

Security Update

Thanks to generous donations to the PKVA fundraising project, many meaningful improvements have been made to the security of our enclosure. We will report on the improvements in our next newsletter.

So far R169 000 has been received.

More funds are needed since our security is not fully up to the standard everybody would like to see.

This has been brought home to us by two recent reports of crime in Panners Lane. The first involved robbers on foot who climbed over a wall and held up the owner. The second incident involved an attempted mugging in the small park at the end of Panners Lane.

The committee will be addressing the weakness of pedestrian control in the next few weeks.

In essence, all pedestrians at both gates, will have to enter and leave through a magnetically controlled side gate. High quality photos of each person will be taken and retained in the memory system.

At this stage, we await a quotation to implement the system. All existing donors, new residents and those who have not yet paid, are urged to be generous one more time.

Please phone Malcolm Wilson for further details on 083 369 0875.

Looking After Yourself

There is no doubt that thieves continually manage to find loopholes in security systems.

Each owner needs to make sure their own house, townhouse or apartment is secure.

Apart from the usual and well publicised security measures special attention

- should be given to the following:

Electrify/alarm your outer perimeter wall and gates.

Install lights on your gate, outer wall and driveway.

Cut back hedges and trees that could provide cover to thieves.

Report suspicious behaviour or loiterers to the guards. In this regard, all those working on construction sites must be known to the owner. It is recommended that copies of identity documents be retained.

Be careful in the Field and Study Centre. A number of incidents have been reported. Do remember to leave expensive watches and jewelry at home.

Car Identification Stickers

- All residents should by now have received new car identification stickers.

Please place them on the bottom left side of your windscreen.

If you need more stickers please phone Malcolm on 083 369 0875.

The Next Newsletter

We will be reporting on the following:

- - Projects completed and planned
 - The rabbit problem
 - Guards response to the Christmas Gifts.

Special Security Alert

We have received further reports of muggings in the Field and Study Centre.

Rose Johnson, the manager believes that vagrants from across the river are responsible.

An urgent initiative involving the police and ADT Security is under way.

- The following additional precautions need to be taken:
 - Women and the elderly need to be careful. Walk with friends, take dogs on leads, carry pepper spray and do not walk too close to the river. ADT provide security around the clock but their guards cannot patrol the 40 ha park effectively.

Rose has asked that anybody who hears of or experiences a problem, let her know immediately on 082 784 1933.

Above all be aware of potential problems and take care.