

## **Neighbourhood Watch Report 2019/20 by Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Helen Gale**

Happily, there is not much to report for Neighbourhood Watch in Ousden in the past 12 months. I have received only 2 contacts from residents as follows:

1. On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019, an external post box was broken into, where post was stolen, which was used fraudulently to steal someone's identity in order to set up a bank account and accounts with retailers. The property owner believes a fraudulent bank card had been sent to the property, and this was then stolen from the post box and used to withdraw cash from the bank - the overdraft limit of several thousand pounds was reached on the first day of opening the account. The Serious Fraud Office were informed, as well as the bank and the retail organisations where the fraudulent accounts had been set up.
2. On the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020, a metallic silver-grey Nissan Navarra, was reported "cruising" up and down a quiet lane, with the driver and passenger getting out to look over fences and hedges into gardens. When challenged by a resident, the vehicle occupants were aggressive. The incident was reported to the Police.

There have also been various reports of hare coursing on farms in the local area in recent months.

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