



Burglaries and Break-ins in your area

Taken from the police public website here are the numbers of reported unlawful entry in Hamilton city with intent to burglary, theft and related offences, break ins and enter by police area for the month of July 2023. Please note that police named areas do not exactly match Neighbourhood Support Group areas. If your area is not mentioned, it is not available from the police website. NSH members can view these police statistics online.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications-statistics/data-and-statistics/policedatanz/victimisation-time-and-place>

Bader 8	Frankton 32	Peachgrove 43
Beerescourt 29	Glenview 8	Peacocke 3
Bryant 12	Grandview 9	Porritt 14
Brymer 8	Hamilton Central 238	Pukete 3
Burbush 9	Hamilton East 18	Pukete West 1
Chartwell 3	Hamilton Lake 42	Queenwood 8
Chedworth 36	Hillcrest West 15	Riverlea 15
Clarkin 17	Horsham Downs 13	Rotokauri 9
Claudelands 7	Huntington 46	Rototuna 10
Crawshaw 4	Insoll 10	Silverdale 4
Dinsdale North 4	Maeroa 10	Swarbrick 18
Dinsdale South 29	Melville 9	Sylvester 3
Enderley 36	Nawton 19	Te Rapa 213
Fairview Downs 4	Naylor 8	Temple View 2
Flagstaff 9	Newstead 8	University 28



Prevention Messaging - SCAMS

Online scams

Internet scams can affect anyone at any time so being aware of what to look for and knowing what to do is important to protect yourself and your family.

Common types of online scams include

- Romance scams
- Cold calling scams
- Business email compromise
- Employment or work-at-home scams
- Investment opportunity scams

These scams leverage the inexpensive and effective use of technology and social networking applications to extend their reach to a wider audience and increase their likelihood of prospective victims. This can be achieved via the following delivery methods of unsolicited email, social networking profile or post, text message, advertised on a related web site, cold call, Instant messaging (e.g. Facebook Messenger, Windows Live Messenger, Yahoo! Messenger, Skype, Google Talk, WhatsApp, WeChat).

Romance scam

Romance scams involve deceiving someone by pretending to have romantic intentions towards them to gain their affection and trust. This scam can be quite effective due to the scammer's targeting of unsuspecting people on a platform designed for the purpose of introducing each other. These specific trusted platforms can include dating websites, social networking sites, classified sites, and locationbased social search mobile apps. The scam typically escalates quickly where the scammer acts as if they have fallen for the victim as this creates a sense of attachment on the victim's part so that the victim feels guilty refusing the scammer's requests which usually involves money.

Other possible circumstances from meeting someone online could also involve you in:

- Freight forwarding goods to overseas addresses where they were purchased online with stolen funds
- Money laundering of stolen funds transferred in the scammers deception of life savings, family inheritance, insurance payment, work income, etc.

Cold calling scam

Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their approaches to deceive their victims into believing they are credible and that immediate payment is required to remedy the problem. Methods of payment can vary in the form of a bank transfer, providing credit card details, or vouchers such as iTunes.

Cold calling anyone in the world is reasonably inexpensive due to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) calls which delivers voice communications over the Internet. Localised telephone numbers can be sourced to look like the caller is based in NZ or through the use of the technology to spoof (impersonate) the caller ID number.

There are varying types of techniques used by scammers to impersonate an authority to either pressure or entice their victim and commonly misrepresent themselves as the following:

- Immigration Department
- Tax Department
- Technical Support or PC Repair Company
- Telecommunications Provider
- Internal Affairs
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Look for the signs of cold calling scams and their associated behaviour which may include:

- Always be alert to blocked or unknown telephone numbers on your caller display before answering the call
- Beware of any requests made over the phone for your financial details and/or personal details
- Identify the unreasonable demand for you to make immediate payment whilst remaining on the call
- Do not comply with any request for someone on the phone to have you install software to give them full access to your computer.
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Defending against this scam may include the following:

- Scrutinize email addresses and not the display name for any subtle changes
- Keep an eye out for the reply email address being different to the senders
- Verify any change in banking details other than by email
- Be cautious of any unexpected product quote or service inquiry that requires an attachment to be opened
- Enable two factor authentication for webmail and if possible account security alerts
- Educate all staff especially those in the organisation who have ability of making payments

More information

Spam(link is external) | Department of Internal Affairs

Scam Alerts(link is external) | Consumer Protection

For more information on cyber security try these links below:

