided is invaluable in assisting you to know where the cameras are and what can and can't be seen.

Radio training is available throughout the year at your premises. Please contact us if you require radio training for you or any of your staff. We can also provide radio user guides created in conjunction with the CCTV Control room.

## **HBAC Statistics**

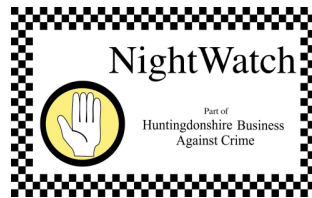
Recent HBAC statistics show that incidents of theft (where there was a loss) have fallen by 7% from 2007 to 2008 but that the loss value per incident has increased from £74 to £121, a rise of 39%.

For all incidents of theft (regardless of any losses) there were an additional 189 incidents of theft in 2008 than in 2007. Although there have been more incidents in total for 2008, less incidents resulted in a loss. We believe this reflects the work HBAC members and the Police do to detect theft before a loss occurs.

## **Purse Theft arrests thanks to HBAC members and CCTV**

For the first time we have been able to catch purse thieves, well done to everyone involved.

Two females and one male were arrested in relation to purse theft and other offences. The male waited in a Mercedes car while the two females went into Waitrose in Huntingdon. Waitrose became suspicious and radioed other members. Security staff from Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Wilkinson's followed the suspects who left in the Mercedes. The Police were alerted by CCTV of the vehicle and all were stopped, searched and subsequently arrested.



The St Ives NightWatch Pilot came to an end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Additional funding has been secured and due to the successes of the scheme, NightWatch will continue to operate in St Ives and be rolled out to Huntingdon and St Neots. During the 5 months of operation NightWatch member's intelligence lead to the arrest of two drug dealers, 6 exclusion notices and 5 warning letters were issued alongside setting review dates for 10 existing offenders, 2 new members joined the scheme and Police and members issued 18 yellow cards to problem individuals. In comparison to statistics for the same period in 07/08 violent crime reduced by 33% and anti social behaviour by 8%. Full statistics are still being collated; a full report will be available at the annual general meeting. We are currently recruiting for a NightWatch Coordinator, if anyone is interested in this role then please contact us.

## **Radio Panic Alarm Tests thanks to CCTV**

A panic alarm test schedule was sent to all members asking them to test their panic alarm at an allotted time. Unfortunately under a quarter of our members took the opportunity to do this test. The radios are high quality and there is no reason to suspect that your alarm would not work however it is prudent to test any equipment after a certain period of time. Can all members who did not take part in this test individually contact CCTV and ask if it is convenient to test your alarm. CCTV will acknowledge the alarm, please reply to CCTV to clear the alarm. Alternatively you can switch your radio off and on again.

## **Days of action Huntingdon and St Neots**

Both Huntingdon and St Neots Constabularies held days of action this quarter. These days are designed for the Constabulary and associated partners to tackle any issues and/or raise awareness of criminal activity. Amongst the initiatives undertaken HBAC accompanied St Neots Police to visit Commercial Businesses with a view to setting up a scheme there. In Huntingdon the Police gave out 850 personal purse alarms and raised awareness of keeping personal possessions secure. Both days were very



successful.