

# BARNET BOROUGHWATCH

Association of Neighbourhood Watches in the London Borough of Barnet



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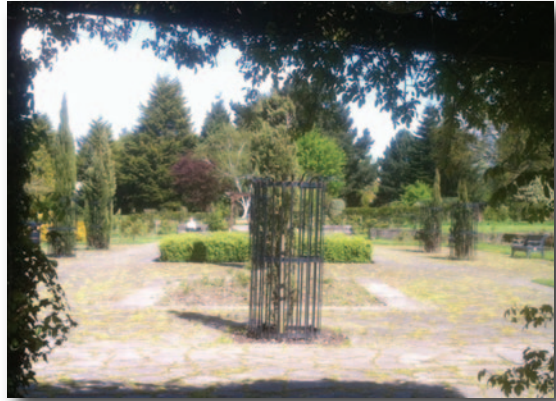
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## BARNET BOROUGHWATCH

As BCU Commander, I am committed to making Barnet a place where those that live and work locally feel safe. Our role is to work alongside communities in what must be a team effort in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. This could be as small as providing crucial intelligence about what is happening in your area, to the independent charity Crimestoppers or the government scheme StreetSafe.



*Edgwarebury Park, Edgware*

StreetSafe enables people to pin point locations where they feel or have felt unsafe and to identify the features on why that location made them feel that way.

The data collected is anonymous and will focus on particular locations and factors that lead to people feeling unsafe. I would encourage all Neighbourhood Watch members to participate to highlight issues and drive change. Visit the website: <https://www.police.uk/streetsafe> for more information.

We also know that new research shows that most people worry about burglary happening to them more than any other crime, but there are simple ways to reduce your risk of burglary by almost half (49%). For advice and guidance on how you can protect your home visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk/thinkWIDEN](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/thinkWIDEN).

Finally, if you would like to keep up to date with crime alerts and crime prevention advice from police and Neighbourhood Watch, sign up to the Online Watch Link (OWL) at [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support,  
Chief Superintendent Sara Leach,  
NW BCU Commander.



### What is a Safer Neighbourhood?

Safer Neighbourhoods is about local policing, police and partners working with you, to identify and tackle issues of concern in your Neighbourhood. Each team is normally made up of six police and police community support officers (PCSOs) usually one sergeant, two constables and three PCSOs.

Their aim is to listen and talk to you, and find out what most affects your daily life and feelings of security. These might be issues such as anti-social behaviour, graffiti, noisy neighbourhoods, yobs or vandalism. Then, they work in partnership with you and other agencies to find a lasting solution.

Safer Neighbourhoods teams are dedicated to your community and are additional to other police teams and units in London.



### What is a Safer Neighbourhood?

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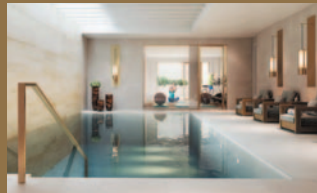


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Neighbourhood Watch is more than protecting homes and properties against burglary. By working together, neighbours can help reduce all sorts of local crimes. They can take action to improve the environment by getting something done about things like vandalism, graffiti, poor lighting and a lack of local amenities.

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## Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board

The Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board is the official forum for liaison between the Barnet community and the Barnet Police. The group has representatives from the residents associations, charities, voluntary and minority groups, churches, councillors and Barnet Police. The group considers local and national policing issues of importance to the community.

Issues discussed include tackling crimes such as burglary and auto crime, graffiti, anti-social behaviour, police response times, the use of CCTV and policing.

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Safer Neighbourhoods teams are not there to provide a 24-hour response, this is the role of response team officers. Response team officers do pass on information to Safer Neighbourhoods teams as appropriate.

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## BoroughWatch

By working together to make your watch members more aware of crime and how to prevent it happening to them, you will not only be helping to prevent some of them from becoming victims of burglary, but you will also be helping the Police by reducing the number of preventable burglaries that are occurring. Every preventable burglary is a drain on Police resources. Approx 80% of burglaries are opportunistic. Someone leaving a door or window unlocked – even just for a few minutes. A burglary usually takes two or three minutes – the trauma it leaves behind can last a lifetime.

