

# Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch



Charity No 1062009

## Queens Park Crime Alerts! And Op Vision

March 2016

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 Queens Park. There will be an opportunity to engage with them on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016*

There have been a number of burglaries in this area. These were at varying times in the day. 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

Burglary In A Dwelling	Beverley Crescent
Burglary In A Dwelling	Ford End Road
Attempted Burglary In A Dwelling	St. Pauls Road
Burglary In A Dwelling	Winifred Road
Burglary In A Dwelling	Ford End Road
Burglary In A Dwelling	Hurst Grove
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### Operation Vision

An opportunity to meet representatives from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch Saturday 12th March 2016 between 10 am – 4 pm Council car park next to Tesco Express

***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



In partnership with:



# 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.*



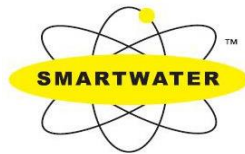
- Fit good quality deadlocks to all exterior doors, including garages and sheds.
- Fit frame locks, especially on ground floor windows and patio doors.
- Don't leave any tools or toys outside the house that could be used to break a window or lever a door.
- Think about where you store your wheelie bins – 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](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Store you 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 for 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.



**Visit the mobile police station outside Tesco on Ford End Road on Saturday 12 March 2016 10 am to 3 pm**

## 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



**Free Number Plate Securing**

Security marking your bike deters potential thieves as your bike can be easily traced if it is stolen.

**Have yours marked at the Op Vision on Saturday 12th March 2016**



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**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.**

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