



Neighbourhood Bulletin

Burglary Crime Prevention Advice

- Where you don't have them fit mortise locks or bolts to all doors and windows
- Close and lock windows/doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden.
- Double check that doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.
- Hide financial documents and keys - if someone does break in you don't want them also to steal from your bank account or take your car
- Never leave sheds/garages unlocked, especially when you are gardening
- Lock tools and ladders away so that a thief cannot use them to break in
- Make sure you have good lighting around your property and invest in a burglar alarm
- Stop a thief gaining access to the back of the property where there is less chance of being seen
- Make sure any hedging at the front of your property is not too high to allow a burglar to work away unnoticed
- Mark all valuable items with your postcode and property number also record the serial number of electronic items
- Take coloured photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously take their description and details of any vehicle registration including direction of travel and call the police on 0845 408 7000 or 999 if they are about to break into a property
- Join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - for more details contact 0845 408 7000
- Stolen property can now be returned to the owner using a system called immobilise. To register simply collect all the details of your identifiable property and visit www.immobilise.com to log your details.

Vehicle Crime Prevention Advice

Vehicle related crime is generally more common in the summer months when people are out and about and in particular parked up at one of the many beauty spots we are so lucky to have in our area. However, the thieves are getting more confident and are attacking cars nearer to home; they are gaining entry by smashing the window and just grabbing what they can find.

- Never keep anything on display in your vehicle, even coats can be a target as they often contain wallets, valuable items, change and cards in the pockets.
- Park your car as near to your home as possible, preferably in a well lit area, using a driveway or garage if possible. As smashing glass can make a noise, let's make sure someone will hear it.
- Sat Nav's are a prime target. If you leave suction marks on the window this will give the thief a good indication that you own a device. Never leave it in the car, in the glove compartment; or even in the boot. These are the first places the thief will check. Never leave your exact address as "home" on your Sat Nav, as this could lead to further problems.
- If you own a van, make sure you remove tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear.

Special Constabulary Recruitment

Wiltshire Police are currently recruiting for Special Constables this is a wonderfully positive way of contributing to your community. You will receive first class training and exposure to unique experiences that can only help enhance your personal/professional development and thus your employer. Further details are available on the Wiltshire Police website or from the Human Resource recruitment team on 0845 408 7000 Ext 7202314.

In an EMERGENCY dial 999, all NON-EMERGENCY calls 0845 408 7000

(Your call will be recorded)

www.wiltshire.police.uk