



Partnership Document

26/06/2016

Braintree

Attempted Dwelling Burglary

On 18/02/2016 at 2143hrs suspects unknown have attempted to gain entry to a property on Skitts Hill, Braintree by using a glass bottle to smash the rear door. No entry was gained and suspects were possibly disturbed.

If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Criminal Damage

Overnight on 20/02/2016 in Great Square, Braintree suspects unknown have damaged a front door causing the glass to shatter on a retail premises.

If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle

Overnight on 17/02/2016 in South Street, Braintree suspects unknown have smashed two wing mirrors on a Vauxhall Astra.

If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



<p>Burglary Dwelling</p> <p>On 21/02/2016 between 1430hrs and 1600hrs in Bailey Bridge Road, Braintree suspects unknown have gained entry to a property by smashing the rear patio doors. The suspects have conducted a messy search inside and removed the keys to a blue Vauxhall Corsa. The vehicle was removed from the driveway and was later located in Great Notley.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Attempted Dwelling Burglary</p> <p>On 22/02/2016 at 0230hrs two suspects were disturbed in the rear garden of a property in Sovereign Close, Braintree. Damage was caused to a side gate and the patio doors where suspects were attempting to gain entry.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Burglary Dwelling</p> <p>On 22/02/2016 at around 0215hrs in Edinburgh Gardens, Braintree suspects unknown have gained entry to a property by jimmying the front UPVC door. Suspects were disturbed and made off with Sony digital a camera valued at £200, and a purse containing a small amount of cash.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>
<p>Burglary Dwelling</p> <p>On 21/02/2016 at 1630hrs in Thistly Green Road, Braintree suspects unknown entered a property by smashing the rear patio door. A tidy search was conducted and a Blue Golf was then stolen from the driveway.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle</p> <p>Between 1930hrs and 2000hrs on 21/02/2016 suspects unknown have scratched the side rear wing to a blue Fiat 500 whilst it was parked on Marlborough Road, Braintree.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Interference with a Motor Vehicle</p> <p>Between 1300hrs and 1400hrs on 25/02/2016 off of Stubbs Lane, Braintree suspects unknown have attempted to remove both index plates from a Ford Fiesta.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>



<u>Witham</u>		
<p>Attempted Burglary Dwelling</p> <p>On 22/02/2016 between 0845hrs and 1440hrs suspects unknown have attempted to gain entry to a property on Powers Hall End, Witham by smashing the rear patio door.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Burglary Dwelling</p> <p>On 25/02/2016 between 0000hrs and 0630hrs suspects unknown have gained entry to a garage in Chippingdell, Witham. Items inside the garage have been disturbed but it appears that nothing has been stolen at this time.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Robbery</p> <p>On 26/02/2016 at around 1950hrs an unidentified suspect approached a victim as she was putting her handbag into her car in Speedwell Close, Witham. The suspect pushed the victim from behind and grabbed the victims handbag from the foot well of the car and made of.</p> <p>*Picture of the handbag which was stolen is also attached to the email.*</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>
<u>Halstead</u>		
<p>Criminal Damage</p> <p>On 20/02/2016 between 1300hrs and 1650hrs suspects unknown have smashed the outer pane of glass to a window of a property in Mitchell Avenue, Halstead by unknown means.</p>	<p>Burglary Other</p> <p>Between 20/02/2016 and 23/02/2016 suspects unknown have gained entry to a secure shed in White Colne. At this time it appears carpentry tools have been stolen.</p>	<p>Burglary Dwelling</p> <p>Between 0400hrs on 23/02/2016 and 0800hrs on 24/02/2016 suspects unknown have gained entry to a property in Long Gardens, Twinstead by forcing the locks on a side door. Suspects removed a Sony Television valued at £1300, A Play Station console valued at £300, Mechanics</p>



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<p>Attempted Burglary Dwelling</p> <p>On 24/02/2016 at 0145hrs suspect unknown has gained entry by forcing the lock to a rear French door at a property in Little Yeldham Road, Little Yeldham. It is believed the suspects were disturbed, no entry was gained.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Theft of Motor Vehicle</p> <p>Overnight on 25/02/2016 suspects unknown have removed a Silver Mitsubishi Shogun from a driveway in Hedingham Road, Halstead by means unknown.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	



Uttlesford North		
<p>Dwelling Burglary</p> <p>Between 2330hrs on 22/02/2016 and 0820hrs on 23/02/2016 suspects unknown have gained entry to a house in Walden Road, Littlebury, Saffron Walden by forcing a rear fanlight window and causing damage to window panes. Suspects have conducted a search within the property and removed and handbag from the hallway described as cream linen with leather straps. Various items found outside the property. No further descriptions or values available.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police CID on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Burglary (Other Building)</p> <p>Overnight on 22/02/2016 suspects unknown have gained entry to a garage in Castle Street, Saffron Walden by forcing the lock and causing damage to the garage door. Suspects have removed copper piping and a water tank from within.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>	<p>Theft of a Motor Vehicle</p> <p>Between 1700hrs on 24/02/2016 and 0930hrs on 25/02/2016 suspects unknown have removed a white Ford transit van from a driveway in Castle Cross, Saffron Walden. No details of value available.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>
<p>Theft from a Motor Vehicle</p> <p>Overnight on 22/02/2016 suspects unknown have gained access to an insecure Nissan Qashqai parked in Town Street, Thaxted removing £30 in cash, a compact disc player and an Apple tv box. No damage caused to the vehicle. No further details available.</p>		



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<p><u>Uttlesford South</u></p>		
<p>Theft from a Motor Vehicle</p> <p>Overnight on 24/02/2016 suspects unknown have gained entry to a Mitsubishi pickup truck parked in Flitch Green, Felsted by prising open the rear tail gate. No damage caused to the vehicle. Items removed from inside are: a saw, angle grinder, Hitachi drill, gardening hand tools and bucket, rake, pruning knife, protective gardening clothing, including overcoats and trousers, petrol can, weed killer, a ladder, a Stihl petrol hedge trimmer, a garden strimmer, chain saw and a general electrical extension lead. No further descriptions of any items are available.</p> <p>If you have any information regarding this crime please contact Braintree Police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p>		

Crime Prevention Advice

Home Security a little practical advice.



