

Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch



Charity No 1062009

Brickhill & Putnoe Crime Alerts!

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News, information and advice to help make your area safer

Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch want to alert you to a number of recent burglaries in your area

We would encourage you to report any suspicious activity.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves and can be prevented by you thinking about the security of your home and belongings. Always check doors and windows are secure at all times, even when at home.

***An active
Neighbourhood
Watch Area
is a safer area***

Our aims:

1. To develop safer local communities and improve quality of life.
2. To involve the local community in the prevention and reduction of crime.
3. To raise community confidence by reducing the fear of crime.
4. Neighbourhood Watch helps to reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur

Dear Resident.

NHW is one of the most effective crime reduction initiatives. It's all about people getting together and actively having a positive impact on crime in their area.

The effectiveness of a scheme is dependent on the enthusiasm and efforts of those involved.

If you are not a member of an existing scheme and would like more information, please contact Lynne Arch, County Support Officer.

To contact your local PCSO:

Email: lptCommunityBedford-Urban@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Security marking your bike deters potential thieves as your bike can be easily traced if it is stolen. To find when and where the next FREE bike marking event is to be held, or to organise your own with neighbours, contact Lynne Arch



If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch. Starting a new scheme, becoming a member, or a Street or Area Coordinator.

Contact:

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Bedford Borough
Community Safety
Partnership
working together to make communities safer



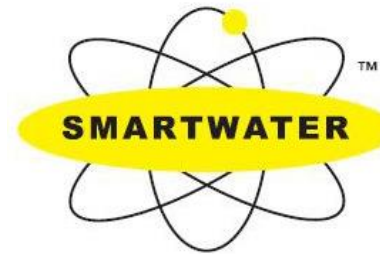
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Fire and Rescue Service

DARK NIGHTS & BURGLARIES

The chance of burglary increases with these dark nights. However burglars are less likely to target occupied homes, so make sure your house looks and feels like someone is home at all times.



- Fit good quality deadlocks to all exterior doors, including garages and sheds.
- Fit frame locks, especially on ground floor windows and patio doors.
- Don't leave any tools or toys outside the house that could be used to break a window or lever a door.
- Think about where you store your wheelie bins – can they be used as climbing aids?
- Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house number or the first three letters of your house name.
- Register your valuables for free at www.immobilise.com
- Store your house keys and car keys out of sight in your home – never leave them near a door, letterbox or window.
- Consider installing a visible burglar alarm and remember to set it when you go out or to bed at night.
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing lockable gates, two metre minimum fencing or walls. Trellis topping also makes climbing difficult.
- Use automatic time switches to turn on lights and perhaps a radio to make it look like someone's at home, even if you are just going out or a couple of hours.
- Make sure you know the identity of the person you are letting into your home – never open the door if you are in doubt or feel anxious about the caller.



CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS

You can't see it or smell it!

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, highly poisonous gas.

Buy yourself a CO alarm.

Alcohol & Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Is your drinking contributing to ASB? Are you drinking to cope with ASB?

For free, confidential, & non-judgemental advice please call **asc** on 01582 723434.



alcohol services for the community

Register your Property with Immobilise

Create a **FREE** private and secure portfolio of all your personal property.

If your phone, bike, computer or any other registered item is lost or stolen, use Immobilise to instantly tell police, insurers, and the second-hand trade.

These actions help in the recovery of your property and capture of thieves.

Recording your property is supported by Bedfordshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch using Immobilise or other systems.

www.immobilise.com

Ringmaster – (Police Messaging Service).

Would you like to be alerted by email if a burglary occurs your area?

Would you like to receive newsletters by email or voicemail?

Contact Lynne Arch, County Administrator at the Neighbourhood Watch

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