Here in Barnet we are working towards making NHW really mean something. So when house stickers and street signs proclaim a Neighbourhood Watch area, we want burglars to be aware that people care about their neighbours and are keeping a watchful eye. One piece of intelligence gathered from an arrested burglar was that he felt “a thousand eyes” on him in a NHW street, so he always avoided them.

Barnet BoroughWatch is a voluntary organisation set up to help NHW street co-ordinators run their Watches effectively. At present it communicates with 1,000 individuals on the Alertcomms System in the borough and has approx. 120,000 members.

If you are interested in becoming part of this organisation by starting a NHW in your road and would like to know more please email: **[barnetboroughwatch@gmail.com](mailto:barnetboroughwatch@gmail.com)**





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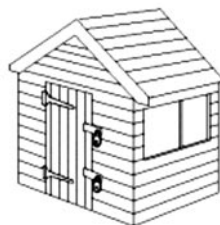
## What you can do as a Co-ordinator

Once you have registered as a Co-ordinator and distributed window stickers, you may want ideas of what to do to maintain the interest of your residents. Here are some suggestions:



## Crime Prevention

**Home and Garden** – Organise property-marking sessions of household goods, mobile telephones and valuables. Ask the BoroughWatch Office to provide the equipment and the leaflets, they will show you what to do. Don't forget your garage and the garden shed, these contain items which are regularly stolen such as hand tools, mowers and bicycles. Get together and organise bulk vehicle windscreen etching. Put trellis over back gate as this is where they are getting in. Chain dust bins to down pipe so they cannot be used to get over gates or garage roofs. Do not open doors to people you do not know, this is happening more and more to older people who are being ripped off of their life savings.



Help in publicising free home crime prevention surveys that can be conducted by our own crime reduction officers.

Ensure members are aware of the value of informing the Police of anything suspicious and know how to go about this.

## Improving the Environment

Consider holding an annual Front Garden competition or even best window box if you do not have a garden.

Contact Agenda 21 or the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers if you have waste ground nearby, or want suggestions for improving your area.

Useful leaflets are available from the local authority.





## Helping to Create a Caring Community

Create a 'Caring Neighbours System' so that those who are elderly, vulnerable, disabled, or alone can have a reliable 'neighbour' that they can contact or have call upon them. It ensures that if a person falls ill, someone notices and is able to phone for help, perhaps collect shopping and prescriptions for them. This will help to ensure that someone in difficulty will not go unnoticed and will be discovered.

Encourage parents to create a 'walking buses' scheme so they can work out a rota with other parents to take a set route to school collecting children on the way joining in the 'crocodile', seeing them safely to and from school. Further information is available from the pedestrians association on **020 7820 1010**.

Let the young people in your community know what you are doing for the community, ask for their views and encourage them to become involved too.

## Useful Information for Co-ordinators

As a co-ordinator it is important that you keep a written record of information given to you by your members, or anything that you witness. It provides you with a written record, and will be invaluable if asked to recall the matter at a later date. Always sign, time and date the record including as much detail as possible. Please also note the time and date that you passed on the information and to whom.

## Residents Associations

Since it's re-launch in 1998 NHW has been active in involving Residents' Associations to incorporate NHW in their structure. The two groups have many parallel aims and if you are a member of a Residents' Association that does not include NHW then you may wish to raise the suggestion. The Borough Watch officer is able to speak at local residents' meetings to explain NHW.

## Abandoned/Stolen Vehicles

If a vehicle is 'dumped' in your street, it could be stolen or abandoned. When you report it to Police, please ensure that you have a full description of the vehicle including the index number. Please note the descriptions of any persons who were with the vehicle. The Police will check the vehicle on the Police National Computer to see if it is stolen. If the vehicle is not stolen then it's removal is a council matter unless it is on private property. Police will pass details of abandoned vehicles to the local authority, as Police only deal with stolen vehicles.



