



## Message from The Chairperson

With the onset of summer and the festive season, this is an exciting time of the year for many. All of us at Neighbourhood Support Hamilton wish our members a happy Christmas and a lovely summer holiday. Let's hope this summer is a big improvement on the weather many parts of the country experienced a year ago.

However, for many in our community, Christmas is an especially lonely experience, and it can also be a time of sadness, anxiety and tension. That is why Neighbourhood Support Hamilton is supporting children who might otherwise miss out on the joy of the season by donating some proceeds from our recent Quiz Night to causes providing gifts for families experiencing hardship, and we associate ourselves with family-focused community events. Thank you to those who supported our Quiz Night: it was a very successful event and we hope to repeat it in 2024.

Last month we were pleased to recruit an additional part-time Area Coordinator to improve our services within our community. Congratulations and thank you to Wendy Cooper for accepting this appointment. Wendy has been an enthusiastic member of our NSH Management Committee in recent times, and she has an excellent understanding of our priorities and core activities. She has thrown herself into her new role with gusto and may well become the most visible member of our organisation in the community.

We extend our thanks to our former Chairperson, Richard McColl, who has resigned from our Management Committee, and our best wishes to our Events Coordinator, Matthew Small, who is taking leave of absence to pursue employment opportunities for an indefinite period in Queensland. Matthew is a real asset to our team and he is under strict instructions to return!

To all our NSH Management Committee members, and local street coordinators, who have worked hard this year to strengthen our organisation and run activities that enrich our community, and to our members who support our neighbourhoods, I say a big "thank you" – and we look forward to doing it all again in 2024!

Ngā mihi nui,

**Tim Macindoe,**

**Chairperson**



## Hamilton Police

Helping you to protect yourselves and your property over this Xmas period



### HOME SAFETY & CHRISTMAS MESSAGE :

Hamilton Police would like to take this opportunity leading into the Christmas Holiday Season, to assist you keep your property safe leading into the pre-Christmas period and over the Christmas Holiday period.

Every and any effort you make can reduce the opportunity of becoming a victim of a crime !  
"Prevention first, what you do Counts." Don't make it easy for them – Remove the Opportunity !

Here are a few simple tips that may assist you keep your property safe this Christmas when you are away from your house ;

- 1/. If you are going away on Holiday over the Christmas period, let a trusted neighbour ( or 2 ) know and how to get in touch should they need. Your neighbours are your eyes and ears and able to keep an eye on your property while you are away. Maybe ask a neighbour if they would park their car in your drive while you are away ?
- 2/. Lock your house and if you have an alarm – use it.
- 3/. Consider the use of CCTV cameras to protect your property.
- 4/. Have a neighbour or family member clear your letterbox. A bulging letterbox is usually a good indicator that you are not at home. Cancel or put Newspaper deliveries on hold.
- 5/. Report all suspicious activity and vehicles in your street ( 111 if it is happening now / 105 if it is historic ; [105@police.govt.nz](mailto:105@police.govt.nz) )
- 6/. LOCKS, LIGHTS, and LINES OF SIGHT – install good window and door locks, and use them! Install sensor lighting and consider trimming trees and hedges to ensure good lines of sight around your property.
- 7/. Get to know your Neighbours – they will know best when something or someone is out of place.
- 8/. Unkept lawns are a good indicator that you are away – plan ahead.

9/. Displaying Christmas Presents under the tree leading up to Christmas may encourage burglars to try their luck at your address. Burglars are Opportunists – we need to REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY.

10/. Break up your boxes from your Christmas Presents so that you do not display what you have got in your house to potential burglars. Turning them inside out is a good option.

## PROTECTING YOUR CAR :



Lock it or Lose it.

Out of sight, out of mind.

- Don't leave anything in your vehicle while you're not about !
- This includes GPS devices attached to windows and loose change in middle consoles
- Thieves love to see your valuables sitting on seats or just under seats, consider installing a car alarm or **using a steering lock.**



## NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT :

Talk to your neighbours about setting up or joining a Neighbourhood Support Group in your street. Having good, alert neighbours are the key to reducing crime in your street.

It's very easy to join – just log onto the website [www.nshamilton.org.nz](http://www.nshamilton.org.nz) , click on "JOIN US" and follow the online instructions to join an existing group or start up a new one.

Joining Neighbourhood Support is FREE.

**Burglaries and Unlawful Entry in Hamilton City**

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 are for the month of October 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. Neighbourhood Support Hamilton members can view these police statistics online.

