



Burglaries - Witheridge

Good afternoon,

Over the last couple of days we have seen an increase in the amount of burglaries that have taken place in Witheridge, these properties have had their vehicles stolen and/or moved. We have also seen damage caused to the Fire Station along with a local church and therefore wish to use this as a timely reminder to all to ensure you keep your properties locked and secure at night and to keep your keys out of reach and out of view.

I have included in this message a useful link that will take you to the D&C website where we contain lots of useful information in order to keep your property safe and secure.

[Protecting your home from crime | Crime prevention | Devon & Cornwall Police \(devon-cornwall.police.uk\)](https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

A formal press release will be going out shortly but please be vigilant and if you see any suspicious vehicles in and around the area then please call us immediately to report this.

Finally

Burglars are often opportunistic thieves who prey on houses and flats. They seek out any opening that they can take advantage of, specifically doors and

windows that are left open or unlocked or are easy to force. Anything of value that they might spot through a window will only spur them on. But it really doesn't take much to deter these thieves – just smart thinking.

Burglar facts

- Burglars target homes that they think will contain valuables. A sure giveaway is leaving packaging from expensive items outside your front door
- Burglars often look for homes with windows or doors left open or with vulnerable features that they can exploit.
- Burglars are aware of the times when someone is expected to be away from their house such as during the school run or holidays
- Burglars typically do not want to be seen or heard and if they feel that they would be noticed by a neighbour or passerby then they are more likely to feel exposed and may move on to find somewhere else to burgle
- Burglars often choose a home because they've spotted a specific vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle they want to steal – and the keys are more than likely to be inside the residence
- [Sheds and garages](#) are often vulnerable as they are not that secure and contain tools which the burglar can use to assist them to gain entry to a home
- It's a fact that many burglars return to homes that they've previously burgled because the homeowner failed to upgrade security following the first burglary. They sometimes return to an area to try to burgle a nearby home that they spotted while committing a previous break in. Even more reason for you to ensure you keep your home as safe as houses

Kindest regards

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