



**UTTLESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK**

This is Neighbourhood Watch Week and this year we are tackling the growing menace of Scams.

Scams are an issue that our Neighbourhood Watch members tell us about every single day. But we can't tackle the problem alone so that's why we've teamed up with the experts - the National Trading Standards Scams Team - to encourage our members and supporters to become a Friends Against Scams.

We want to use the power of our Neighbourhood Watch network to encourage as many people as we possibly can during National Neighbourhood Watch Week 2017 to take a few minutes of their time to become a Friend Against Scams. You can do this by completing a short, 15-minute online learning session, which can be done in the comfort of your own home, at work or wherever is most convenient for you. The online learning is also interactive, so you will be able to learn about scams in a fun way. And you get a free certificate too!

So, to protect yourself and your neighbours, please complete the session by visiting [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk). And if you want to know more about getting involved with Neighbourhood Hood contact us on [www.uttlesfordnhw.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordnhw.org.uk)

Alan Johnson Chair

**CRIME REPORTS (SUPPLIED BY ESSEX POLICE)**

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Saffron Walden Audley	42/82145/17	Other criminal damage to a vehicle	10/06/2017 19:35	Mandeville Road	Saffron Walden	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED A SCRATCHED ALONG THE OFFSIDE OF THE VICTIMS VOLKSWAGEN CAUSING A LINE ALONG ALL PANELS
The Sampfords	42/82744/17	Theft of a motor vehicle	12/06/2017 07:36	Mill End	Saffron Walden	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN A BLACK LAND ROVER DEFENDER
The Sampfords	42/83137/17	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	12/06/2017 18:02		Saffron Walden	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE PROPERTY BY SMASHING A REAR WINDOW MESSY SEARCH CONDUCTED OF BEDROOM AND DINING ROOM AND HAVE REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN
Thaxted	42/84272/17	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	15/06/2017 09:34	Bardfield End Green	Dunmow	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO PROPERTY BY OPENING UNSECURED BACK DOORS. ONCE INSIDE A TIDY SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED AND THE VICTIMS HANDBAG WITH ITEMS INSIDE WERE REMOVED.

**CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE (SUPPLIED BY ESSEX POLICE)**

**During the Day in the Summer**

Not many people consider their home security whilst they are at home in daytime. During the summer months there are further attractions to criminals due to the hot weather that they will take advantage of. The below are just a few examples of things to consider:

Hot day, windows and rear doors into the garden are left open and no one is downstairs in the house or to that matter in those rooms. Burglars will take advantage of gates that are not locked or poor boundary fencing to enter the rear garden, and if the opportunity is there with a door or accessible window open the burglar will pop in and grab what they can i.e. handbag and wallets and run off.

A barbecue or other in the back garden who notices the uninvited guest, or while you are all in the garden who notices the burglar to the front of the house that via the open fanlight window opens the unlocked bigger window, enters and steals undetected.

Easy access to flat roofs or climbing aids giving access to first floor windows that are open, none is upstairs everyone is downstairs perhaps in front of the TV with the volume up; again the opportunist will take advantage of this to enter and steal undetected upstairs.

Don't provide opportunities for burglars, whilst at home keep the bigger opening windows closed and locked in unoccupied rooms or where this is not possible add window restrictors to the windows. REMEMBER - In case of fire ensure that keys for windows and doors are readily available but out of sight. If fencing is beginning to get a bit tired consider replacing it, fencing to the rear should be at least 1.8m ideally close boarded wooden with similar gates which should be kept locked. Defensive fence topping with warning signage or nice spiky plants will add to your security. Don't forget the car on the drive, it may be hot and an open car may be cooler but it will also attract a thief to steal it or from within it, if they do an open car may invalidate an insurance claim.

For further crime prevention advice see <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> or <https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/> .

Don't forget "You can do it online" at <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/> as well as using the 101 number.

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