

Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch



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Putnoe Crime Alerts!

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News, information and advice to help make your area safer

Bedfordshire Police and Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch want to alert you to a number of recent burglaries in your area.

Over the last four weeks there have been a number of burglaries in this area. Most of these were in the evening. Most burglaries are committed by opportunists and examples of what they look for include:

Unlocked doors and windows; Signs that indicate no-one is home (no lights on); Windows left open, even small ones; Easy access to the back or side of the house (no side gate or gate unlocked. Low fences); Valuables on view/

Always check doors and windows are secure at all times, even when at home.

We would encourage you to report any suspicious activity.

- Did you see anyone in the street?
- Did something catch your attention?
- Ring 999 if a crime is happening or about to happen.
- Ring 101 if you have information (no matter how small)
- Then tell your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
- Ring 101 for all other calls to the Police

Burglaries committed in the following streets

Barnhill Road
Queens Crescent
Dover Crescent
Little Headlands
Heronscroft
Tunstall Walk
Putnoe Street

Most entries were through insecure doors or rear windows broken during the burglary.

**An active
Neighbourhood
Watch Area
is a safer area**

Our aims:

1. To develop safer local communities and improve quality of life.
2. To involve the local community in the prevention and reduction of crime.
3. To raise community confidence by reducing the fear of crime.
4. Neighbourhood Watch helps to reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur

If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, starting a new scheme, becoming a member, or a Street or Area Coordinator.

Contact:

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Neighbourhood Watch Office

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To contact your local PCSO:

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In partnership with:



BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Bedford Borough
Community Safety
Partnership
working together to make communities safer



Bedfordshire
Fire and Rescue Service

DARK NIGHTS & BURGLARIES

The chance of burglary increases with dark nights. However burglars are less likely to target occupied homes, so make sure your house looks and feels like someone is home at all times.



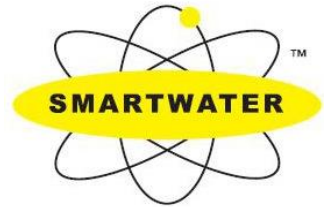
- Fit good quality deadlocks to all exterior doors, including garages and sheds.
- Fit frame locks, especially on ground floor windows and patio doors.
- Don't leave any tools or toys outside the house that could be used to break a window or lever a door.
- Think about where you store your wheelie bins – can they be used as climbing aids?
- Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house number or the first three letters of your house name.
- Register your valuables for free at www.immobilise.com
- Store your house keys and car keys out of sight in your home – never leave them near a door, letterbox or window.
- Consider installing a visible burglar alarm and remember to set it when you go out or to bed at night.
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing lockable gates, two metre minimum fencing or walls. Trellis topping also makes climbing difficult.
- Use automatic time switches to turn on lights and perhaps a radio to make it look like someone's at home, even if you are just going out or a couple of hours.
- Make sure you know the identity of the person you are letting into your home – never open the door if you are in doubt or feel anxious about the caller.

CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS

You can't see it or smell it!
Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, highly poisonous gas.
Buy yourself a CO alarm.

Bedford Fire & Rescue Service

For a FREE Home Fire Safety Check please call 0800 043 5042



Security Mark All Your Possessions.

SmartWater

Now £15 Only From Neighbourhood Watch

Security marking your bike deters potential thieves as your bike can be easily traced if it is stolen. To find when and where the next FREE bike marking event is to be held, or to organise your own with neighbours, contact Lynne Arch, County Support Officer



Register your Property with Immobilise

Create a FREE private and secure portfolio of all your personal property.

If your phone, bike, computer or any other registered item is lost or stolen, use Immobilise to instantly tell police, insurers, and the second-hand trade.

These actions help in the recovery of your property and capture of thieves.

Recording your property is supported by Bedfordshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch using Immobilise or other systems.

www.immobilise.com



take the alcohol test

Get free, personalised advice about your drinking at dontbottleitup.org.uk - it only takes two minutes!



Ringmaster – (Police Messaging Service).

Would you like to be alerted by email if a burglary occurs your area?

Would you like to receive newsletters by email or voicemail?

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