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NW LONDON BURGLARY

It may come as no surprise that during the winter months, UK homes are statistically more likely to be burgled. As recently reported by several news publications, research has shown that 13% of Britons experienced a burglary last year, with December highlighted as a peak month.

Lee Jasper, ADT's security expert, has commented that, "year on year, we have seen a 10% increase in burglaries during the darker months."

And as a security company, we too receive a noticeably higher volume of requests for residential patrols in winter.

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There have been a couple of high profile burglaries in the news in recent weeks:

Enquiries into an aggravated Pinner burglary are still ongoing. On February 10th, four males forced entry to a residential home, threatening the three residents with a hunting knife and screwdriver and demanded valuables. They took cash and jewellery before leaving the property.

In Totteridge a couple were threatened at gunpoint as masked robbers took £400,000 worth of watches and jewellery from their £3 million house. Julian and Anna Tendler were ambushed by two men after returning home from a Valentine's dinner. Mr Tendler. Mrs Tendler, 39, told the Standard: "My husband parked his Porsche. There was a man wearing a balaclava with a handgun pointed at us. I got out of the car and another guy rushed out the Land Rover. He threatened to shoot me and I froze.

"They were waiting in the road for us to come home so they could ambush us." Mr Tendler said he attempted to fight back but the robbers hit him over the head twice with a gun while shouting at him to get in the house.

They took eight "extremely rare" collector's-edition watches by Rolex, Audemars Piguet, Richard Mille and Chanel from the safe, as well as engagement rings and wedding rings the couple were wearing.

CCTV shows the heist, which started at about 10.15pm, took less than three minutes.

It was the latest in a series of five raids targeting wealthy residents within a four-mile radius. Police said there have been "several aggravated burglaries" in the area in the past few months.

By having a physical security presence on your street you are already protecting yourselves and your homes massively. Burglars will always look for the easiest options. However, if you are concerned and want to know more about what you can do to secure your home, we have some top tips to share:

Top Tips for Home Security

We also created this short animated film, which you may be interested to watch:

Watch Video

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KNIFE CRIME CONTINUES

In our 2018 Spring issue we discussed the worrying wave of knife crime that was prevalent in the capital, by reporting on the eight year high of knife crime episodes in the year ending March 2018. Recent news stories unfortunately indicate that this disturbing trend shows no signs of slowing down.

Recent knife crime news stories include a man, who staggered into a London hotel lobby on 18th February, bleeding before he died. He had reportedly been knifed in a fight involving up to 15 teenagers outside a nearby pub.

Police have since arrested 11 people on suspicion of murder after the victim stumbled into the Wesley Hotel near Euston Station where he died less than an hour later. Hotel staff called the emergency services at 10.45pm but he was pronounced dead at the scene in Camden at 11.31pm.

This follows the high profile stabbing of a Romanian bouncer, Tudor Simionov, who had moved to the UK two months prior for 'a better life'.

Working outside a New Year's Eve party in Mayfair, Simionov was stabbed and killed after refusing entry into the luxury townhouse by a group of males.

On 8th February Brazilian-born mother of four, Aliny Mendes, was stabbed to death while walking with one of her children near Meadow Primary School in Cheam, Surrey.

A man aged in his 40s was arrested on suspicion of murder, whilst another man in his 50s was arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. Police confirmed at least one of the suspects "was known" to the victim.

We will continue to monitor the rates of knife crime in London and await with interest news and guidance from Police and authorities over how we can stem this epidemic.



COMMUNITIES DEFEAT TERRORISM

On Wednesday 23 January, Counter Terrorism Policing promoted its new phase of the ACT: Action Counters Terrorism' campaign. As part of the campaign they have produced a video which shows communities how they can make a difference and assist police.

[Watch Video](#)

Attack planning can happen anywhere and any attack carried out in the UK has an impact on all communities and on public sector resources. It is therefore important for us to be vigilant in public and to know the kind of things to look for.

The counter-terrorism effort has resulted in a steady increase in the number and quality of intelligence reports that have been of help to police.

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This new campaign aims to improve that rate even higher by continuing to expose suspicious behaviour and by encouraging people to 'ACT'.

For more information take a look at the governments Action Counter Terrorism page:

[Learn More](#)

WOMEN IN THE MET

An exhibition at The Metropolitan Heritage centre in SW6 marks the anniversary of 100 years of female Met Police officers.

Artefacts like handbag-sized truncheons and past uniforms, as well as 'Women Police' signs and a list of criteria such as height, age and marital status that applicants had to fulfil are on display.

The exhibition seeks to inform us of this important milestone in our social history.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our female security guards for the excellent job they do in keeping our customers safe.

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LOCAL NEWS

Shooting in Hampstead

On Sunday 10th February a man was shot in the leg in the Mansfield Road and Roderick Road area of Hampstead Heath. The man's condition was not life-threatening. No arrests have been made.

Highgate Vandalism

The grave of German Philosopher Karl Marx has twice been the target of vandalism this February.

On Saturday 16th February, The words "Doctrine of Hate" and "Architect of Genocide" were painted in red on the grave of Highgate Cemetery's most famous resident. Earlier on the 4th February, the marble plaque had been attacked with a hammer.

A Tweet from the cemetery's account stated, "Whatever you think about Marx's legacy, this is not the way to make the point."

