

Billingshurst Police Hub



Winter Crime Prevention Advice

Our message is to Keep A Light On

Don't let burglars know you're not home. Once it gets dark, make sure you leave a light on. The long summer days are a distant memory but make sure your property is secure with a few simple security checks.

After dark:

- Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home. You can buy many gadgets and devices to make it look as though you are home. But a simple timer and lamp will do the trick.
- When you go out in the evening, always leave a light on in a room that cannot be peered into from the road or path.
- Fit security lighting – either dusk to dawn energy efficient lighting that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or infrared activated lighting which draws attention to movement.

Daily security:

- Keep all wallets, credit cards and car keys out of sight and out of reach.
- If you leave your house empty, even if you are in the back garden, lock all the doors and windows.
- An intruder alarm can be an effective deterrent against burglars, seek advice to ensure it is the most suitable for your needs.
- Make it a habit to mark your valuables by using your postcode and house number or name.
- Some articles are unsuitable for marking so photograph them next to a ruler.
- Register your property at www.immobilise.com

Scammers Are Still Around

Scams do not discriminate

Scams target people of all ages, backgrounds and income levels. Sussex Police has seen the devastating effect this type of crime can have on people and their families. One of the best ways to fight scammers is to take steps to prevent yourself being caught out in the first place.

Some adults may be especially vulnerable to financial abuse. Consider liaising with your local safeguarding department if you are concerned about someone you know who may be vulnerable by contacting your local Social Services.

Protect Yourself

If you want to stay on top of scams and up to date about crime prevention, visit the Sussex Police at sussex.police.co.uk where you can find all the current information on the different scams targeting people.

JUST REMEMBER

IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE,
IT PROBABLY IS!

Download a copy of The Little Book Of Big Scams (just search for the title in your browser) or call in and collect a copy from the Police Hub.

Happy New Year & Keep 2020 Safe!