



Milton Ernest

Supporting The Village Through The Neighbourhood Watch Network

Dear Villager.

Welcome to this Summer edition of our Newsletter.

703 Milton Ernest is a recognised scheme with National Neighbourhood Watch and our local Community Policing Team. Registered members have direct on-line access to the OURWATCH system that provides up to date information on local and national interests. Being a recognised scheme has its advantages. Some insurers offer discounts to homeowners in active Neighbourhood Watch areas, recognizing the reduced risk associated with such communities. Please consider joining if you're not already a member.

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Next NHW "surgery" 1st September 2025 at the Queens Head. 7.30pm. All welcome.



SAFER BEDFORD

Community Safety Partnership

As a follow up to last year's "See It, Report It" campaign, Safer Bedford has produced a second reporting card which you will receive with this newsletter. They have brought together agencies concerned with tackling and reducing crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse, and increase perceptions about safety and well being in our communities.

SEE IT! REPORT IT!

Report all crime or information

- **Bedfordshire Police:** www.beds.police.uk or ring 101
- **Crimestoppers** (report anonymously): 0800 555 111 (free call) or online www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- **Bedford Borough Council:** www.bedford.gov.uk 01234 267422
- **Emergency:** Ring 999



Be part of the biggest voluntary movement in the UK

By becoming a member you take the first step to making your village a stronger and safer place to be. It's easy to join and it's free; log on to the OURWATCH website and press "find your local scheme".

We are the '703 Milton Ernest' Scheme.

You will automatically be placed on the OURWATCH messaging system, which is used by Bedfordshire Police, Beds Fire & Rescue Service and Action Fraud as well as National Neighbourhood Watch, to give members information on crime prevention, safety and security and campaigns, both local and national. You will receive the monthly newsletters, and be more equipped to tackle important issues affecting your village.

Neighbourhood Watch only use your details to administer your account.
For more information, see the Privacy Policy on the OURWATCH website.

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555111

100% anonymous. Always.

Is an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime 100% anonymously. By phone and online, 24/7, 365 days a year.

No police contact. No witness statements. No courts.

Every year we help stop thousands of crimes. So let's make communities safer together.

Protecting against doorstep scams:

Remember, you don't have to open the door to anyone you don't know.

Display your no cold calling sign at your front door or window.

Don't be embarrassed to say "no" or ask people to leave.

Never sign anything on the spot.

Never hand over your bank cards, cash, jewellery or any other valuable items to anyone claiming to be from the police or your bank.

Protecting against telephone scams:

Scam calls and texts are carried out by criminals who are trying to encourage you to hand over money, or your personal or financial information.

Don't be afraid to put the phone down on callers you don't recognise.

Ring **7726** to report any unwanted or suspicious texts or phone calls. Don't click on any links or 'option numbers'. Don't give any personal or bank details, even if pressed. If unsure, hang up.

Your bank will never ask you for personal information or bank details over the phone.

Consider a Telephone Preference Service.

Protecting against on-line scams:

Make sure your computer has up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall installed.

Ensure your browser is set to the highest level of security and monitoring to prevent malware issues and computer crimes.

Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Protect your email account with a strong, separate password and enable two-factor authentication (2FA) where possible.

For more advice and guidance visit the Action Fraud Website or National Cyber Security Centre.

What should I do if I've been scammed?

Act quickly and tell your bank and someone you trust.

There is support available;

Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040. If you suspect you've been scammed, report it to Action Fraud either over the phone or via their website.

Citizens Advice: contact them if you've been scammed on your doorstep and they will pass your report onto Trading Standards.

Call **999** to speak to the police in an emergency, or **101** if you're not in immediate danger and want to report the incident.

Riseley Police Station

Is the base for the North Beds Rural Team.

Sergeant Sarah Cluff

PC Kerri Jones

PC Mark Hancock

PC Abi Holt

PC Clarke Parkinson

PC Vito Napoli

PCSO James Dancer

PCSO Stephen Tarabella

These Officers cover the North Beds villages.

A Police Volunteer is there for general enquiries most Wednesday mornings from 9:00am to 12 noon.

The police are keen for the public to contact them with concerns using their on-line survey facility;

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BedsPoliceHaveYourSay)

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They have Social Media accounts on Facebook and Twitter and to contact any of the team, ring 101 to make an appointment.

If you see anything suspicious or wish to report a crime, you can do it on line via Bedfordshire Police website; or ring 101. Always ring 999 in an emergency.

The police can now link into your phone when dialling 999 to live stream any incident as it happens.

'Remember'

if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is !!

To join Neighbourhood Watch, visit OURWATCH.org.uk