

BABERGH DISTRICT

Report To Glemsford Parish Council For Tuesday 09th April 2013

This report covers the period from 01/4/12 to 01/4/2013. During this time there are 75 crimes recorded relevant to the parish of Glemsford, this compares to 103 crimes for the same period last year.

BREAKDOWN OF CRIME

Burglary Dwelling	-	2011-2012	3	
		2012-2013	2	(decrease from last year)
Burglary Other Building	-	2011-2012	18	(increase from last year)
		2012-2013	19	
Vehicle crime	-	2011-2012	36	(decrease from last year)
		2012-2013	13	
Assaults and public order	-	2011-2012	3	(Increase from last year)
		2012-2013	16	
Theft	-	2011-2012	23	(decrease from last year)
		2012-2013	11	
Criminal Damage	-	2011-2012	11	(decrease from last year)
		2012-2013	6	
Other Miscellaneous	-	2011-2012	5	(Increase from last year)
		2012-2013	7	

If you have any information that would be of interest regarding this or any other offences and would like to report or discuss with the police, please contact non-emergency number 101 Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

It is encouraging to see that crime recorded this financial year compared to last has dropped a large amount. Despite the increase in burglary dwellings with Babergh this year it is reassuring to see that two have been recorded in Glemsford compared to three last year. There has been a large drop in regards to vehicle crime but an increase in assaults and public orders, this figure can relate to domestics incidents.

Despite the overall decrease, it is important that residents remain vigilant with their home and property security. Please keep your homes and vehicles as secure as possible, make sure all windows and doors are securely locked and if you are going out for the evening, try to leave a light on down stairs and upstairs to give the impression that somebody is home

If you see any suspicious vehicles driving slowly around your area and they seem to be out of place then please try to take down their registration numbers and pass these onto the Police by dialling 101 the non-emergency number, if it is an emergency you are to dial 999.

There are many ways in which you can help yourselves becoming a victim of crime. If you would like to have a tailored crime prevention survey for you, your home, vehicle or business premise, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Babergh West safer neighbourhood team. In addition to this there is a website called www.immobilise.com, where you can register your property for FREE and improve your chances of getting it back if it is lost or stolen.

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Babergh West SNT
12 April 2013
New Non Emergency Telephone: 101
baberghwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk
www.suffolk.police.uk

Babergh West SNT Priorities

Tuesday 19th March 2013 – Tuesday 21st May 2013

To give Crime Prevention Advice on Burglaries and Catalytic Converter Thefts to residents within the Babergh West Villages

Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team

Next Priority Setting Meeting for 2013

Tuesday 21st May 2013

18:00-19:00pm

Cockfield Villiage Hall

Church Lane

Cockfield

IP30 0LA

Crime Alert

Please make sure all windows and doors are locked when you leave your property. Also make sure ladders; wheelie bins etc are not easily accessible.

Make sure all valuables are not left outside or visible. Mark your property and look to register it on the www.immobilise.com. This is where you can record serial numbers, photos and receipts of your property

Report any suspicious vehicles or people to police immediately.

SAFE-Key

We have enclosed some information regarding SAFE-Key.

This scheme is a way of returning lost keys back to their owners. If you go to the website below you will be able to find details about the scheme and a Question and Answers information sheet.

The scheme per person costs £12.00 per year for one fob then £6.00 per extra fob. Which is equivalent to £1.00 a month. Suffolk Constabulary is a non-profit establishment, and all the contributions GO BACK INTO YOUR COMMUNITY.

If you feel this would benefit yourself or your family please complete the form online at www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk or contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team

Heating Oil Theft Advice

The theft of heating and diesel oil has been a problem for many years and the police have noticed an increase in this type of crime over the past month in rural areas. These tanks can contain many thousands of pounds worth of oil and it therefore makes very good sense to take a few precautions to protect such a valuable commodity.

Check with your insurance provider that you are not only insured for fuel thefts, but also any oil seepages, either through wear and tear or deliberately caused by an offender. The cost of any resulting environmental clean up could prove expensive.

The position of the tank can have a significant effect on how hard a target it is in the eyes of a thief. If the tank is within good view of the house, then the thief may consider the risk of being seen too high. If the tank is close to a road, path, drive or alleyway then it will be a far easier target. Hiding the tank behind the garage, shed or some other type of outbuilding is fairly commonplace but, on the other hand, it could help to conceal the thief.

A thief will usually come equipped with a limited range of tools to attack your tank so it's worth spending a little more on good quality locks. Closed shackle padlocks are best as they offer most resistance to the most popular of burglar tools, namely the bolt cropper. Due to their design, closed shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop (shackle) exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a good grip. Another recent security measure available is a padlock with a built-in alarm, which activates, when tampered, at up to 110 decibels.

Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available, which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly falls in fuel level. These gauges are sited within the house to warn of any potential problem. Security lights, can have a very positive effect and make any property a much harder target for thieves. It is not always necessary to floodlight the area with high power beams, as a more subtle level of lighting may be all that is needed. Low energy 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.

Thieves will not want to force their way through or over a prickly hedge. The smallest trace of blood or shred of ripped clothing could help the police identify the offender. Some effective natural planting includes: Berberis x Stenopylla Crataegus Monogvna (Hawthorn) Ilex Aquifolium (Holly) Pyracantha (Firethorn) Rosa Rugosa. A trellis can be decorated with defensive planting.

Suffolk Police are asking everybody to look out for any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area following a delivery of heating oil and to report this to Police as soon as possible. For further advice on heating & diesel oil thefts, or to obtain advice from your local Crime Reduction Officer please dial 101.