

### Crime rates in Tameside for the last 12 months



	Feb	Mar	Apr	Average
2009	1681	1859	1730	1756.7
2010	1365	1717	1588	1556.7

### Stop Telephone Scams

#### *Register with the Telephone Preference Service*

This is a service which offers free registration to anyone to avoid unsolicited telephone calls. It takes about 28 days to activate but after that most of the unwanted telephone calls will cease. Registration can be made online, by phone or in writing. Further information can be found on their website at [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) or by telephone on 0845 070 0707

### Neighbourhood Police Teams



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# TAMESIDE HOME WATCH

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### Reporting Crime

If you want to report a crime to the Police  
 Call 999 in an emergency only.  
 For all other enquiries call **0161 872 5050**.

Alternatively, you can report a crime to Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

If you do call the Police, always ask for a Force Wide Incident Number (FWIN)

#### When you are reporting an incident, remember the 4 Ws:

- What** - what exactly did you see and what were you doing?  
 Try and remember what you actually saw, not what you think you saw
- Who** - who did you see?  
 Try to take note of approximate age and height, gender and ethnicity.  
 Try also to remember what the person was wearing
- When** - when was the incident?  
 Remember to take a note of the time
- Where** - where was the incident?  
 Have a look around - if you don't know the street look for a landmark like a pub or a shop

## AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOODS

### Spot Light on the West

#### Mini Moto Confiscated at Home Watch Meeting



Residents are already seeing the benefits of joining Home Watch after an anti-social biker had his mini motorbike seized during their first meeting.

PCSO Sarah Gallagher had only just arrived to chair the inaugural Home Watch meeting at Fairfield Square in Droylsden on Tuesday 11 May when the newly appointed Home Watch coordinator told her there was someone riding a mini motorbike in an anti-social manner behind the Moravian College.

The officer went to the back of the college to question the man about his behaviour and find out who owned the motorbike. After the man said he did not own the bike PCSO Gallagher confiscated the vehicle at which point the man became aggressive and ran away.

PCSO Gallagher said: "Anti-social behaviour has been raised as an issue by residents living in the Fairfield Square area and setting up a Home Watch scheme is just one way officers and residents are working together to address the problem.

"Through regular meetings, neighbours can share information with each other and the police. As part of our commitment to the Policing Pledge we are encouraging people to talk to us so that we can then respond to their concerns and work with residents to make their neighbourhood a safer and more pleasant place to live.

"I would encourage as many people as possible to join Home Watch and talk to us about what is going on in their area as our success relies on the support of the local community."

Home Watch has been hailed as one of the largest and most successful crime prevention initiatives across the Force and has a proven track record in significantly reducing crime in local communities.

## Opportunist Burglars

The recent warm weather and approach of the summer months means many people will be leaving windows and doors open.

However, residents are being reminded to ensure rooms are secure when leaving them unoccupied.

Crime Reduction Advisor Les Taylor said: "As the weather improves many people will be leaving windows and doors unlocked as they do their gardening or so that children can get into the house if they are playing outside.

"Unfortunately, opportunist thieves will see this as an invitation to gain access and steal from people's homes.

In order to deter would-be burglars residents should keep doors and windows locked when they are occupying a different part of the house."

A third of burglaries in Greater Manchester occur where homes have been left insecure.

An offender opened an insecure front door to try to gain access, luckily the elderly lady had a door chain on and had been given a door chime just a few months

previously, which alerted the occupant. When challenged the offender asked to borrow a screw driver, he was very persistent and eventually the occupant had to slam the door on his hand to get the door shut

Malcolm Tarling of the Association of British Insurers said: "Even though residents may have home contents insurance leaving a premises insecure could cause a problem when making a claim, should the worst happen."

### Rogue Trader

There has been an incident in the St. Peter's area of Ashton, whereby two offenders said they would clean an elderly couple's guttering for £20 the male occupant agrees, the male then comes back to the door and says that the guttering is broken, the occupant agreed for the male to fix it, the offender then demands £4800 from the occupant.

Please remember, never let anyone in your home you don't know. Ask for and check ID for all callers and **'If in doubt keep them out'**

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