

**NAPIER NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT NEWSLETTER:  
OCTOBER 2011: Author; Brian Hall Phone 842 0259**



**Greetings**

**A NEW NAME TO REMEMBER**

**Willi Paul** has moved on to expand his work with the Police. Our thanks go to Willi for his dedication and enthusiasm in growing Neighbourhood Support over the past 4 years.

**Brian Hall** is the new Field Officer. I first moved to HB over 40 years ago from the Mainland. I bring experience from 30 years in Banking and working for two non profit organisations. I am a keen Rotarian belonging to the Greenmeadows Club. I also enjoy vege gardening & sea kayaking.

I am looking forward to meeting existing and new group members.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUPS:**

As at the end of September 2011, Neighbourhood Support has grown by 33 Groups to 799 Groups.

Household membership of **9289** calculating out to **43%** of total dwellings in the Napier Urban area. (Figures compared to the 2006 census).

**CRIME FIGURES NEXT COLUMN:**

Burglaries and theft incidents over the past 4 months are above average. The Police are putting extra effort into establishing patterns and catching the offenders. Napier Community Patrol has also increased their patrols in some areas to assist. If you see suspicious vehicles or persons who do not "fit in" in your neighbourhood, do not hesitate to phone the Police. Dial 111 when it is happening, or 8310700 after the event.

**CRIME STATISTICS  
JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2011**

Figures are confined to burglaries, thefts from vehicles and stolen vehicles.

We can provide a breakdown for your particular street/area – **just give me a call. (Figures in brackets are Households involved in each Group)**

**Taradale (4179):** Burglaries 14; Theft from cars 9; Stolen Vehicles 11;

**Tamatea: (1983)**Burglaries 16; Theft from cars 3; stolen vehicles. 6

**Greenmeadows (2526):** Burglaries 20; Theft from cars 10; Stolen Vehicles 1

**Poraiti Includes Parklands (249)** Burglaries 2; Theft from cars 0; Stolen vehicles 1.

**Pirimai (1332):** Burglaries 5; Theft from cars 5; Stolen vehicles 1.

**Onekawa (2163):** Burglaries 38; Theft from cars 12 (includes industrial area);Stolen vehicles 8.

**Maraenui (1062):** Burglaries 13; Theft from cars 4; Stolen vehicles 3.

**Marewa (1869):** Burglaries 19; Theft from cars 11; Stolen vehicles 6

**Napier South (1971):** Burglaries 20; Theft from cars 11; Stolen vehicles 6.

**Ahuriri (378):** Burglaries 4; Theft from cars 1; Stolen vehicles 3.

**Pandora:** Burglaries 5; Theft from cars 3; Stolen vehicles 1.

**Bluff Hill (1131):** Burglaries 8; Theft from cars 19; Stolen vehicles 3.

**Hospital Hill (1155):** Burglaries 7; Theft from cars 9; Stolen Vehicles 2.

**Westshore(504):** Burglaries 3; Theft from cars 3; Stolen vehicles 1.

**Bay View (684):** Burglaries 1; Theft from cars 0; Stolen vehicles 1.

**Meeanee (432):** Burglaries 1; Theft from cars 1; Stolen vehicles 0.

**Jervoistown:** Burglaries 0; Theft from cars 0.

**Te Awa:** Burglaries 2; Theft from cars 0; Stolen Vehicles 1.

**City:** Burglary 3; Theft from cars 3; Stolen Vehicles 1

**Awatoto (141):** Burglaries 5; Theft from cars 0; Stolen Vehicles 0.

**Other Rural:**

**Eskdale:** Burglaries 1; Theft from cars 1; Stolen Vehicles 2

**Fernhill:** Burglaries 1; Theft from cars 1

**Puketapu:** Burglaries 6; Theft from cars 0; Stolen Vehicles 0

**Pakowhai:** Burglaries 1; Theft from cars 1

**Te Pohue:** Burglaries 1; Theft from cars 0

**Tangoio:** Burglaries 3; Theft from cars 0; Stolen Vehicles 1

**CRIME FIGURES (Continued)**

**Patoka** Burglaries 1, Theft from car 1

**Waiwhare** Car theft 1.

**Pukehamoamo:** Burglaries 0; Theft from cars 0

**Puketitiri:** Burglaries 0

**Waiohiki:** Burglaries 0

**Napier Airport:** Not recorded

**MY "WAKE-UP CALL"**

We live in a cul-de-sac in Taradale West. A nice area with good neighbours. At about 1pm on a Monday in October, my wife went out and I decided to mow the lawns for a neighbour just around the corner (about 2 minutes walk). I left the house through the side ranch slider door at about 1.15pm but failed to lock it. We are usually very security conscience but on this occasion I slipped up and learnt a very hard lesson.

