



COMMUNITIES: Neighbourliness

Activity 1

"News Report"

Elderly pensioner victim of burglary in own home

A well meaning local pensioner fell prey to a disturbing home burglary last week. The elderly victim, a resident of Hazelwood Court, invited a young woman (who introduced herself as her new neighbour) into her home for a cup of tea to welcome her into the community. After returning from making the tea, she found she had been burgled. The woman in question had stolen the victim's handbag, purse and some cherished ornaments, as well as some of her jewellery.

The female suspect is described as being around 30 years old, 5ft 1in tall and of small build with shoulder-length blonde hair. She was wearing blue jeans and a black, waist-length jacket. It is possible that the suspect had an assistant in this crime, who helped target the victim's address.

Detective David Fotheringham said: "This is a shocking crime, which has abused the trust and faith this elderly lady had in her community. The victim is very shaken up from her ordeal, and has been left feeling vulnerable and reluctant to leave the house".

If anyone has information about this crime or has seen someone of this description during the afternoon of 17 October, please contact Greenly police station or call Crimestoppers.

Talk about the impact of this crime on the neighbourhood. Write a list of questions that you would like to ask the people involved:

- The burglar
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- The victim
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- The neighbours
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- The police officer
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You could ask someone to role-play each person while you interview him or her.

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Activity 2

Select a charity that does work in your local area. Find out about the kind of work it does. You could create a poster encouraging people to donate or even plan a fundraising event in your school to raise money for the charity or perhaps encourage volunteering.

Activity 3

Research examples of neighbourliness and anti-social behaviour in your local area. Can you also think of examples within your school? Consider what you found in your research and create an action plan for making your school a more 'neighbourly' community.



Did you know?

Anti-social behaviour has a negative effect on people's lives and their community. Most communities work hard to cut anti-social behaviour down to a minimum. 'Neighbourliness' includes being friendly, helpful and cooperative, and showing respect for other people, their beliefs, their space and their property.

