

Garage And Shed Breaks In The Haslemere Area Alert And Appeal



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Dear Resident,

Police have received 3 reports of residential **Garage, Shed Breaks and vehicle crime** which occurred in the **Haslemere** area (Post Code GU27 2**).

Please be vigilant and check your garages, sheds, vehicles and any other outbuildings for signs of interference or a confirmed break-in.

At the same time, check the security of these buildings including side entrances and boundaries.

When?

29/05/2018 00:00 – 29/05/2018 10:00 **FOUNDRY LANE, HASLEMERE**

A closed and unlocked garage was entered and a Pedal cycle removed, and a closed and unlocked vehicle was entered nothing taken

Crime Ref. 45180056119

29/05/2018 00:30 **LOWER STREET, HASLEMERE**

Suspicious male was seen attempting to gain access to shed and out building

Crime Ref. 45180056028

28/05/2018 2300 – 29/05/2018 0700 **St CHRISTOPHERS, HASLEMERE**

A closed and unlocked garage, shed and vehicle have been entered nothing has been taken.

Crime Ref. 45180056099

What happened?

Overnight, garages, sheds and vehicles in our rural communities have been targeted for items to steal. In particular, pedal cycles had been removed although other items of value had also proven attractive.

What are Police doing about it?

At risk are garages and sheds in very rural locations. Do not leave garage doors open so that the contents can be seen by strangers. Always lock garage and shed doors, and vehicles

Your local officers have enhanced local rural patrol plans and are advising residents in those affected communities.

How can the Public help?

To help safeguard your property:

- Property marking – security mark your tools and other property to deter criminals, either engrave or obviously mark them with a permanent marker or paint, with your postcode and house number. Also use an ultraviolet pen to covertly mark the tools or use a covert product such as SMARTWATER or Selecta DNA.
- Secure your tools and property– ensure they are secured to a fixing anchor (floor/wall) and locked when not in use. Chain together any power tools.
- Move high value items to the main house.
- Alarm your shed/outbuilding/garage/workshop. Consider CCTV and fit security screws to hinges and hasps/staples. Secure windows and make it difficult to see inside.
- Fit security lighting. Keep shed doors closed.
- Pedal cycle security <https://www.immobilise.com/articles/bikesecurity>

A lot of people assume that they don't need to protect their shed or garage. It's just a storage shack? Despite holding such valuable items, sheds are rarely secured properly. Whether your shed is attached to your home or not, it should receive the same level of security as the rest of your residence and surrounding property.

Did you hear or see anything? If you have any information then please contact Surrey Police on 101 quoting a Crime Ref. as above.

You can also contact **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously on **0800 555111**.

Register your Property – on IMMOBILISE, the national property register where you can record makes, models, serial numbers etc
<https://www.immobilise.com>

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