

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## NEWSLETTER

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### Outbuildings

Spring traditionally sees an increase in the number of sheds and garages being broken into. These are most likely to occur where access is easily gained to the rear or side of your property.

Think layered security; consider your first line of defence, the perimeter followed by the buildings within and the personal property located inside.

### Crime Reduction Advice:-

- It is important to ensure that any security fixtures are robustly fitted.
- Alarms are well worth considering.
- For further advice visit [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) and [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

### Vehicles

Also a timely reminder with regard to vehicles, always:-

- Leave them secured.
- Don't leave bags, coats or change on display.
- Never leave driving documents or personal letters inside your car.
- Don't leave satnavs on display.
- Always keep your car keys in a safe place at home, away from windows and doors and at night time take them to bed with you!

As always if observing any suspicious activity ... please call the Police on **101**.

### NHW Notice Board

#### Timely advice from the Fire Service

- Fit smoke alarms on each level of your home and change the batteries in your alarms every year. **Never** remove the batteries.
- Make a fire action plan so that everyone in your home knows how to escape if there's a fire.
- Keep the exits from your home clear so that people can escape if there's a fire. Make sure that everyone in your home can easily find the keys for doors and windows.
- Take extra care in the kitchen – never leave cooking unattended and ensure appliances are switched off after use.
- Close all doors before going to bed.
- Don't overload electrical sockets.
- Make sure cigarettes are stubbed out disposed of carefully, **never** smoke in bed

**In the event of fire, get out, stay out and dial 999.**

#### Immobilise

Don't forget to register new Xmas valuables on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

Remember Immobilise allows you to keep a list securely on the web. When Police recover property or do a check on a serial number in, this is the database that we check against.

#### And Finally....

The greatest contribution a Watch can make it to allow people to feel safer in their homes. Knowing that a Watch is there can relieve a lot of community stress, especially amongst the more vulnerable.

If you have new members, or simply want to reach out to existing ones and would like personalised packs, contact [bridget.whittle@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:bridget.whittle@avonandsomerset.police.uk) or call **01179 286105**.

Beat by Beat

Covering the South Gloucestershire Area



Call the Police 999 urgent, 101 non-urgent or anonymously Crimestoppers 0800 555 111