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## GARDEN SECURITY A Thorn In My Side!

One of the best ways to keep thieves out is to **use nature's own defence mechanisms to stop intruders.**

A barrier of prickly hedge along your boundary or underneath a window will help deter thieves. Hedges and shrubs in the front garden should be kept to a height of no more than 3 feet in order to avoid giving a burglar a screen behind which he can conceal himself. Even a water feature along one boundary is an effective deterrent.

Remember what you are doing; hardening the target. The purpose of which is to **make the perimeter too difficult to penetrate!**

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- **Creeping Juniper.** *Juniperis horizontalis* 'Wiltonii' - Also known as 'Blue Rug' because it has long branches and its prostrate shape forms a flattened blue carpet. It has a thorny stem and foliage
- **Blue Spruce.** *Picea pungens* 'Globosa' - Rigid branches, irregular dense blue, spiky needles. Height 1-1.25m x 75cm - 1 m. Slow growing. Moist rich soil.
- **Common Holly.** *Ilex agulfolium* - Large evergreen shrub, dark green spiked leaves. Large red berries on female plants only. Any well drained soil. Plant with garden compost and bone-meal.
- **Giant Rhubarb.** (*Gunnera manicata*)- Giant rhubarb-like leaves on erect stems, abrasive foliage. Can grow up to 2.5m high. Plant by water-side for effect.
- **Golden Bamboo.** *Phyllostachys aurea*- Very graceful, forming thick clumps of up to 3.5m high. Less invasive than other bamboos. Hardy. Young shoots in spring
- **Chinese Jujube.** *Zizyphus sativa* - Medium sized tree with very spiny pendulous branches. Leaves glossy bright green. Bears clusters of small yellow flowers.
- **Firethorn.** *Pyracantha* 'Orange Glow' - Flowers white in June, with bright orange-red berries. Thorny stem. Height 10-15ft. Suitable for north or east-facing wall or as impenetrable hedging.
- **Shrub Rose.** *Rosa* 'Frau Dagmar Hastrup' - Excellent ground cover, pale pink flowers, very thorny stem. May to September. Plant with garden compost and bone-meal.
- **Pencil Christmas Tree.** *Picea abies* 'Cupressina' - Medium-sized tree of columnar habit, with ascending spiky branches. Attractive form with dense growth. Avoid dry chalky soils.
- **Juniper.** *Juniperus x media* 'Old Gold' - Evergreen. Golden-tipped foliage. Prickly foliage. Height 2ft. Spread 6ft. Low growing. Excellent ground cover.
- **Purple Berberis.** *Berberis thunbergii* 'Atropurpurea'- Rich purple foliage. Thorny stem. Medium-sized deciduous. Any soil sunny position.
- **Mountain Pine.** *Pinus mugo* 'Mughus'- A very hardy, large shrub or small tree, with long sharp needles, of dense, bushy habit. Leaves in pairs, 3 - 4cm long, rigid and curved, dark green, cone.
- **Blue Pine.** *Picea pungens* 'Hoopsii'- Small to medium-sized tree, spiky needled stem, densely conical habit, with vividly glaucous blue leaves. Likes moist, rich soil.
- **Oleaster.** *Elaeagnus angustifolia* - Small deciduous tree, about 4.5 to 6 m (15 to 20 feet) high. Smooth, dark brown branches that often bear spines and narrow, light green leaves that are silvery on the undersides. The flowers are small, greenish, fragrant, and silvery-scaled on the outside, as are the edible, olive-shaped, yellowish fruits, which are sweet but mealy. Hardy, wind resistant, tolerant of poor, dry sites, and thus useful in windbreak hedges.
- **Blackthorn.** *Prunus spinosa* - Also called Sloe; spiny shrub. Usually grows less than 3.6 meters (12 feet) tall and has numerous, small leaves. Its dense growth makes it suitable for hedges. White flowers. Bluish-black fruit is used to flavour sloe gin.
- **Fuchsia-flowered Gooseberry.** *Ribes speciosum* - Fruit bush, spiny, produces greenish-pink flowers in clusters of two or three. Extremely hardy, thrive in moist, heavy clay soil in cool, humid climate.