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

<b>Bader 19</b>	<b>Frankton 28</b>	<b>Peachgrove 49</b>
<b>Beerescourt 20</b>	<b>Glenview 10</b>	<b>Peacocke 4</b>
<b>Bryant 2</b>	<b>Grandview 6</b>	<b>Porritt 9</b>
<b>Brymer 1</b>	<b>Hamilton Central 378</b>	<b>Pukete 7</b>
<b>Burbush 10</b>	<b>Hamilton East 9</b>	<b>Pukete West 4</b>
<b>Chartwell 3</b>	<b>Hamilton Lake 40</b>	<b>Queenwood 3</b>
<b>Chedworth 30</b>	<b>Hillcrest West 16</b>	<b>Riverlea 8</b>
<b>Clarkin 34</b>	<b>Horsham Downs 15</b>	<b>Rotokauri 4</b>
<b>Claudlands 11</b>	<b>Huntington 49</b>	<b>Rototuna 9</b>
<b>Crawshaw 4</b>	<b>Insoll 7</b>	<b>Silverdale 6</b>
<b>Dinsdale North 8</b>	<b>Maeroa 4</b>	<b>Swarbrick 14</b>
<b>Dinsdale South 23</b>	<b>Melville 13</b>	<b>Sylvester 4</b>
<b>Enderley 58</b>	<b>Nawton 10</b>	<b>Te Rapa 174</b>
<b>Fairview Downs 6</b>	<b>Naylor 19</b>	<b>Temple View 3</b>
<b>Flagstaff 10</b>	<b>Newstead 3</b>	<b>University 25</b>



## QUIZ NIGHT

Neighbourhood Support Hamilton held our first pub quiz night for our members at The Cook Bar. Tickets were sold for \$10 per person and we had some amazing prizes donated for raffles and silent auctions.

Thank you to Chris from The Cook Bar for holding such an amazing and successful event for us and thank you to all our amazing members that came along and supported us.

We managed to make an amazing \$700 which will be used to purchase toys and gifts for less fortunate children this Christmas and also to support victims of crime in Hamilton 🍷🎁🌲

If you attended, we would LOVE to hear your feedback





## PARTY PLANNING CHECKLIST

You've ordered the cake and sent out invites, but could you be leaving something important off your party planning checklist? Whether it's a small backyard gathering, or a big celebration for a special occasion, a little extra planning and consideration will go a long way in keeping you, your guests, and your neighbours happy.

Use the following checklist to help make sure your party goes off without a hitch:

- Give neighbours a heads up**  
If there's any possibility that your event could be noisy, or raise other concerns such as impacting parking on your street, it's worth knocking on doors or dropping a note in you neighbours' letterboxes to let them know about your event well in advance. Make sure to include your contact details so that if any issues crop up on the day they can contact you first rather than turning to local authorities.
- Be considerate of noise**  
Have a plan for when your party will start and end, and stick to it. If you want to keep the good times rolling, consider taking the party off-site; or, at the very least turn down the music, move indoors, and close all your doors and windows. Noise by-laws vary from town to town so if you're unsure check with your local council.
- Look after your guests**  
Let your guests know in advance where they can and cannot park on your street, and perhaps suggest using public transport or ride-sharing if parking could be tricky. If people will be drinking alcohol, make sure there is plenty of water and food available and everyone is able to get home safely.
- Keep things tidy**  
Not only will broken bottles on the sidewalk or costumes strewn about your neighbourhood ruffle feathers, but so will guests who spill out into the street. If your property is too small to contain all of your guests, consider moving things to a nearby venue or suitable public area. Make sure to do a sweep after your event to tidy up any litter.
- Prepare necessary permits**  
Planning on lighting a fire, setting off fireworks, selling food or alcohol, or closing off your street? Regardless of the size or type of party, certain activities will require a permit. If you're unsure, check with your local council.

Parties are all about having a good time, so keep it considerate so that everyone stays happy!



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**Street / Area Coordinator's**

Are you a current Neighbourhood Support Hamilton street or area coordinator?

We are currently updating our database and would be pleased to hear from you regarding your interest in staying on, or if you no longer wish to be a street or area coordinator. Please email us on [info@nshamilton.org.nz](mailto:info@nshamilton.org.nz) or contact us through our Facebook page either way to let us know.

We are also keen to attract new street and area coordinators to cover the many streets and areas that do not currently have a contact person. We are hoping in the near future to give our street and area coordinators more support in matters such as preventing crime in our neighbourhoods, and participating in local workshops or events held by Neighbourhood Support Hamilton, as we are only as strong as our enthusiastic members and community enable us to be.

If you wish to become a street or area coordinator for NSH please contact us by email [info@nshamilton.org.nz](mailto:info@nshamilton.org.nz) or on Facebook.

Neighbourhood Support Hamilton has been connected with NZ Gets Ready.  
<https://hamilton.getsready.net/>

Please click this link to set your password - <https://hamilton.getsready.net/lostpassword>

**OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS**

