



Thieves have been targeting garages and sheds so here are a few tips to keep them out:



- Keep your shed and garage locked when not in use
- Fit strong locks and bolts that can't be undone with a screwdriver or spanner
- Fit additional locks to up-and-over doors
- Chain together large items such as bicycles, lawnmowers, ladders and garden furniture. This makes them more difficult to steal
- Mark your valuable tools and equipment with your postcode and house number. Make a note of serial/make and model numbers
- Register your property and equipment with serial numbers for free at www.immobilise.com (national property database)
- Fit a battery operated shed alarm or extend your house alarm to cover your shed or garage
- Make sure your household insurance policy covers theft from your garden and outbuilding

Should you be an unfortunate victim of a burglary, please don't touch anything and call the police.

Report suspicious activity immediately to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

For more advice on how to stay safe, visit: www.crawley.gov.uk/communitysafety or www.sussex.police.uk

Your officers	Next meeting
PCSO Richard Clarke Mobile: 07747531393 john.clarke@sussex.pnn.police.uk	Street briefing:
PC Jo Pither jo.pither@sussex.pnn.police.uk	Monday 11 March 2013 at 2.45pm On Three Bridges Parade
PS Tom Wood Tel: 101	

Operation Minnesota

Community Messaging

Two men have been charged with conspiracy to burgle after three burglaries in Crawley on Tuesday January 29.

However police are still warning residents to be vigilant against burglars, especially those people with valuable gold jewellery, after a house in Gossops Green Lane was broken into on Tuesday February 12.

District Commander Chief Inspector Justina Beeken said: "We have had a number of arrests regarding these styles of burglaries but we need to make sure that Crawley is a hostile environment for anyone thinking of targeting the town. I am keen to make Crawley an unattractive place for burglars, and I am looking at new initiatives to tackle them. One being the use of Selectamark DNA kits which we will be rolling out in liaison with community groups from next week. We again urge the communities of Crawley to be vigilant. Please call in any suspicious activity, record number plates of vehicles and pass these on to the police. Your call could make the difference.

"Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 quoting Operation Minnesota."

Sussex Police Community Messaging is now online, enabling you to register for messages and alerts about your local area.

Once registered you will be kept up-to-date with crime and policing issues where you live. This includes warnings about bogus callers and rogue traders, crime reduction advice and news from your local team.

There is no charge for this service - all messages you receive are free.

Contact your local PCSO or visit www.sussex.police.uk to sign up.



Crime statistics for your area (PPVC - public place violent crime)

Three Bridges	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2013
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Burglary Dwelling	3	1	3	2	0	5	2	3	6	1	4	0
Vehicle Crime	1	7	16	5	7	8	10	8	12	17	6	8
Criminal Damage	3	1	6	3	5	11	4	7	6	9	4	7
PPVC	1	10	10	5	14	10	8	6	2	10	4	3
Robbery	0	3	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	2

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