In addition, the following thorny plants can also be considered:

*Aralia*, *Chaenomeles*, *Colletia*, *Crataegus* (including hawthorn/may), *Hippophae* (sea buckthorn), *Maclura*, *Mahonia*, *Oplopanax*, *Osmanthus*, *Poncirus*, *Rhamnus*, *Rosa* (climbing & shrub roses), *Rubus* (bramble), *Smilax*, Prickly ash (*Zanthoxylum*)





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With residential burglary in London at a 25 year low, and with reductions in street crime being recorded, the Met has made significant progress in tackling priority crime.

But despite these successes, research shows that the people of London feel crime is on the increase – and our success in reducing that priority crime is meaningless if they continue to feel unsafe in their communities.



Welcome to **Safer Neighbourhoods** – a new era in policing.

As London's most ambitious and far-reaching community safety strategy, this programme offers:

- Neighbourhood-based policing across the capital.
- A dedicated team of officers for each neighbourhood, consisting of one sergeant, two constables and three community support officers (PCSOs).
- Giving Local communities a real say in deciding the priorities for that area, allowing the Met to provide local solutions to local problems, whilst maintaining a focus on reducing priority crime.
- A Safer Neighbourhoods team in every neighbourhood in London.



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Find out more about the work  
of the charity and the hospital at  
[www.gosh.org](http://www.gosh.org)

## Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Crime stoppers is a telephone service where callers can leave confidential information about crimes and criminals, and remain anonymous if they wish. Rewards can be paid even if the



## National Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch started in this country in 1982 and was concerned with three basic principles: Securing your property, postcoding or photographing your possessions, and reporting suspicious incidents to the local police. What a long way it has come since then! Although those principles remain very important, NHW is now tackling much wider issues that directly affect the quality of people's lives, seeking to reduce the opportunities for criminal activity.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

In many areas, NHW groups are broadening their activities to include community safety issues. Vandalism, graffiti, abandoned vehicles and defective street lighting, if left unreported, unfortunately help to fuel the fear of crime, and also send the powerful message to the criminal "this area does not care about itself, please move in". This important change of focus really does work.

Other statutory bodies are now realising the benefits of working in partnership with NHW groups to get their message to the community.

The Fire Service is eager to work with NHW co-ordinators to promote the use of smoke alarms, and encourage residents to plan exit routes out of their homes in the event of fire.

Trading Standards Officers need information passed to them about unscrupulous traders operating in the community, particularly those who grossly overcharge vulnerable persons for poor or little work. They are also interested in counterfeit goods sold at car boot sales.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

## Telephone Crime Reporting

Barnet Borough Police have a Crime Management Unit where crimes can be reported to Police by telephone. This generally covers most types of crime but there are exceptions. The unit does not accept telephone crime reports for the crimes of robbery, or burglary, or crimes where the suspects are still nearby.



To report a crime by telephone call **101** and ask for the **Control Room**.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

### BARNET BOROUGH POLICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Emergencies                            | 999   |
| Non Emergencies                        | 101   |
| Crime Prevention Office                | 020 8733 5092                               |
| North (Barnet) Sector Inspector        | 020 8733 5007                               |
| West (Colindale) Sector Inspector      | 020 8733 4559                               |
| South (Golders Green) Sector Inspector | 020 8733 5513                               |
| Untaxed Cars                           | Contact your beat officer                   |
| Telephone Crime Reporting              | 101<br>ask for Control Room<br>at Colindale |

## Intelligence Gathering

Intelligence gathering is used by Police as a means of preventing and also solving crime.

Barnet Borough Police have a dedicated intelligence unit. This unit employs analysts who look at crime

patterns. How, where, and when crime is carried out? They are trained to look for even the slightest trend to predict where best to utilise Police Officers, and also identify suspects. Police need every piece of information about persons acting suspiciously, no matter how trivial it may seem at the time. Yours may be the last piece of the jigsaw.

