

## **Police tips!**

Now the nights are darker we have our usual tips for staying safe given by our local Police.

Outside always lock your car, even if only in the house for a few minutes. Never leave valuables on show in your vehicle. A window can be smashed in seconds.

Have big visible locks on all outbuildings. A thief will go to another property with easier access.

Inside, should you go away, leave lights on timers. A completely dark house always looks empty.

Never leave car keys, computers or valuables near a window where a thief can see in and steal. There have been local cases of car keys being fished through letterboxes despite being on a hall table. Put them in a drawer.

If you are in at night draw your curtains. A clever thief will check how many people live in the house then whilst seeing you all sitting watching TV, enter round the back. We had a crime of this sort a few years ago locally.

Never leave empty milk bottles out while you are away and ask a neighbour to check for items sticking out of your letterbox.

Stay safe and keep vigilant!