

## *Managing property properly*

Please take note of this e-mail (below), which was sent to us recently by Wayne Ford of the New Killarney Resident's Association.

Hi everyone

Compliments of the Season, and a Happy New Year to you all.

Unfortunately the New Year has started with a spate of burglaries.

At Hannover Gate, a cat-burglar climbed up a wall onto a balcony at 4am, and continued trying to get in even after he realised the resident was aware of his presence. He interacted with the resident, and urged them to keep quiet even as he attempted to break in. He escaped back down, and got away. Were it not for a locked security gate he would certainly have entered the unit.

At Killarney Park, 3 units fronting onto the park have been burgled from the park. In all cases they entered the park after hours, and bent open the steel palisades of Killarney Park's boundary fence below the electric fence, far enough to allow a child (or skinny adult) to get through. They then enter the flat via a window, and the stolen goods are taken out via the park.

At Killarney Court, 3 men got into the complex via the Riviera Road fence. They escaped, and are still around.

We don't know if any of these cases are related, but the cases at Killarney Park and at Killarney Court are certainly very similar.

Please alert your security companies to this particular risk of criminals breaking through fences, as these are probably considered to be safe, and perform regular inspections checking for bent or broken bars and palisades, as the criminals might spend time bending them one night and then return to do the burglaries a day or two later.

Please also alert everyone in your buildings to be aware, and in particular to ensure that patio doors and windows are secured even on high-up balconies.

Finally, if you do suffer an intrusion, please try to avoid cleaning up the windows and ledges until the police have had a chance to take fingerprints.

Kind regards

Wayne