

October

# Its Scary...

*there are so many scams and tricks*

# Be Wary

The police have asked Neighbourhood Watch to alert everyone to the latest tricks and scams which are being used to steal your car, your possessions and your money. This month, though, they just want us to remind you about protecting your property from straightforward burglary and theft.



*Secure it properly. Don't let them  
get in – even to your shed!*

- If you've locked valuable tools in your garden shed, look at the door. Could a burglar unscrew the hinges quickly and quietly? If so, glue over the screw heads so a screwdriver can't grip. Even better - replace some of the screws with plain headed bolts. Then those hinges won't come off without noisily breaking the door. A cheap shed alarm is easy to fit, too.
- Secure your car. If its a recent one, hide the keys when at home. If its an old one that is easier to steal, also use some extra locks. Even remove some vital parts if you don't plan to use it for a while. Check there is no-one too close before unlocking and getting in.
- Lock those doors and windows. Lock the gate to any rear access. Secure any internal door to your garage. Add an extra lock if you have an up-and-over garage door. Lock UPVC doors correctly – Handle Up First!

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