



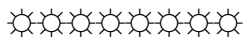
Vecinos Cooperando Neighbourhood Watch Nachbarschaftswacht



NEWSLETTER

First Annual General Meeting

The first AGM took place on Saturday 17th November in the Arboleas Pool Bar. The meeting was attended by over 150 Arboleas residents. David Skinner the Scheme Chairman outlined the background to the scheme, and set out progress so far. He explained how the scheme could be widened to include other Arboleas urbanizations and the village centre itself. It was agreed by the meeting that the existing committee be re-elected and that voluntary contributions to the Scheme should be €5 per household per annum. Coordinators will have the responsibility to collect the contributions and these will be passed to the Treasurer for banking. Since the meeting eight new coordinators have joined the scheme.



Your Coordinators

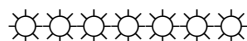
Jean Strong	Scheme/El Chopo
Angela Dixon	Asst El Chopo
Vince Tildesley	La Perla Nueva
John Lovell	Los Garcias
John Cleave	Los Carrascos 1
Dot Headley	Los Carrascos 2
Trevor Weeden	Los Carrascos 3
Richard Betteridge	Los Carrascos 4
Barry Wade	Los Requenous
Ron Partridge	La Cueva
Andrea Ogden	Bella Vista
Bob Brook	Los Limoneras
Colette Pitts	Los Golindrinos 1
Brian Silk	Los Golindrinos 2
Jean Bircher	El Rincon
Steve Ashley	Los Higuerales

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How can you help yourself?

There are a number of ways in which you can help yourself in preventing intrusion into your home. Here are some ideas.

- Don't talk about your holiday plans where others can hear your plans.
- Do not leave garden implements around that can be used to break into your property.
- When you go out for the evening leave a light on and a radio or television
- Mark your valuables (where possible) with indelible marking of your post code



Want to join us?

Any community within Arboleas can become part of the Arboleas Scheme. Firstly you need to get together (about 30 houses is manageable but this can vary with different circumstances). You then need to appoint a coordinator who should make contact with Jean Strong by email at jean.nwschopo@yahoo.co.uk who will explain what is required. The coordinator then joins the main committee to represent his or her residents. It's as easy as that!

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Burglaries on the increase

Criminal activity appears to be on the increase again after a recent lull. Householders are therefore, asked to be extra vigilant in their efforts to protect their property and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the trauma and upset as well as the material loss resulting from a break-in

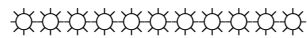


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Guidelines of what to do after a break in Arboleas area - A Recent Experience



First: Call the police in Huerca Overa on 950 471 112 tell them your house has been burgled. Have available to give them your name address where the robbery has taken place. It has often been the case that a Guardia Civil response will occur within half an hour. You will probably be told not to touch anything.

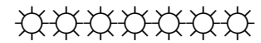
Second: After the Guardia have been they will advise you which office to go in order to report what has been taken and damage that has been done The Guardia do stress that if you do not speak adequate Spanish, you will need an interpreter as there is paperwork to be read through and understood and this will be used in your claim to your insurance company.

Third: At the Guardia office you will be asked on the lines of the following questions:

- Your name, passport number (a copy will be taken), your date and place of birth and asking your parents Christian names.
- They will start the report with the time you are making the report. Asking you approximately between what hours did this occur? They will want your full address and details of any witnesses.

- You will be asked how they entered the house and what other damage was done. You will need to list the goods that have been stolen and it is easier to have the makes and model numbers, colours etc. of stolen property.
- They will also ask you for the approximate value of the goods stolen and any damage done.
- They will ask for your insurance details.
- They also ask if you have an alarm system.
- And finally if you suspected anyone before the robbery was seen acting suspiciously around area.

You should be aware that these experiences may vary from visit to visit. You may be asked slightly different questions than the above This is a rough guideline as to what to do and what you would possibly need in this unfortunate situation.



A Reminder The role of the coordinators

The main role of scheme coordinators is to receive information and pass relevant information to scheme members. They are also responsible for coordinating activity within the various urbanisations.

They are NOT your local policemen; they do NOT patrol the streets and cannot be expected to act in every individual incident



Contact Us

If you would like to make any comment about our Newsletter or Scheme in general either contact your coordinator or Chris Pearce, the Scheme Secretary at hello@chrispearce.co.uk

You can also obtain back issues of these newsletters from this email address

Our New Website

We are in the planning stage of developing a website for the Arboleas Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This will allow everyone in Arboleas to keep up to date with developments. Don't worry if you do not have access to the Internet, regular Newsletters will continue to be produced and delivered to you in paper form if you need them.

Watch this space!