

The Loop

Ruislip Manor Safer Neighbourhoods Team

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Reduce the risk of burglary!

Crime Prevention Day

Get the lived-in look

Park a car in your drive if you have one.

Leave a radio or television on or side table lights when it is dark so that while you are out any potential burglar will hear a noise or see a light and be deterred. Use a timer switch to set and control times if necessary.

Good external lighting will help to deter the thief when it is dark.

Door security

ALWAYS double-lock any UPVC doors by lifting the handle and locking it with the key to **fully engage the security devices**. Without doing this the door is vulnerable from being opened from outside.

Burglars can open **unlocked** UPVC doors by using wire through the letterbox or using a screwdriver to force the lock. However cannot if the door is **locked**.

Think before you go to bed or go out, have you locked all your doors and side doors.

Consider fitting a letterbox cage that prevents access through the letterbox and the offender releasing the locks.

A third of all burglars break in to houses through unlocked doors and windows, so lock them securely to keep the intruders out.

Windows

Window locks, which are visible from the outside, may deter thieves because the lock forces the thief to break the glass and risk attracting attention. Thieves are reluctant to climb over broken glass.

Pay particular attention to making sure that ground floor windows and windows that are accessible above flat roofs, close to drain pipes or in reach of fire escapes, are secure.

Mark your property

Marking your property can deter burglars. And if it is ever lost or stolen, it will be easier to identify and you will stand a much better chance of getting it back. Use devices such as **UV Pens** and **Smartwater** to mark your property effectively.

The Ruislip Manor Safer Neighbourhoods Team have organised a few Crime Prevention Days to be held at the New Ruislip Manor Library. The dates that we will be there are **9th April** and **4th June** the day will start at **3pm** and finish around **6pm**, also **14th March** outside Elachi Restaurant, Victoria Rd. More Prevention days are being organised and dates will be posted. Look forward to seeing you there!

Garden Protection Tips

Remember to lock away gardening tools etc in your shed or garage.

Keep garden fences in good repair and consider having trellising on the top.

Roses, a thorny hedge and spiky plants can act as green-leafed deterrents to stop would-be intruders climbing walls or fences.

Use additional locks for garages, shed doors and outside storage areas.

HILLINGDON CONTACT NUMBERS

Here is a list of Contact numbers for reporting issues on Ruislip Manor Ward. We urge you to help us by reporting them as soon as they appear. Thank You.

Graffiti – 01895556000

Anti Social Behaviour – 01895556666

Bus Shelters Vandalism – 0207706871
08007313699

Housing – 01895556666

Council Switchboard – 01895250111

Park Patrols – 01895239241 if any call is an Emergency please still call 999!

If you would like anything to be included in The Loop, please forward your ideas to **Runway House, The Runway South Ruislip Middlesex HA4 6SE**. Or E-mail Benjamin.Thomson@met.police.uk.

Contact the Ruislip Manor Safer Neighbourhoods Team in any of the following ways:

Call: 07909896437

E-Mail –

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