



Towcester Safer Community Newsletter

Team Update – December 2016

Crime Updates

There has been an increase in house burglaries during November in the South Northants area. December is a time to review your home security.

Going away? – don't let mail and newspapers build up as this can show that your property is unattended. Ask a friend or neighbour to check on your property.

Don't make it easy for criminals – lock away items that can be used to break in such as garden tools and ladders.

Keep valuable - phones, laptops, wallets, car keys and presents **out of sight**.

Winter Crime Prevention Advice



Don't give criminals an easy ride.

Always remain with your vehicle when defrosting the windows.

Never leave your engine running and vehicle unattended.

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Don't give criminals an easy ride.

During the cold weather, motorists are advised to make sure their car is fully defrosted before starting any journey. However, motorists should never leave their vehicle unattended with the engine running to warm it up or to defrost the windows.

Thieves can target residential areas on cold and frosty mornings looking for cars where the owners has started the engine to defrost the windows and then returned inside, leaving the car unattended.

Motorists should also be aware that some motor insurance policies become invalid if a vehicle is stolen as a result of the keys being left in the ignition.

- If you have a garage, always put your car away at night. This not only keeps the car frost-free but also out of sight of would be thieves.
- Always remove keys from the ignition, even if you are just leaving your car for a few moments. It only takes a thief a few seconds to jump in and drive away.
- Cover your windscreen the night before a frost is forecast. This will make it easier to clear the windscreen in the morning.
- Make sure you allow yourself more time for your journey. Frost on cars also means the roads could be icy and make driving more difficult.

To help prevent you from becoming a victim of crime, follow some simple steps which can be found on the crime prevention section of our website

Meet the Team



Towcester's local Police, crime prevention experts and Neighbourhood Watch are holding a **"Safer Christmas"** event.

It's a drop-in event offering crime and prevention advice to improve safety and security especially over the festive period. The Barclaycard Fraud Alert team will also display some sabotaged ATM "hole-in-the-wall" money dispensers to illustrate exactly how we can be more vigilant when using these machines. It is important to see, so do come and have a look.

The event is our largest crime prevention giveaway ever! We have some items of security and personal safety FREE to visitors: personal alarms, key-fob torches, safety hi-viz stickers for the children.

There are also free mince-pies and refreshments, so don't miss out!

Team News

The Towcester SCT team said goodbye to PC Darren Bhattacharya who is moving to a new role also covering South Northants and Daventry area.

This is my last SCT newsletter as I am moving on to Northampton as a Sergeant for a Local Response Team from January. PS Micki Simons will be taking over and I am sure she will keep you up to date with updates and news from the South Northants team.

Comfort & Joy Christmas Campaign

Towcester staff have joined in the Comfort & Joy campaign donating gifts to men, women and children who will be spending Christmas in a refuge this year. Many of those who flee domestic abuse do so quickly and may have no personal possessions with them at all.

Donations are being taken until 15th December 2016 at Daventry District Council Offices and Daventry Police Stations.



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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