

## Welcome to Genie's 'Public Information' newsletter

In this issue: an important witness appeal and crime prevention advice, as well as a quick reminder of tomorrow's spring clean and litter pick in Goring.



### Witness Appeal and Crime Prevention Advice

Following an unusually high number of burglaries and other crimes in Goring recently, Thames Valley Police are appealing for witnesses and would like to provide support for residents.

Additionally, this coming Saturday morning (13 April), between 10am - 12noon, three police officers will be in Goring Shopping Arcade to meet local residents to offer crime prevention advice (and hand out leaflets and 'Smart Water' packs) in an effort to help protect people from further criminal activity.

#### During the period 11 March - 5 April, there were 6 crimes in Goring:

- 11 March: Burglary and car stolen in Whitehills Green, Goring
- 15 March: Shed broken into in Cleeve Down, Goring
- 21 March: Burglary in The Birches, Goring
- 5 April: Burglary in Maple Court, Goring
- 5 April: Burglary in Red Cross Road, Goring
- 5 April: Burglary in Upper Red Cross Road, Goring

#### Appeal for witnesses following a burglary in Maple Court, Goring, on 5 April:

The incident took place between 8pm on 4 April - 8am on 5 April after offenders gained access to the property by smashing sliding patio doors using spades that were kept in an unlocked shed. Once inside offenders stole items including cash and jewellery.

If you have any information [about this incident](#) please [report it here](#) or call 101, [quoting reference 43190102749](#).

Please use the same telephone number or hyperlink to report any information about the other 5 crimes.

Find out how you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary by downloading your **FREE Home Security Guide** from the Thames Valley Police website here: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/>

Thames Valley Police have received several reports of burglaries in recent months in the Goring area where unoccupied properties have been broken into. The residents of these homes have often been elderly and have either been taken into care homes, hospital or away on holiday. Entry to the properties has been gained by forcing/smashing windows or doors and it appears that cash and jewellery have been targeted.

Please look after any friend's or relative's properties that are unoccupied and remain vigilant, reporting any suspicious activity and vehicles to us online via the form on our website or by calling the police non-emergency number 101.

Please share this message and make sure you have reviewed your home security. You will see an increased presence of CID Officers and Neighbourhood Policing Officers will be carrying out visits to day centres, coffee mornings and holding Have Your Say meetings which will be advertised via the Thames

Valley Alerts system.

If you run a group in the area and would like support please email the Henley neighbourhood Team at [HenleyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HenleyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by looking at your home security through the eyes of a burglar. Think about how you would break in if you locked yourself out. You may be surprised at how easy it would be.

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Below are some quick practical steps that you can take right now to make your home more secure:

- Ensure doors and windows are locked, even if you are just out in the garden
- Store house, window and car keys out of reach of windows and your letterbox
- Hide valuables so they can't be seen from outside
- Mark your valuables with a UV pen or forensic marking kit as this will make it harder for thieves to sell the items
- Register valuables for free on the national property register at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) and bicycles at [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)
- Trim back hedges and shrubs at the front of your property so that burglars have nowhere to hide
- Always lock sheds and garages to prevent access to tools that could be used to break into your home
- Plant thorny bushes around the perimeter of your garden to deter thieves from climbing in
- Gravel can be laid on driveways, paths and beneath ground floor windows which will make a noise when stood on.

By working together we can build community resilience to deter burglars from targeting homes within the area.

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## REMINDER: Goring spring clean and litter pick

**Saturday 13 April (tomorrow) starting at the Community Centre (Station Road, through the Arcade) 10am-12noon**

DON'T FORGET - the twice-annual litter pick is tomorrow from 10am-12noon. It is supported by Goring Parish Council and Goring In Bloom, as well as the WI who are baking lots of cakes. After the litter pick, all volunteers are treated to free refreshments.

All equipment is provided. Please show up for 10am at the Community Centre car park (just walk through the Arcade, or come via the Station Road entrance). Families are welcome and encouraged to participate.

*Though typically this would be a topic for Genie Village Matters newsletter, because of the timing and that there has been some concern about awareness of the new location and times, it was felt appropriate to include in this Public Information newsletter.*



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