WINSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH -- 9th December 2013

Information from the Police

Local Burglaries

Sadly - but not unexpectedly at this time of year - a number of burglaries have occurred recently in the Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon areas, including the villages. Most have been at night, but one (in Holt) happened on Sunday afternoon, eight days ago, when the key was taken **by the burglar reaching through a dog flap.** Another house was entered when the occupant was taking a shower.

The advice given is as follows:

* Make sure doors and windows are locked at night and when you are out during the day, and even when you are in a part of the house away from the entrance doors.

* Leave some lights on when you are out during the evening.

* Install timer switches on two or three table lamps so that they come on during the evening. Do this when you are away for a few day, or just overnight, and also when you go out during the day and are due to return after dark.

* Christmas presents should be stored well out of sight, preferably upstairs. The loft is an ideal place if you are away for a day or two before Christmas.

* For those going away during the Christmas holidays, do ask a neighbour to keep a watch on the house, to have a key (in order to collect post, etc.) and to take a forwarding address.

A reminder of Police 'phone numbers: 999 (emergency)
101 (non-emergency)

May I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Roy Ludlow