

Advice:

- Place all tools and garden equipment in locked sheds and garages.
- Secure more expensive items, e.g. mowers, bikes to an anchor point within the shed or garage. Use a chain linking all tools (if possible) and padlock using a closed shackle type security lock. Using a bike 'D' lock may be an alternative.
- Mark all items with postcode and record serial numbers. e.g. UV pens or forensic marking kits. Register the details for free on www.immobilise.com
- Take photographs of items such as statues and garden furniture if they are unusual, for easy identification at a later date.
- Fit a shed alarm – place a motion sensor in the corner of your shed and a door sensor alarm.
- Fit a wireless CCTV system with motion detection (this can be linked to your smart phone)
- Keep the structure in good repair.
- Consider covering windows with curtains to obscure the view of the contents. Fit translucent window film if required.
- Consider external lighting – Fit PIR Lights to alert when someone is in the area.
- Ensure the garden fences are in good repair between neighbours to prevent unlawful access.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.

Please ensure you are vigilant at all times, calling police to report any suspicious activity, not just around your own property but anything suspicious in your residential area and community. In an emergency use 999 or 101 for non-emergency. It is not too late to report any suspicious activity to police.