Most burglars will look for what they regard as the easy touch. So, they will seek out a property which appears to have little or no security, or which may even have an open window or door making it physically insecure. Burglars will also look for properties which are not visible to onlookers, reducing their chance of being caught in the act.

To assess the security of your home or business premises, imagine you are the burglar, and consider the questions that a typical burglar will ask themselves:

How am I going to get in?

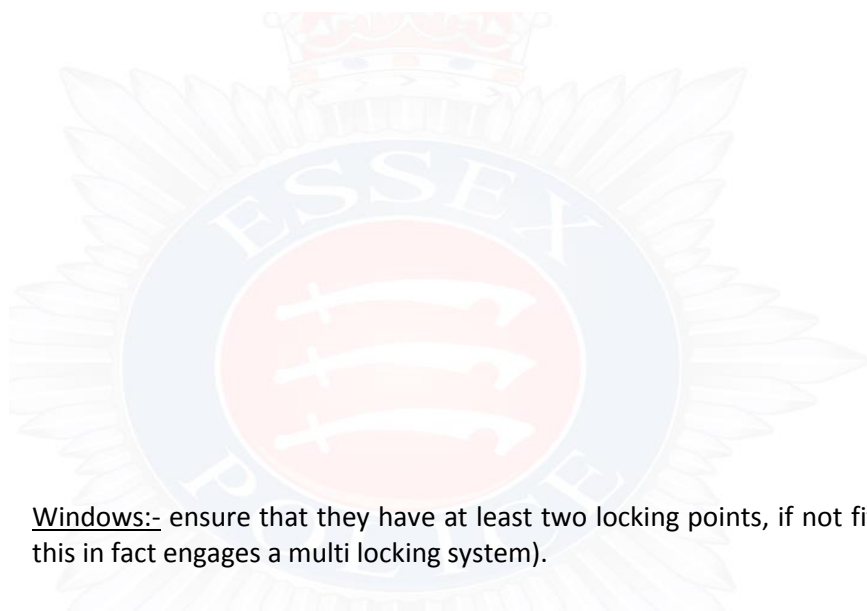
Are there any valuable items visible through windows or doors?

Does the house next door look more of a difficult job to break into?

If the answers to any of these questions are 'yes', the chances are that the burglar will also notice that, and the small possibility of your becoming a victim of burglary will have just increased.

Here are a few helping hints:-

- Lighting, if overlooked or the chance of being seen burglars will prefer to go elsewhere, so get some decent lighting on your house. Dusk till dawn on the front, not only can you see who is at your door, but also when you come home you have a welcoming light. At the rear fit a motion activated light, but ensure you set and site it so animals and plants don't keep turning it on as that only creates more alarm.
- Is there clear unobstructed access to the rear? Burglars will prefer to gain access out of sight at the rear. Where possible fence and gate access to rear (and lock that gate), top this with some trellis or spiky toppings (NB: the spiky topping requires a warning notice). How about some defensive planting, what's this you ask.....something like Berberus, Pyracantha or Hawthorn around perimeter fencing or anything else you wish to protect i.e. domestic fuel tank (some garden centres sell more established plants).



- Windows:- ensure that they have at least two locking points, if not fit visible window locks (most modern UPVC windows although having one handle this in fact engages a multi locking system).
- Doors: - In addition to the “Rim Lock” fit and use a five lever mortice lock. Most UPVC doors as with windows use a multi locking system, make sure you know how to use it. When inside pulling the handle up will engage all the locks but will only lock the centre lock. To lock them all in place you must use the key (if in doubt try it before the burglar does, and then he only needs a small screwdriver for force that centre lock on its own). **Fire Safety** you must have the key readily available in case of fire, but not in view of any windows or letterbox.
- French doors: - Most modern doors have multi locking systems that lock top, bottom and at the centre, on older doors in addition to the centre lock if each door does not have locks to the top and bottom fit additional ones. Keys: - keep them out of sight of the door, but ensure everyone one in the house can find the key to get out in case of fire.
- Bins :- Secure bins and other objects away from buildings and walls so that they cannot be used as a climbing aid.
- Illusion: - Make the house appear occupied, if going away get a neighbour to open and close curtains, and put rubbish out for you. Let the neighbour park one of their cars on your driveway, it does them a favour too. Table lamps inside on a timer or “dusk till dawn”, a radio on a talking programme, it all helps. Don’t let post and newspapers build up at the front door.
- Property marking: - If your property is marked with your post code/house number is reduces the value to a thief, visible marking is best then the thief knows it’s marked too. If your kit comes with a sticker for the window display it, that way even before the thief comes in he know your property will be harder to sell on. With jewellery and small items photograph them, and record the details, if the item has a serial number make a note of it.



The shed or out building: - Put a decent lock on it and keep it locked. DIY stores/Argos sell shed alarms at reasonable prices as an added deterrent and where possible lock and chain large items to the floor or walls and with smaller items keep them in a secure box. A lot of the above re lighting and property marking also apply to the outbuilding too.

All this said the chances of you being a victim of crime is remote and even more so with a little thought.

Another point if you see something suspicious please report it, it may save you from being the next victim. Call 999 if it is happening at that time or if after the event 101 or you can ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Regards

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