For instance, if a member of the public reports a red Ford Escort ABC123D, driving off suspiciously from an address, which is known to be unoccupied, that information can be circulated to local officers. It may well be that on that occasion no crime has been committed, but police regularly have descriptions of suspect vehicles involved in crime, even having a partial number, but are just missing the full index number.

That member of the public may have just supplied the missing piece of the jigsaw, linking that vehicle with several other crimes in the area. I have lost count of the number of times witnesses have seen something suspicious such as people climbing over neighbour's garden fences, and not thought to call Police on the 999 system. Think of it as a way of urgently contacting the Police to tell them about an incident. A stranger climbing over a garden fence may not be everyone's idea of an emergency but we want to know as soon as possible, and 999 is the way to do it.

Snippets of information taken in isolation may seem to be of limited value, but when fed into the intelligence system, each snippet is capable of showing the bigger picture.

The old Police Five term "Keep 'em peeled" applies just as much today, in fact more, as with computers, we are able to do so much more with the information.



Emergency Call

**999**

Non-Urgent

**101**





## Contact Barnet BoroughWatch

There are several ways in which you can contact Barnet BoroughWatch:

1. By writing to: Barnet BoroughWatch, C/O Community Barnet, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, London N20 0EJ
2. By Telephoning on: 020 8364 8400 or 07813 339 368
3. By Email: [barnetboroughwatch@gmail.com](mailto:barnetboroughwatch@gmail.com)

Our website is [www.barnetboroughwatch.co.uk](http://www.barnetboroughwatch.co.uk)

## Property Marking Kits

Co-ordinators should encourage all residents to mark their valuables and an ideal way to do this is to organise a property-marking event. For example, marking bicycles or garden equipment (lawnmowers and spades etc) can easily be done where you live. Co-ordinators can arrange to borrow property marking kits from the Boroughwatch.



## Smartwater

SmartWater provides an ongoing crime fighting service to businesses, governments, law enforcers, utility providers and homeowners. Visit our website to find out more at [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)



## Alertcomms

The ALERTCOMMS system is the name given to a computerised telephone system at Colindale Police Station. It is a quick method that Police have to make people aware of a crime problem in an area, to offer advice, or to ask for information to help in solving crime. For example, it is very useful to let vulnerable residents know about bogus callers so that they can be on their guard and not become victims.

The system is very easy to use, all that you need is a telephone, a notepad and a pen. The telephone rings in the usual manner and when you lift the receiver you will hear a pre-recorded message, so all you do is listen. The ALERTCOMMS system computer is able to store thousands of telephone numbers and Police actively encourage people to sign up to it.

### **Do you want to be on the ALERTCOMMS system?**

A data protection form, which is available from the Boroughwatch Office or on Barnet Borough Website, needs to be completed and returned. All NHW co-ordinators should be on the system or should have nominees from their watch to receive the messages. A new landline will be broadcast soon on the Alertcomms system. Email Paul Hammond at [barnetboroughwatch@gmail.com](mailto:barnetboroughwatch@gmail.com) for more information.

## Recruitment

The Metropolitan Police Recruitment Branch is situated in Aybrook Street, W1. Within this unit is the Positive Action Team, which was launched in 1995 with the responsibility of recruiting and progressing minority ethnic officers.

Recently local boroughs have also been tasked with recruitment of officers, and as a result several officers at Barnet Borough Police have received specialist training in order to provide assistance to anyone, from any background, indicating an interest in joining the service.

Barnet Borough Police has a pool of officers called the Positive Action Network Volunteers, who organise local recruiting stands and events. Members of the public who wish to know more about Barnet Borough Police can apply to the station to attend the Public Insight Programme. This is a structured, personally guided day at Colindale Police Station, spending time with the various departments and accompanying patrolling officers.



