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Dear Co-ordinators,

Please find enclosed crime figures for August 2016.

Merton Neighbourhood Watch - AGM - Date for your diaries

This years Merton Neighbourhood Watch AGM will be taking place on Thursday 3rd November 2016 in the Council Chamber at Merton Civic Centre, at 7pm. This year we welcome Adrian Tudway from Crimestoppers, he comes highly recommend by Sutton Neighbourhood watch. As always there will be drinks and nibbles so please do make a note in your diaries.

It is usually around this time that we ask for volunteers to join our committee. The committee meet 6 - 8 times a year and produce the newsletter, website, Junior Neighbourhood Watch and help with increasing watches, public meetings and manning stalls at events to name a few!. We are keen to welcome new members. If you can spare a few hours, we would love to hear from you.

Strategic Assessment

Every year Safer Merton (community safety team at Merton Council who employ me!) carry out a Strategic Assessment, which looks at all community safety issues in the borough. As part of this process, a survey is conducted to find out the concerns of those who live and work in the borough in relation to crime, anti-social behaviour and drugs and alcohol.

The results of the survey combined with an analysis of all crimes that happen in the borough help Safer Merton set the partnership's priorities for the year. You can take part in this year's survey by following the link below.

<http://www.merton.gov.uk/safermertonconsultation>

Safer Merton is keen to hear from as many people as possible so if you can spare a few minutes to complete the survey we would be really grateful. The closing date is the 31st of October 2016.

Coffee Morning



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CANCER SUPPORT**

The Dedicated Ward Officers for Mitcham & Morden are holding a Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan. It is being held on Friday the 23rd of September from 11am at Mitcham Police Station. They would like to invite you to join them. I will be attending too so please feel to pop along for a slice of cake and a chat.

Nottingham Knockers

I had an email from a co-ordinator which reads as follows:

I have just had a knock at the door by a young man carrying a large rucksack claiming to be George Atkinson from Middlesborough, recently of HMP Holme House, and now trying to earn living selling items door to door. He showed me two forms of ID - one supposedly from HMP Holme House. A second man was working the other side of the street. About 2 hours later a third individual knocked at my door.

What are Nottingham Knockers?

They are doorstep callers who target areas offering small household products for sale. Sometimes called 'Nottingham Knockers' these callers may claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, however Nottingham Knockers are not part of any recognised rehabilitation scheme.

Further information can be found here:

<http://www.safelocaltrades.com/consumers/advice/nottingham-knockers>

Please be very wary of this type of caller. Our advice is, where possible, check who is at the door before opening it and not to purchase any items from these types of callers.

Kind regards

Lee Roberts

Neighbourhood Watch Managers