



# VALLEY BEAT – COLEORTON

## POLICE UPDATE JULY 2017

### Crime Figures:-

See below

### Emerging trends / Incidents of note:-

We continue to see thefts from vehicles across the area this month we would encourage people to consider where they park, removing valuables from vehicles overnight. The team recently held a number of Free Tool Marking And Crime Prevention Advice event on the beat. It was an opportunity to have power tools, hand tools, and garden equipment marked and personalised helping with their safe return should they be stolen. The security marking is almost impossible to remove. If you missed the chance to have your valuables, please contact a member of the beat team to make an appointment.

### Crime Prevention Advice



Leicestershire Police takes vehicle crime very seriously and understand the effects of such crime can be distressing and cause a lot of inconvenience for the owner.

The more security you are able put in and around your vehicle, the less attractive it will be to thieves. Consider adopting some of the following security measures in order to try to reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim of future crime.

Protect your vehicle. Don't give thieves an easy ride.

- leave it on show expect it to go! Always remove valuables from your vehicle
- remove sat nav's including the support cradle and cables. Wipe away any suction pad marks
- don't leave tools in vans overnight
- make sure that doors are locked, windows are closed and keys are removed when you leave the car, even if it's only for a moment
- on icy mornings, never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running
- park your vehicle in a well-lit spot that is visible to others, or covered by CCTV
- if you have a garage, use it. Always lock your vehicle and garage
- consider fitting a metal cage to your catalytic convertor or have it etched
- register any vehicle equipment such as CD players, in-car DVD players, and sat nav's, for free with [immobilise.com](http://immobilise.com)





## Garden Crime

Don't let green fingered thieves spring clean your shed.



Many people take a great deal of trouble securing their house and the property within it...but what about sheds and garages? With the array of lawnmowers, power tools, garden equipment, bicycles, sports and other valuable equipment kept in them, security measures should certainly be put in place.

### Property

Gardening tools and garden furniture are not cheap - what's more they are very saleable items for the thief. Don't make it easy for them to be stolen and remember that tools stolen from your shed could be used to burgle your house.

- Postcode or property mark anything in your shed or garage that is value and might be stolen, for example, lawnmowers, garden furniture, bicycles, sports equipment.
- Take photographs of expensive items - they may be useful to police to identify the goods and return them to you, should you be unfortunate enough to have them stolen.
- Never leave garden tools and equipment outside, even if you are just popping back into the house. It only takes minutes for an opportunist thief to take them.
- Consider fitting a pair of garage door locks that are fitted either vertically or horizontally and can be locked both from the inside and outside of the garage.

### Good news

Please see Insp Bhakta's latest blog as the local policing commander for the area by clicking [here](#).

### We'd like to meet you

We hold regular beat surgeries and engagement events.

You can meet us at:

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1pm - Long Whatton Village Show

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 11am – Sawley Marina Autumn Fayre

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1pm – Diseworth Village Show

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1pm – Osgathorpe Beat Surgery

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – St Hardolph's School (Parents evening)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – Belton Beat Surgery at Convenience Store

### Crime Figures JULY 2017

3/7 Theft of garden plant pot

No viable lines of enq', filed.

7/7 Burglary other than dwelling

Filed pending further lines of enq'

19/07 Theft of tools from unsecured van

Op Pioneer – filed pending further enq'

15/07 Criminal damage to wall

CCTV identified suspect, under investigation

