

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

BRECKLAND

Protect yourself from being a victim of “handbag dipping” where offenders remove purses or other valuable items from handbags left unzipped or unattended or use distraction techniques. These incidents often happen in supermarkets and at market days where there are a lot of people about.

Don't make it easy for thieves—have a look at the tips below to help prevent you being a victim of theft.

- Keep your handbag close to your body with the clasp against your body.
- Keep your handbag on you, zipped with no valuable items on display (this includes your mobile phone). Do not leave it unattended.
- Be mindful of distractions, thieves working in pairs may attempt to divert your attention in order to steal your handbag or its contents.
- In restaurants and cafes put your bag on your lap or on the floor between your feet
- **Stay Alert—awareness is your best defence.**
- Report anything suspicious to Police



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