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Burglary hotspots: we're in the top 5!

By Nick Young and Janet Maitland

East Finchley has featured on a list of the top 20 burglary hotspots in the country. In a survey conducted by the price comparison website Moneysupermarket.com, N2 ranked fifth overall on a list of UK postcode areas where homes are most at risk from burglaries.

The list, published on 23 January, was compiled from 3.1million home insurance quotes run through the price comparison service over the previous 12 months, which identified the postcode areas that are the most and least likely to file a burglary claim.

N2 had 34.5 insurance claims per 1,000 households, below neighbouring N10, which had 40.9 claims.

Although the top spot was taken by M21 in Manchester, the list is dominated by London postcodes, with seven out of the top ten being in Greater London.

What burglars want

Kevin Pratt, a home insurance expert with Moneysupermarket.com, said: "Just because somewhere is named a claim hotspot, it doesn't actually mean the area in question is not a nice place to live. Thieves often target areas with wealthy residents and desirable properties where the rewards are

potentially greater or quieter areas where they think there is less risk of being caught red-handed."

Sorting the data

Police statistics are collected on a ward, rather than a postcode, basis. This makes comparisons with police data difficult because N2 includes parts of Fortis Green and Garden Suburb wards as well as all of East Finchley.

Also, police crime rates are based on reported crime per 1,000 people in the population. Moneysupermarket rates are based on the number of theft claims in every 1,000 household home insurance quote enquiries.

East Finchley had 90 residential burglaries in 2013, a crime rate of 5.6 per 1,000 head of population and the lowest rate for five years. Fortis Green had 101, a rate of 7.6, while Garden Suburb had 133, a rate of 8.3. The actual burglary rate in N2 is likely

to be about 7 in 1,000, rather than the Moneysupermarket rate of 34.5.

THE ARCHER is hoping to examine the crime figures in order to publish a more detailed picture of local crime rates in our next issue. Meanwhile, turn to page 2 for the list of the full top 20 hotspots.

Pet of the month

Love your dog, cat, budgie, tortoise, hamster... or snake? Whoever's your best animal friend, make them our Pet of the Month. Send us a photo and tell us about their likes, dislikes, special talents and naughty habits. Email the-archer@line-one.net or write to The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE.

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Patsy Harrington on her Penny-Farthing

Patsy's high on cycling

By Patrizia Schiavottello

Local resident Patsy Harrington has always had an interest in antiques but she went a step further when she decided to purchase her first penny-farthing last year after attending the London Nocturne Race in Smithfield Market.

"I immediately fell in love with the high wheelers with moustache handlebars. They just spelt fun to me," said Patsy.

For six months she has been bravely practising on her old-time bicycle in and around some of the quieter corners of East Finchley, mastering the skills of getting on and off.

"Riding this kind of bike is challenging and requires a lot of control and skill," said Patsy. "It is hard work but I get plenty of support and encouragement from my family, friends and my fellow penny-farthing club members."

She is hoping to become confident enough to take part in a number of races and events around the UK and in the process raise funds for charitable causes close to her heart.

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