

## Neighbourhood watch report October 2017

We had a reasonably busy year .There were two meetings of the street coordinators at which we discussed various topics .In addition to that we communicate frequently through a whats app group.

People reported break ins very often and while we appreciate that this is a very difficult thing to do it does help all our residents . We thank all those people who reported incidents to us.

We are very conscious of causing alarm among our community while at the same time we need to keep people informed. With this in mind each coordinator decides if he/she will inform the residents on their street when an incident is reported. The area coordinator is always told when a report is made . It is always good to get details of an incident as it helps form a profile. We don't use names and follow any requests made by people who report to us.

Suspicious activity, while reported sometimes is not often reported.

We did notice that houses without alarms and/or with doors that are easy to knock in were targeted .Also houses with open windows and easy access .Some break ins occurred in the afternoons.

We are linked into the garda text alert system. We didn't get many alerts from the guards during the summer and sometimes the alerts do not relate specifically to our area.

We would appreciate any feedback as it helps any communication between us and maybe offset some incidents. You can always contact us through the residents association or through your street coordinator.

A neighbourhood friendly initiative group was set up under the umbrella of neighbourhood watch.

They were busy in sending a handbook of services for older people to residents and held a successful coffee morning in June.

Finally make sure you know who your street coordinator is and stay in touch with him /her and stay safe.