Netsafe

<https://netsafe.org.nz/advice/scams/>

<https://netsafe.org.nz/scam-tips/>

CERT NZ:

<https://www.cert.govt.nz/>

New Zealand Police:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/search-results/scams>

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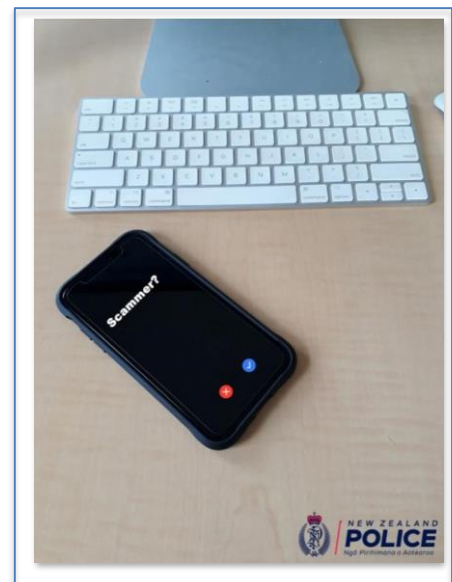
Waikato Police Prevention Team

“One Police, One District”

Kind regards

Craig Berquist

Snr. Constable Hamilton Prevention, Hamilton Police





MALL COPS 2023



Put these dates on your calendar –

Hamilton Police Prevention Team are pleased to announce another two “Mall Cops” events in our local Shopping Malls.

Come along and meet the team, along with our partners from Neighbourhood Support Hamilton and Community Patrols NZ.

Chartwell Shopping Centre ;

Tuesday 26th September, 12.00 – 3.00pm

The Base Shopping Centre ;

Wednesday 27th September, 12.00 – 3.00pm



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Game Changing- NS Waitakere Online Training Module for Street Group Contacts

NS Waitakere was formed in September of 2007. When we were first established, our Coordinators attended every new group set up in a street and had the Police Community Constable attend also. Back then, most groups would have regular street meetings. Our Neighbourhood Support network area flourished, as did our member database, and we found we were constantly needing to adapt to the consistent changes in our growth.

Pre-2010 we had identified that it was essential for us to have some type of face-to-face training, which every new Street Group contact attended before starting their street group. We found our Street contacts were not able to attend the face-to-face training due to time constraints, working commitments, health reasons, family dynamics etc.

So, the Group Contact Online Training Module was born out of the need to create a time-flexible training option. This allowed our new group contacts to complete it in a time-frame that suited them. It also meant we could streamline the work time of our Coordinators because by this time we had thousands more members on our database and we were unable to attend every street group set up, limiting how many groups we could set up.

This training module contains informative, educational, preparedness, emergency resilience and prevention advice from our partners -NZ Police, FENZ, Civil Defence, Auckland Council, and Neighbourhood Support NZ, including essential components of polices such as; Health & Safety, Privacy, and a Group Contact declaration. The whole point is to educate our Group Contacts so they can understand what their essential role entails and to keep them informed and safe in their voluntary roles, as well as the necessary resources so they are equipped to educate their group members.

At the time of creating this resource, we had not even considered or expected that we would have a Covid Pandemic arrive in Aotearoa and that we would have our first lockdown in 2020 and the second one in 2021. Thankfully, because we were already using the online training we were in the unique position to carry on as usual with setting up groups, whilst keeping us and our members safe.

Creating this valuable resource is one of the best things we have done!

Kind Regards

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Neighbourhood Support Te Awamutu and surrounding areas: Life after Covid

Since the relaxation of Covid restrictions there has been a lot of change in our neighbourhoods and businesses. Many of our work routines have changed, we have adapted to working from home and the office. Our hours of work have led to more residents being home during the day. This has highlighted who we live next door too, the movements of the street and how much traffic is present. We have had an increase in complaints about speeding vehicles, driver behaviour and our community has noticed that the local drivers are the issue. In our area we have had to address certain streets collectively and remind the road users that they need to adhere to the road rules. Drivers become very complacent when using the local roads daily and cause more hazards than they realise.

Living next door to neighbours who we previously just acknowledged when passing has changed. We now interact with our direct neighbours more and know their names and contact details. This has been a highlight for NS in general and we know it connects us to our community. It has also been shown on our streets that there are people who need support. Whether that support is from agencies or groups in our area we must acknowledge all the mahi they do support our young, disabled or elderly individuals to get daily tasks achieved.

