

Updated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010

## **POLICE SURGERIES**

These are held at Waitrose Supermarket, Station Road between 2 to 3pm on the following dates.

July 28<sup>th</sup>  
August 24<sup>th</sup>  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 28<sup>th</sup>

**OFF-ROAD BIKES** – On a positive note the police have recently confiscated an off-road bike that was being ridden on the local roads and on Sandringham Road playing field. However there is at least one more about so if you see it please report it since these are invariably uninsured and untaxed.

**THEFT FROM CARS** – Once again during July a number of estate residents had cars either broken into or stolen. Please ensure all items of value or interest are either removed or hidden from view and during the warmer weather ensure all windows are closed, do not leave any partially down.

**UNSECURED PROPERTIES** – Again during July the police have reported a number of instances in the local area and on the estate where properties were entered due to poor security.  
This includes garage doors with basic locks, and leaving doors/windows open when the owners have gone out or having simply moved in to the back garden to enjoy the sun.  
The police have highlighted multi-lock uPVC front doors as a possible means of easy entry since many do not lock automatically when closed. Opportunist thieves are taking advantage of this and simply test doors at random before gaining easy access to take anything that comes to hand, car keys, jackets, wallets have all gone missing in seconds.

Do you have a side gate and if so is it locked?

Opportunist thieves may be out and about looking to gain easy access to properties so please double check, especially before leaving the house for work. Unsecured properties may lead to the invalidation of contents insurance.

**HOLIDAY TIME IS HERE** - Whilst away why not ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property. Let them have a key so newspapers, leaflets and mail can be cleared, since this is a telltale sign that occupants are away. They could draw your curtains in the evening or even park their vehicle on your drive. Consider getting timers to switch table lamps on and off. Should you not wish to leave a key at least advise a neighbour who is a key holder should emergency entry be required during your holiday.

## **CRIME REPORTING**

Please always report crime or suspicious activities, however minor, by doing this the police get to know what's going on and see where trends are emerging so appropriate action can be taken.