



# BARN HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION©

## NEWSLETTER

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*Dear All,*

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I would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year.

I hope you have not suffered too much from the recent storms. My road has experienced several power cuts in recent days, lasting at least 3 hours.

**NEW SERGEANT:** I would like to welcome Suzanne Hopper who has taken up the role of Safer Neighbourhood Police Sergeant for the Barnhill Ward. She can be reached on 020 8721 2966 or 07920 233755. The email address is BrentBarnhill.snt@met.police.uk

*John Woods* Chairman

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**ESTATE TREES:** *Further to the damage to/loss of trees reported in our last Newsletter, the BHRA will be working with Gary Rimmer from the Council's Street Tree Dept. to obtain like for like funding for tree planting under Boris Johnson's initiative "RE: LEAF". We will update you when we have more information.*

*Congratulations to Philip Bromberg and Mr Legg, residents of Grendon Gardens, for their efforts in working with Gary Rimmer to arrange for trees to be planted in their street.*

**BURGLARIES:** We are sorry to report that burglaries are still on the increase on the Barn Hill Estate and they are increasingly happening during daylight hours. Whenever you leave your property, even if only for a short time, please make sure that it is fully secure. If you see anyone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood, please call the police without delay. It has been reported to us that burglars have been targeting houses in the Preston Road area with Mercedes parked outside, with a view to stealing the keys and making off with the cars.

**SCAM:** Local residents have reported more of the same scam, whereby a criminal purporting to be a Police Officer telephones the householder and claims that their credit card is being used fraudulently. He says he will send a courier to pick up the credit card in question, supposedly to be used in connection with the court case. He invites the victim to ring him back to verify his identity. However, do not under any circumstances use the same telephone to call back, as the criminal will remain on the line to receive your call. Instead ring 999, on **a different phone**, and report the matter to the real Police.

**GRENDON GARDENS STREET REP:** The new Street Reps are Mr&Mrs Karim, who lives at no. 26.

**OUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR:** Councillor Shafique Choudhary can be contacted on 07962 356570, e-mail: [cllr.shafique.choudhary@brent.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.shafique.choudhary@brent.gov.uk)

