

BABERGH DISTRICT

Report for Glemsford Parish Council Parish Council Meeting

This report covers the period from **9th December 2013 to 8th January 2014**. During this time there has been **7** crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to **15** crimes for the same period last year.

BREAKDOWN OF CRIME

Burglary Dwelling **0 Reports**

Burglary Other Building **1 Report**

Crime SU/13/2530 Burglary other building in Kings Road between 21-22/12/13 Officer in the case PC 888 Stephens

Vehicle Crime **1 Report**

Crime SU/14/35 Aggravated taking – Motor vehicle in Lower Road on 5th January 2014 Officer in the case PC 1293 Johnson ([Suspect is currently on Police Bail](#))

Assault/Public Order **4 Reports**

Crime SU/13/2562 Assault Occasioning ABH in Harper Road on 27/12/13 Officer in the case PC 1541 French.

Crime SU/13/2557 Assault on Police in Schoolfield on 27/12/13 Officer in the case PC 1655 Rout. ([Suspect received a Police Caution](#))

Crime SU/13/2525 Common Assault no injury in Hunts Hill on 21/12/13 Officer in the case PC 1543 Jones. ([Suspect received a Police Caution](#))

Crime SU/13/2537 Cause Harassment/Alarm/Distress Section 5 POA in Lion Road on 23/12/13 Officer in the case PC 1693 McCarthy. ([Suspect received a Community Resolution](#))

Theft **0 Reports**

Criminal Damage **1 Report**

Crime SU/13/2546 Criminal Damage other building in Egremont Street on 25/12/13 Officer in the case PC 1693 McCarthy. ([Further enquiries are ongoing](#))

Other **0 Reports**

If you have any information that would be of interest regarding this or any other offences, would like to report or discuss with the police, then please contact the Babergh West SNT (details below) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously.

Criminals are not only interested in the property within your house.

They can also be tempted by goods and equipment stored outside in garages, sheds and even the garden.

Property such as bicycles, lawnmowers and power tools can be just as valuable as televisions, stereos and DVD players.

However, a few simple steps can help keep equipment safe while deterring thieves and burglars.

Garages, sheds and other outbuildings

Ensure that the building is in good condition and look to improve its security by: -

Fixing mesh or bars on the inside of windows. fitting good locks to all doors. Padlocks should be at least 6cm/2.5 inches wide, hardened steel, have at least 5 pins and be a close shackled type (reduces risk of being forced). Fittings should be bolted through the door and reinforced at the back with a steel plate or washer; hasps should have concealed screws. Fitting additional locks to up-and-over garage doors. Considering an alarm - either a battery operated alarm or upgraded house alarm which includes the shed or garage. It is important to remember to use locks at all times, even if you are at home. Always keep keys safe and out of sight.

Property

Secure all items that could be easily removed - they could be used to break into your house. Security-mark property such as lawn mowers, furniture and tools with your postcode and advertise the fact that they are marked. Keep a note of serial / make / model numbers. Take photographs of any valuable garden ornaments. If they are stolen, the police can circulate the photographs to help with identification. Ensure that bicycles are security marked and have additional devices to secure them inside the shed or garage. Consider signing up to www.immobilise.com which is **FREE** and you can register your property, this will try to help us stop property crime.

Outdoors

Consider installing security lights to both illuminate your garden and deter thieves. Sensors can be bought which switch lights on when a moving body is detected; also available are sodium tubes that switch on automatically once it becomes dark. Keep shrubs, bushes, hedges, etc cut back as they can provide a hiding place for thieves. Check that all boundary fences, walls and gates are in good repair. A solid barrier is an excellent deterrent to the opportunist thief. Ask your neighbours to keep an eye on your garden day and night - and do the same for them. Contact the police immediately if you see anything suspicious.

Also sign up to Police Direct which is **FREE** where you will get information relating to your area on any crimes, Police events and tips on safeguarding yourself and your property

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.

Babergh West SNT Priorities

Tuesday 19th November 2013 – 14th January 2014

**Speed checks and awareness in Chelsworth
School Parking and awareness in Boxford**

Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team

Next Priority Setting Meeting for 2014

Tuesday 14th January 2014

11am-12pm

Village Hall

The Street

Assington

CO10 5LJ