

BREAK-IN - Sadly I have to advise you that one of our Shiredale Close neighbours had their home broken into on the afternoon of November 1st. Access was gained by breaking and then forcing a rear window and whilst this set off the alarm they did make off with a number of items, some personal.

Thankfully this is a rare event in our particular location but it does serve as a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant and in particular to be aware of any security shortfalls in our own properties. In particular I would urge you to fit locks, if not already done to any side gates that give easy access to the rear of your property.

SHEDS - Shed break-ins have also been a problem in the general area so here again the police are advising homeowners to check the security of outbuildings and garages. Fitting a simple locking bolt can act as a deterrent since opportunist thieves will look for the easiest and quickest mode of entry, i.e. where there is no visible form of security.

LIGHTS - It is also worth reminding all that at this time of year when darkness falls before many of us get home it is worth fitting a timer to a light to give the impression that someone is at home. These units can be obtained very reasonably from DIY stores and Screwfix on the Whitehill Industrial Estate, Stockport sell them for a little over £6 for 3.

CAR SECURITY - With the advent of frosty mornings it's very tempting to leave your vehicle unattended ticking over on the drive or roadway to clear the ice. It should come as no surprise that car thieves are more than aware of this practice and will take full advantage so please do not present thieves with a very easy drive away opportunity. A can of de-icer is by far the cheapest alternative to what could be a very bad start to the day!

And please bear in mind that not taking adequate security precautions will very likely invalidate your insurance

PCSO - We have a new PCSO for our area, his name is James Hill and he can be contacted on 856 9770 police station or by email, his address being - james.hill@gmp.police.uk

CRIME REPORTING

Information from the public is vital so please always report crime or suspicious activities immediately, however minor you think they are. Ring 999 if it's actually happening or 872 5050 otherwise.

By doing this the police get to know what's going on and see where trends are emerging so appropriate action can be taken.

Reporting genuine concerns is never a waste of police time, don't wait for someone else to do it.

You can email me (Eric Plimmer) via the link on the schemes webpage on the club website (www.ladybridgepark.co.uk).