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Police Report – Hanslope – May 2023

Crime Report / Incidents from 17th April – 10th May 2023

5 x Crimes reported in Hanslope during the period 17/04/23 to 10/05/23 – 1 x Assault with Injury / 1 x Harassment / 1 x Drug Offences / 1 x Public Order and 1 x Blackmail

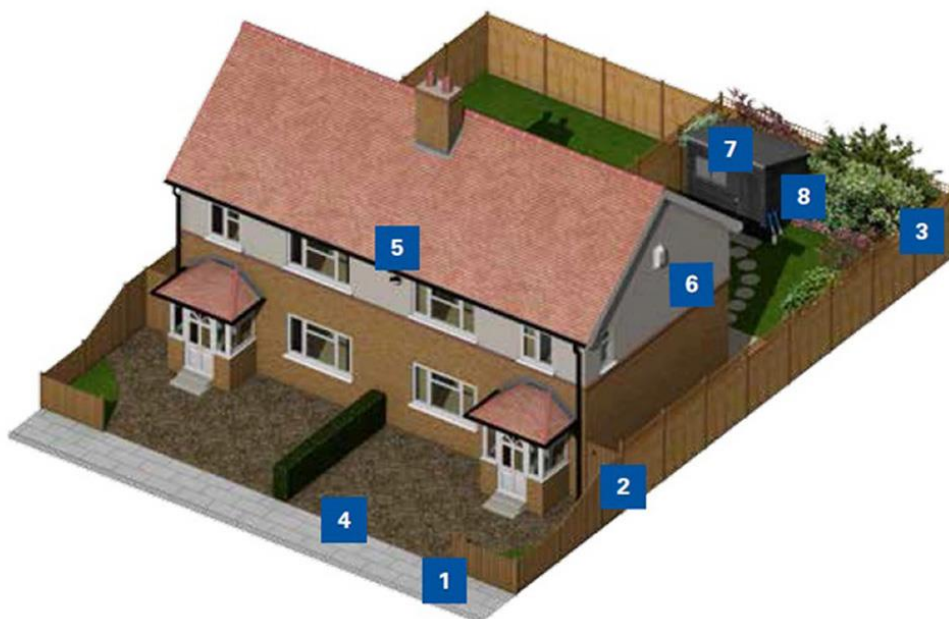
Community Forum Meeting for the North Rural West Community

The next meeting date is **Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 7pm** – Location to be confirmed - All residents are welcome to attend.

This Month's Crime Reduction Advice is – How Protecting your garden makes your home safer.

With summer approaching and if your gardens like mine it needs a good tidy up after the winter, below are some good crime prevention tips to protect your home, garden and shed.

It may not seem obvious, but protecting your garden and outbuildings like sheds not only keeps bikes and other valuables safe, but can also stop burglars accessing tools to get into your home.



1. Low front boundary; keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
2. Secure side gate; keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.
3. High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting; keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
4. Gravel driveway and path; gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.
5. Security light; install an outside security light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.
6. Intruder alarm system; install a burglar alarm system.
7. Secure your shed; always keep your shed locked and secured, and make sure it is anchored down to prevent it from being lifted in order to gain access. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.
8. Never leave tools lying around; never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.

Stay secure in summer

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the summer can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you're upstairs or out of the room, even just for a few minutes, close them and help shut burglars out.

Extra steps you can take

Consider buying a shed alarm. These are usually quite cheap but still effective.

Add an extra layer of protection to shed windows with laminate sheets of film or internal metal grills.

Create a natural defence against burglary

Planting particular shrubs (in their mature or semi mature form) along garden walls and fences can make it harder for burglars to access your property or put them off completely. To maximise this effect plant them close to each other.

We recommend planting any of the following:

- Berberis / Osmanthus / Forget / Poncirus / Crataegus / Pyracantha / Aralia
- Chaenomeles / Ribes / Oplopanax / Elaeagnus / Robinia / Colletia / Ilex
- Climbing roses / Maclura / Mahonia / Ligustrum (privet), or laurel / Smilax and Zanthoxylum

Live in a ground floor flat or share a communal garden?

You can still make use of these tips by planting in front of ground floor windows to prevent easy access.

Newport Pagnell Police Office



The Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Police team have recently moved into their new premises next to the fire station.

The Team is led by Sgt Tom Montgomery and the PCSO's cover the following areas (L – R) PCSO James Andrews (Olney) PCSO David Huckle (Rural West) PCSO Arlene Ormston (Rural East) Sgt Montgomery (PCSO Travis Philips and PCSO Terry Rhodes (Newport Pagnell). Sgt Montgomery comes to us with a wealth of knowledge around neighbourhood policing, and the team are looking forward to working with him.

Everyone is happy to be back in Newport Pagnell, it helps the Olney and Rural Team to access to get to their areas easier, and for Newport Pagnell we can step out of the door and we in the town. If you see, the team out please say hello.

Important note -the new police office **is not open to the public**, and the nearest station with public access is Milton Keynes Police Station in Central Milton Keynes

Set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area

Would you like to bring your community closer together, or do you have concerns about burglary, antisocial behaviour or the general environment in your street? Through Neighbourhood Watch, you can help the Police and your neighbours to strengthen your community. You can make your area a better place to live. The scheme is free to join. Consider setting up a NHW Scheme in your area, for more information have a look at the National NHW Association www.ourwatch.org.uk or the MK Neighbourhood Watch Association at www.mknhwa.org.uk. You can also email MKNHWatch@thamesvalley.police.uk for further information and advice

Thames Valley Alert Messaging

Sign up to the free community messaging system Called Thames Valley Alert This site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups. As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also learn about those in your community subject of anti-social behaviour orders, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area <https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk>

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