It can take as little as three months from making a call for an application form to walking through the gates at Hendon Training School. There, recruits undertake 18 weeks of basic training.

The requirements are that you have to submit a written application, pass an interview, three written tests, a physical test and a medical. There is a less rigorous procedure for the MSC, Metropolitan Special Constabulary.

Please contact Colindale Police Station and ask for Partnership Unit.

## Crime Reduction Office

This unit forms the thread connecting the Crime Prevention Advisors, The Schools Involvement Officers and key Council staff whose work closely relates to crime reduction and who are now based at Colindale Police Station. The Unit looks at best practice across the country, strategically looking at non-traditional methods of crime reduction and ensuring all local agencies are working towards the same goal, and not duplicating resources. The office also runs the Volunteer Police Cadet Corps, a group of about 30 youngsters who meet every Thursday at the Peel Centre. It also deals with sponsorship and organising bids for Government and other sources of funding.

## Third Party Reporting

Barnet Police working with partners from the London Borough of Barnet and the Probation Service have now set up facilities for victims of race and hate crimes or incidents to report the matters at non-police premises to non-police personnel. Police will investigate the allegations.

The objectives for doing this are: to encourage the reporting of racist, homophobic and domestic incidents and all other hate crimes; to encourage a co-ordinated approach to the referral and support of victims; to foster joint working practices among the partners involved.

It is recognised that there can be a number of barriers that deter people from reporting crime, many of which are hard for the police alone to tackle. The benefits of third party reporting are: victims will gain confidence and be encouraged to report crime and agencies can identify appropriate support organisations to best help victims.

There are many sites that have been identified, details of which can be obtained on the Barnet Council website: [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk)

## Reporting Crime on the Internet

Certain types of **non-urgent crimes** can now be reported over the internet.

The website is: **[www.met.police.uk/barnet](http://www.met.police.uk/barnet)**

Crimes which **CAN** be reported are:

### **THEFT – if:**

The theft is of low value and does not cause the victim severe financial difficulties

Violence was not used or threatened

The victim is not a child

The victim is not an elderly vulnerable person



### **CRIMINAL DAMAGE – if:**

It is low value

It is not caused by fire

### **ACTION FRAUD:**

Tel: 0300 123 2040 – [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

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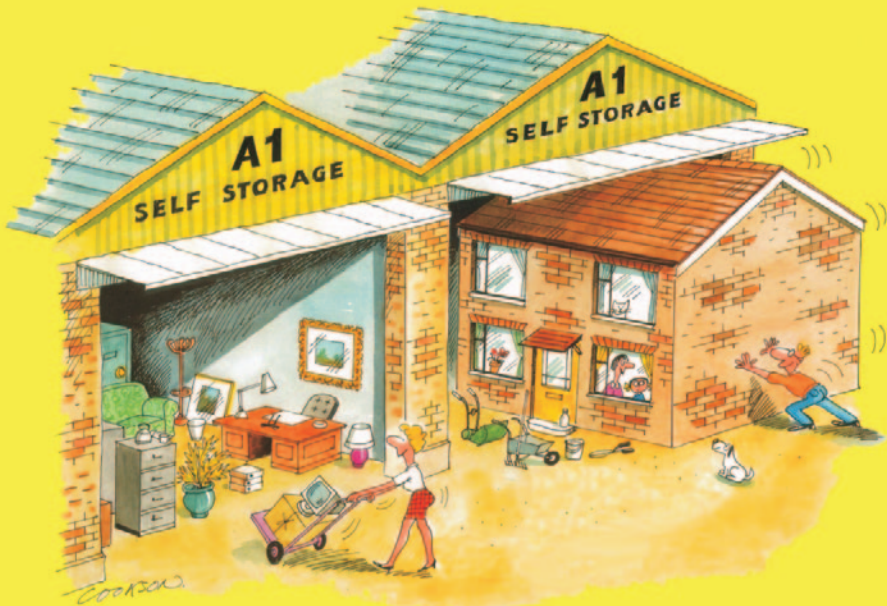
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