



Kineton Neighbourhood Watch

EASY WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

- “Lock up. One in five burglars’ gains access through unlocked doors or windows.
- Fit two locks – including a five - lever mortice deadlock – to the front door. A burglar will test the door with his foot. If there is any give, he’ll put his shoulder to it.
- Install tall gates to protect side alleys. One third of burglaries are through back windows.
- Install an alarm. It may seem that no one takes any notice of alarms, but one person will always hear them – the burglar himself. Virtually all intruders clear out the moment an alarm sounds.
- Ensure that the house looks lived in while you are away. Cancel milk and papers, ask neighbours to draw the curtains at night and use timer switches on lights and radios.
- Keep garages and sheds locked (burglars steal tools to break into the house); also lock up ladders.
- Install a chain and a spy-hole so that you can see who is at the door. Don’t let anyone in unless you are sure about him or her”.

This advice was given by a professional burglar and was published by the Daily Telegraph and to which I would add:

- Use a forensic property marking solution such as ‘Smartwater’. This is available from me at a subsidised price of £11 which is enough to mark about 60 items. It is supplied with warning stickers to attach to windows.
- Support your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

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