

MARCH 2010 – SECURITY TIPS FOR THE MONTH

SHED SECURITY

With all your security around your home, don't forget the garage or shed. Any valuable electrical items should be kept in the home if your shed is particularly vulnerable.

Remember to postcode tools using a UV pen. If it is impractical to postcode with ultra – violet (UV) ink because of the wear an item would get with use, consider engraving the postcode.

PADLOCKS

A good-quality hasp and staple with a padlock is important on all sheds and side doors to garages.

Remember to choose a hasp and staple that is bolted to the door and frame for extra strength.

SCREW HEADS

Glue smeared over the heads of screws in the hinges of shed doors or the side door of a garage may stop a thief from simply unscrewing them. Alternatively, replace a couple of screws in external hinges with a special type that cannot be unscrewed (sometimes called "clutch-head", "anti-tamper" or "coffin" screws).

WINDOWS

When your door is secure, don't forget the windows. Perhaps the most effective way of securing a shed window is to fit internal bars or grilles.

CYCLES

Always lock cycles to something fixed or bulky while in the shed or garage (ladders or work-bench), and have them post-coded. Many cycle dealers provide this service for a small charge. Alternatively contact your local PCSO for West Green on 07747531930 for advice and to arrange a date to have your cycles security marked.

LAWN MOWERS

Lawn mowers can cease to be attractive to a thief if you paint your postcode and house number across the top with house paint.

GARDEN TOOLS

Don't leave garden tools for the burglar about the garden, like spades, ladders, etc. and ask your neighbours not to either.