It was only about 10 to 15 minutes later that I returned and got a shock to find the garage door wide open and my car gone. I went straight to my bedside drawer where the car key lives and found that gone along with just over \$200 in cash out of my wallet (just been to the ATM that morning). My cards were still there fortunately. I then discovered that our 50 inch TV was also missing so immediately rang the police on 111. At this point I was, of course, very upset.

The police were very good and acted quickly. We are so lucky because they located the car in Flaxmere (with TV jammed in the back seat), within the hour. They haven't completed their investigation yet but at least we got our property back (minus the cash).

From now on we will be securely locking up the house even if we only leave it for a few minutes. We are also having an alarm installed. It's a horrible feeling to know that someone was watching our movements so closely and have been right through our house. (Submitted by a non NHS Member, who has now "joined the team")

## STREET CONTACT PEOPLE REMINDERS

Over recent weeks, at the request of the Police, we have sent crime alerts to 5 areas. Time and cost does not allow us to send these alerts by mail. We only use email. If you as the contact person do not have an email address, can you find someone we can send these warnings to, and they can pass the message to you?

Having your neighbours on an email tree will save you time and effort when alerts, newsletters or meetings are called. We encourage you to obtain email addresses and supply these to Brian at;  
napiernhs@paradise.net.nz

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Thank you to those members who have supported these companies.

A special thanks to the Napier City Council and Hastings District Council for your ongoing financial support.



## OPERATION SNAP [www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz)

What is Snap?

Operation SNAP is a project run by the NZ Police and community partners designed to reduce burglary.

The SNAP website enables you to record serial numbers or identifying details of your goods online for key purposes:

- To enable quick and easy retrieval of your stolen property
- To help Police catch and identify burglars
- To deter burglars from entering properties displaying a SNAP warning sticker
- To assist you in identifying your missing items and processing your burglary with the Police
- To speed up the process of Insurance claims in the event of fire or damage.

It is easy register and enter your household valuables. It took me only 6 minutes to register. After registering, you then enter descriptions, serial numbers and photos of your property. The ability to add photos is extremely valuable for items without serial numbers – your rings, paintings, antiques and special Family items.

**VISIT [www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz) TODAY**

## UV PENS – INVISIBLE WRITING

I have a supply of Pens designed to write on items of value such as televisions and other electrical equipment, antiques and paintings. Mark the property with your personal code. If the item is stolen and located by the Police, they can identify it by using a “black light”. This will improve the chances of your stolen items being returned to you, and provide proof to hopefully convict the offender.

I will deliver pens to Groups as I visit them. Otherwise, ring or email me.

## Senior Constable Pete Gimblett – Taradale Policing Centre writes:

Hi, a quick introduction. I am based at the Taradale Community Policing Centre and cover the area south of Meeanee/Puketapu Road to the Ngaruroro river, east to Awatoto and west to Kuripapango and Puketitiri. My colleague Senior Constable John Gillon covers the remaining Taradale area.

Obviously my patch is large, and at times the "butter can get spread a bit thin on the toast"! This is where you people in NHS are an invaluable resource that I am able to tap into, both to disseminate and receive important information. I cannot stress enough the importance of reporting activity to the Police as soon as possible that you think is suspicious. My rule of thumb is if you take a second look at something or somebody because it does not fit then it is probably something the Police should know. The time delay in receiving that information can mean the difference between us catching an offender and not, that is why it is important those calls are made promptly. Phone the Napier Police station on 8310700 or 111, which will take to Police Communications, are your best options depending on the circumstances. If you need advice your local Community Constable is a good resource.

## CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR ARE NOT FAR AWAY!

It is time to review your home security arrangements over this period when many of us are away from our homes for short or longer periods.

Consider:

- \*\* Do your Neighbours know when you are away and how you can be contacted?
- \*\* Neighbours or friends checking your home and grounds regularly?
- \*\* Your home is secure, windows & doors properly locked and no insecure fittings?
- \*\* Lights & music on timers giving the appearance someone is at home?
- \*\* Letter box cleared regularly?
- \*\* Lawns mowed & grounds tidy?
- \*\* If you have an alarm, is it monitored? Will it go off incessantly, annoy your neighbours and worse will they ignore it?