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Parish Council Crime Report for Ashchurch

01/12/22 – 22/01/23

The following information shows the incidents and crimes recorded in Ashchurch between the above dates.

During the period 01/12/2022 to 22/01/2023 there were a total of incidents 23 reported to the Police in the Ashchurch area. Of these incidents 7 were recorded as crimes, below are a list of the crimes.

Harassment/Stalking	0
Assault with injury	1
Malicious communications	0
Public fear, alarm, distress	1
Assault without injury	0
Burglary	1
Theft	2
Criminal Damage	0
Public Order	0
Other incidents	2

With the nights now drawing in we may start to see an increase in the amount of burglaries over the County. Burglaries can leave victims feeling violated and unsafe in their own homes. Belongings that hold sentimental or financial value are often taken that cannot be replaced.

Below is some information regarding burglary protection.

Burglars look for opportunities:

They want to find empty-looking homes, where they can't be seen by neighbours and where they can get in and out quickly. Take away their opportunities by installing the 'WIDE' (Window locks, Indoor lights on timer switches, Double or deadbolts fitted to doors, Exterior lights on a sensor) combination of security devices and by carrying out the following actions:



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Is your back gate your weak spot?

Stop access to your back garden. It is really important. Install strong fences and gates and make sure they are kept locked. Make it difficult for burglars to climb over them by adding trellis and spiky plants. Burglars enjoy the privacy of a back garden as it allows them to spend the time they need to get into your home often by smashing patio doors.

Install CCTV or digital doorbells

Install external CCTV or digital doorbells. Burglars don't want to be seen and these devices can capture evidence we can circulate amongst our officers and the public.

See guidance on installing domestic CCTV here at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) by clicking [here](#).

Can your neighbours see your entrances and exits?

Increase the visibility of the entrances and exits of your home. Cut back and consider removing any plants, bushes and high fencing that block your neighbour's view of your home's access points. Burglars do not want to be seen as they may get caught.

Mark your property with forensic marking liquids

Use forensic marking liquids to increase the likelihood of getting your belongings back. These liquids act like DNA evidence and can be used to link recovered property back to you. Popular brands include SelectaDNA and SmartWater.

You may be able to purchase these kits from us directly at a discount (£12.50) as well as through your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.



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Check if valuables are on show and close doors and windows

Check what valuables can be seen from the outside of your home. If there are items that may look tempting to a burglar remove them from view. When you're not using a room make sure external windows and doors are closed and locked.

Shed, garages and garden items

Use and upgrade locks to protect your garage/shed and consider installing alarms. Wheelie bins left out the front offer burglars help to get over your fences. Tools and heavy objects left out help them smash or force their way in. Put them away.

Thank you for taking the time to read, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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