



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY
Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe

Babergh East Safer Neighbourhood Team

Welcome to this month's Police news item.

Since the New Year there has been an increase in the number of particular crimes within the 39 villages within the Babergh East area. These crimes have occurred in the following villages, Hintlesham, Chattisham, Wenham, Burstall, Elmsett, Washbrook, Freston and Layham

Burglaries – Other Buildings, These relate to sheds, garages or outbuildings where items such as ride on mowers, power tools, bicycles and hand tools are stolen.

Protect your Shed & Garage by following these simple steps...

- Fit a strong hasp and staple secured to the door and frame with coach bolts reinforced on the inside with washers.
- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock, (some have an integral alarm built in)
- Door hinges should also be secured with coach bolts reinforced on the inside with washers.
- Windows can be secured and obscured by fitting internal bars or grille and net curtains.
- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Fit additional locks to up and over garage doors. Anchoring and garage defenders.
- A battery operated audible alarm can be used to deter intruders.
- Security mark items of value with your postcode and house number or name. Do not leave valuable equipment unattended.
- Install external lighting with Dusk to Dawn automatic sensors.
- Expensive items should be chained to a ground anchor or post securely fitted to the floor.
- Photographs of expensive items, a record of their model and serial number will assist in their recovery if stolen.

Vehicle Crimes, valuables being not only left in the vehicles but on display, then the opportunist thief comes along smashing a window and making off with such items as Sat Navs, laptops, Ipods, handbags and even cash.

Protect Your Car By These Following Steps...

- Lock windows & doors whenever you park
- Choose busy well lit areas for on-street parking
- **Don't leave anything in your car remove ALL temptation**
- If you have a garage at home use it
- If you have alloy wheels, use lockable wheel nuts
- If you have a Sat Nav, remove it and the holder and wipe away the suction pad marks

Look for car parks with CCTV & police approved ParkMark award.

Please help us to help you should you be unfortunate enough to have anything stolen and think about marking your property.
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT PROPERTY MARKING?



WHY?

- Your property is visibly linked to your address. Thieves run the risk that if they are caught in possession of it they are linked to the scene of a crime.
- You can be reunited with your property – wherever it may have turned up
- It is less attractive to a thief – they cannot sell it on as easily
- It provides evidence to Police – it may be the final piece of proof needed to secure a conviction

HOW?

To make your mark unique and easily traceable, use your postcode and house number/first two letters of house name, e.g.: **AB1 1AA - 24**

Make the mark **PERMANENT** and **OBVIOUS** to a thief*. Go online and search 'property marking' to find companies who supply stenciling kits – these will chemically etch your code. Alternatively you could incise the code in with a sharp implement. For outdoor equipment, go over the area with white paint for maximum visibility – it may be dark when the thief strikes. White gloss paint works well on wooden-handled garden tools – although it's not permanent, it takes a while to remove and most thieves will decide it's not worth the effort.

For items such as antiques you may wish to consider invisible marking – you can buy UV pens for £1 from Suffolk Police – phone 101 to be put through to your local station. For further advice – ask to speak to your local Crime Reduction Officer.

* Please bear in mind, permanent marking may affect the value of your possessions should you decide to sell them in the future.

ONE LAST THING...

If you use the internet, please go to www.immobilise.com

Create yourself an account and log all your serial numbers and property details. It's FREE, it's SECURE and it's supported by Police nationwide. It can help us to get your stuff back to you if we find it.

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