

January Extra Focus:

Community Safety Scheme....

The parish council have joined North West Leicestershire's District Council's (NWLDC) crime prevention initiative. The community safety scheme aims to help residents to deter thieves by improving home and personal security and protecting items of value. In simple terms – make it more difficult for a thief to enter your home and outbuildings such as sheds and make it difficult for them to sell your property by clearly identifying who it belongs to.

The parish has two community safety champions who have attended NWLDC training and have a range of equipment which is available **FREE** to residents of Sweptstone and Newton Burgoland.

The equipment includes, shed and window alarms, security marking pens and cycle and lawnmower security stickers. In addition, there are personal alarms, 'purse bells' and car key pouches.

Police and crime prevention officers stress that this initiative is to support their work and not replace it. They advise that most burglaries are opportunist and taking a few simple steps to protect property will deter thieves.

We hope that as many people as possible will take advantage of these items as funding for the scheme is limited.

What do I do next?

Contact the parish clerk with your details and a community champion will arrange collection or delivery.

Please state which items you are interested in from the list overleaf.

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Shed Alarms

Simple to fit and operate with 2 remote controls.
Highly visible sign to warn thieves.
These signs are also available separately.



Property Marking Kit

Marker pen and warning stickers to protect valuables such as TVs etc. This also helps police to return any stolen property that is recovered.



Purse Bells

These simply attach to a purse. Pickpockets and thefts from handbags are on the increase. This simple idea provides an alert of attempted theft.



Personal Alarm and Torch

Small alarm which emits siren when pressed.



Window Shock Alarms

For use on vulnerable rear ground floor windows and patio doors. Any attempts to break glass or force window will activate the alarm. Easily applied using adhesive pad.

Key Protection Pouch (for key-less ignition car keys)

A specially designed pouch to prevent 'bouncing', in which thieves use software to pick up key signals from a distance to steal a car. Some cars, such as Ford are specifically targeted in this crime.

