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Incidents of Note

BURGLARY DWELLING THU 06-MAY-10 09:30 to 15:45 LAZY HILL ROAD

Between Material Times U/K Offenders Have Gained Access Via A Garage Door Completed A Tidy Search Of Premises Taking Numerous Pieces Of Jewellery Items And Cash Offenders Made Good Their Escape Possibly Via The Front Door Key In Lock On Handle No Alarm Fitted On The Property

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE TUE 04-MAY-10 23:00 to WED 05-MAY-10 10:30 WALTON ROAD

U/K Offenders Have Approached Vehicle A Silver Nissan Primera Which Was Parked On The Driveway Using U/K Means/Force Have Gained Access To The Vehicle. The Vehicle Has Then Been Taken The Offenders Made Good Their Escape Victim Still Has The Car Keys They Have Not Been Taken

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Walsall Police Take to Facebook



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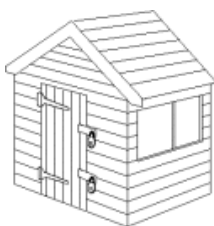
For the latest news (including images of convicted criminals), log on to Facebook and search for Walsall-Police.

The site will be updated regularly.

Garden Shed Security

Garden sheds are a very popular target with burglars and are often overlooked when security is being considered. The value of the contents, such as garden mowers, strimmers and cycles etc. can often add up to many hundreds of pounds. It is therefore wise to secure the shed door with at least one heavy duty hasp and closed-shackle padlock.

It may not always be appropriate to fit a heavy duty padlock, hasp and staple as the shed door and frame may not be strong enough to support them. There is a range of smaller but sturdy padlocks, padbolts, hasps and staples which would be suitable. Whether fitting heavy duty devices or otherwise, always use coach-bolt fixings through the door and frame.



All opening windows require good window locks.

In addition to fitting external physical security to your shed, it is worth considering the installation of an alarm. This does not mean a complete burglar alarm system, though, if your house already has such an installation, it may be possible for it to be extended to the shed. There are various stand-alone devices on the market specifically designed for remote use in garages or sheds, which fall into two main categories:

- a passive infra-red detector within the shed to detect movement and body heat
- a door contact system

Both systems will operate a sounder if the shed is accessed without the correct de-activation. They are available with battery or mains power supply and can be purchased from your local locksmiths, D-I-Y or discount store.

The major problem with vulnerable garden sheds is that they provide burglars with an arsenal of house breaking implements, e.g. the versatile garden spade: because of the blade size and the leverage that can be exerted, few door or window locks can withstand a prolonged attack from this implement. If the shed is too fragile to secure adequately, the spade should either be bolted or padlocked to a heavy bench or frame, or, better still, kept in a more secure place such as a locked garage. Alternatively, your tools can be secured by chaining them together.

Consider the use of a strong lockable box or cage within the shed in which you can store not only your garden tools but also insecticides, weed killers or other items which may be harmful to health or plants if improperly used.