Some of our neighbours feel isolated and still feel a bit anxious about going into the local shops. There are residents in our community that have managed to avoid the Covid positive experience, and they wish to remain that way. However, that has meant that social groups and hobbies have not been attended and memberships to those groups have fallen over the last 2 years. We have seen many of our sports, social and youth groups close and they are just trying to reopen now. Volunteers to help run these groups are now in demand. Shortages of these valued roles are being seen across our region.

Here in Kihikihi, CommSafe decided to help the community. In September we are hosting Kihikihi Community Day where all groups, clubs, health, wellbeing, sports and non profit groups will come together to showcase what they have on offer. This will be an opportunity to remind the community of what they can do close to home, what they can volunteer for and how they can connect to fun, safe activities. Kihikihi businesses have supported this and will be encouraging our residents to make the most of one day specials. Details can be found on our Facebook page.

We have spoken to several local groups and individuals and asked what local concerns they have. I am certain they will be similar to NS Hamilton members and it is good to share how the community is moving forward.

Kind Regards
Mandy Merson
Community Safety Officer,
CommSafe Neighbourhood Support



Embracing Life After Covid

Strengthening Community Resilience in the Cambridge Region.

The Covid-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges to communities around the world. The Cambridge region, known for its vibrant town, beautiful trees, and sporting prowess, was no exception. However, as the dust begins to settle and societies slowly transition into a post-pandemic era, the region is witnessing resurgence in a spirit of unity partly driven by a burgeoning community resilience. Resilience and unity are key values for Cambridge Neighbourhood Support (CNS), a local organization dedicated to safe and well connected communities and actively fostering a sense of preparedness for any future challenges.

CNS has taken proactive steps to strengthen community bonds and enhance the region's ability to respond effectively to emergencies. One of their notable initiatives is the creation of Neighbourhood Emergency Plans. By involving residents in the planning process, CNS not only ensures that communities are well-equipped to handle emergencies but also fosters a sense of collective responsibility and camaraderie.

Empowering Communities through Knowledge: Subsidized First Aid Courses

Knowledge is a powerful tool, especially when it comes to saving lives. Recognizing the significance of basic first aid skills in emergency situations and with support of the Cambridge Community Board, CNS has taken a proactive approach by offering monthly subsidized first aid courses. These courses provide participants with essential skills to provide immediate assistance and support to those in need until professional help arrives. By making these courses affordable and accessible, CNS ensures that a wider segment of the community can equip themselves with life-saving knowledge.

Nurturing Future Leaders: Children's Citizenship Programme

Preparing for the future goes beyond just immediate emergency response. It involves nurturing the next generation to be responsible, engaged, and informed citizens. Understanding this, CNS is on the brink of launching a children's citizenship programme. This innovative initiative aims to educate young minds about their role in the community, the importance of civic engagement, and the value of helping others. CNS is sowing the seeds of a brighter future for the Cambridge region. This programme not only imparts knowledge but also nurtures empathy, responsibility, and a sense of belonging among the youth.

A Brighter Tomorrow

The challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic may have been daunting, but they have also spurred the emergence of new approaches to community empowerment and preparedness. As communities in the Cambridge region continue to heal, adapt, and grow, the efforts of CNS serve as a reminder that even in the face of challenges, we can emerge stronger when we come together with a shared vision of creating a better world for all.

Kind Regards

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Neighbourhood Support Hamilton

Dear Members,

Neighbourhood Support would like to invite you to our meet the candidates meeting. The main focus will be on how political parties will reduce & prevent crime in Hamilton.

Mark Bunting will MC the event.

When: Tuesday 19th September, 7pm-9pm.

Where: Te Kete Aronui - Rototuna Library, 30 North City Road, Rototuna North

Please make sure you RSVP if you would like to attend to mattcnismail@gmail.com.

Supper will be available after the meeting.

Dear Members, We need your help!! Help kick breast cancer to the kerb at the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal. One of our board members Chelsea is an Area Co-ordinator in Rototuna, Chartwell and Te Rapa for Pink Ribbon and desperately needs your help this October. If you can spare just 2 hours of your time on either Friday 27th or Saturday 28th October to volunteer as a street collector, please sign up at the link below:

<https://pinkribbonvolunteer.org.nz/collection-sites>



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