



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Anti-social behaviour

The evenings are getting a little lighter, spring flowers are blooming and there is hope that in a few weeks time, warmer weather will be on the way **BUT** this also means that there is more opportunity for anti-social behaviour. The lighter evenings mean that youngsters are more likely to be out and about and, although in most cases this is no problem, there will be some groups of young people who will cause distress and annoyance to the neighbourhoods they frequent.

We find that, at this time of the year, there is a lot of interest in setting up Neighbourhood Watch schemes, and it is often for the reason stated above. Belonging to a NHW scheme enables members to pass on their concerns and worries to the NHW Liaison Officer who will, in turn, pass this information on to the Beat Manager for that particular area. It does give peace of mind to know that there is someone at the Police Station you can contact, who will listen to your problems and do their best to help.

Burglary

There have been many burglaries in Swindon over the last few weeks, and many of these have been the result of poor security on the part of the householder. Very often doors and windows are left insecure at night, side gates left open, garages not locked, all of which gives a potential burglar easy access to your house and premises. ***Make sure that your house is secure at all times, but particularly at night when you will not be aware of what is happening whilst you sleep.***

Parcel delivery

Many times when a parcel is delivered the householder is not at home, and the parcel is left on the doorstep. The reasons for not having a parcel left outside are:

- The parcel might be stolen;
- It advertises to the world that you are not at home;
- It gives an opportunist thief the chance he/she is looking for.

When you are expecting a parcel delivery, make arrangements to either be at home when the delivery is due, or arrange for a neighbour to take receipt of it.

Be Safe / Be Secure

Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer

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