

## March' 08 Review

I'm pleased to say that reported crime continues to show signs of decreasing with a total of 26 for the month. It is particularly gratifying to note that the efforts of the police to control vehicle crime are paying off with only two vehicles stolen and two incidents of theft from vehicle.

We do continue to have a number of burglaries which are always a concern. Six were reported in total. They occurred in various locations across the borough with no particular patterns evident but in several cases entry has been made relatively easily by cutting chains or padlocks with bolt croppers. As ever there is no doubt that criminals do their homework in the daytime and target premises to attack out of hours.

I'm pleased to say that, as numbers decrease, it is increasingly difficult to measure trends and so thought that a comparison with the first three months of the last two years might be interesting.

<u>Offence</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total	184	159	99
Theft from M/Vehicle	65	49	19
Theft of M/Vehicle	8	10	12
Burglary	49	36	19
Other offences	62	64	49

These figures are encouraging , indeed the last six months have been amongst the best recorded for twenty years, but there is always room for improvement and I look forward to the time when we record a total of zero in any category, particularly burglaries.

### **A good news story to finish.**

A couple of weeks ago, following reports from two members that three youths riding bikes were acting suspiciously on the Industry Park, they were caught on CCTV and one was subsequently arrested for interfering with a motor vehicle. Many thanks to both callers and the police for their response. There is no doubt that, had these three been left to their own devices a more serious offence would have been committed. Another example of the effectiveness of our scheme.

That's all for now, keep the calls coming.

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