Dear Neighbourhood Watch Members,

Following some recent incidents of thefts of tools from commercial vehicles in Tandridge area, we have arranged some ‘Drop In’s’ at Builders Merchants in the area. Two of our PCSO’s are assisting our Crime Reduction Adviser at these events to raise awareness of the problem with visiting customers.

It is often the case that a trades van is targeted by one or more thieves, who will follow it and make good their rapid raid on the vehicle while the owner is away from it, for even the briefest moment. Robustly locking up, should be the way you manage your valuables for any duration of your absence from your means of transport.

Leaving the back doors unlocked while you are away from your car or van because you were ‘nearby’ or ‘only five minutes’, is a freebie on offer to all.

You’d be surprised how many victims have not heeded this advice recently.

Kind Regards
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Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Inspector

CRIME REPORTS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
Burglary Dwellings, Burglary Non Dwellings and Vehicle Crimes
February 16th – March 1st

If your area is not referred to below it is because we have not been informed of the crime or it has not been affected by reported crime in the categories above. Feedback from you will help to achieve the most appropriate circulation of information. It is also worthwhile pointing out that any recipient of ‘In The Know’, is free to copy our Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter to any other interested party who can also register to receive the bulletin at https://www.intheknow.community

Lingfield, Marsh Green and Dormansland

Burglary Non Dwelling
Two outbuildings in High Street, Dormansland were entered between 17.00 February 11th and 12.00 February 13th. The padlock was broken off one outbuilding but nothing was stolen (ref 45170017183).
Between 08.00 and 18.00 February 26th the roof of a shed in Newchapel Road, Lingfield was ripped off and two chainsaws, a hedge trimmer, a strimmer and a pruner were stolen (ref 45170020194).
Between 16.00 February 25th and 08.00 February 26th at Moor Lane, Marsh Green, breeze blocks were removed from a wall of a tack room, but nothing was stolen (ref 45170020031).
Between 20.00 February 27th and 08.00 February 28th the metal around the lock of a detached shed in Honeypot Lane, Edenbridge was broken. Offenders stole various tools but left the cutter that had been used to gain entry at the scene. This incident is linked to the theft of a van containing tools that was stolen nearby and which is being investigated by Kent Police (ref 45170020729).

Vehicle Crime
The driver’s side window of a car parked overnight on February 16th/17th in Lingfield Common Road, Lingfield, was smashed and car cleaning equipment stolen (ref 45170016704).
Sometime between 20.45 February 17th and 05.00 February 18th four tyres of a vehicle parked in Newchapel Road, Lingfield were slashed/damaged (ref 45170016969).

Bletchingley

Burglary Non Dwelling
Between 09.00 February 21st and 13.00 February 25th suspects entered a garage through an unsecured door before stealing garden power tools (ref 45170019767).

Vehicle Crime
Between 17.00 February 22nd and 10.00 February 23rd the ignition barrel was forced on a White Ford Transit van parked in Outwood Lane, Bletchingley and power tools and gardening tools were stolen (ref 45170018952).
Oxted, Godstone, South Godstone and Hurst Green

Burglary Dwelling
There was an attempted burglary of a house in Wolfs Wood, Hurst Green, between 22.00 February 19th and 08.00, 20th February. A window had been smashed with a rubber handled claw hammer. The hammer was then found inside the property (ref 45170017603). Between 21.30 February 12th and 21.00, 17th February, a single lock kitchen door with no deadbolts at a house in Woodhurst Lane, Oxted was jemmied open. Following an untidy search jewellery and watches were stolen but electronic items left untouched. This follows a similar pattern to burglaries over the last year in the Tandridge area (ref 45170017179). There were three burglaries overnight on February 27th which all appear to be linked. Offenders forced open the door to a garage adjacent to a house in Gordons Way, Oxted around 03.00 and prised a locked key box off the wall. They forced the box open and it is believed they then used the key to enter the house via the front door. A Pendleton brand handbag, jacket and gloves were stolen. There was then a failed attempt to enter another house through a side door a few doors away using a crowbar. Sometime afterwards a house in Westlands Way, Oxted, was entered via a UPVC patio door which was unlocked. A piggy bank and two sets of car keys were stolen. Police found the jacket and gloves nearby from the Gordons Way property together with the crowbar and the car keys (ref 45170020372/20362).
Between 22.00 February 28th and 08.30 March 1st there was an attempt to enter a house in Chalkpit Wood, Oxted. The door frame was damaged and a letter box was stolen (ref 45170021156).
Between 16.23 February 20th and 16.23 February 26th an unoccupied house in Lower South Park, South Godstone was broken into but after an untidy search nothing was stolen (ref 45170020476).

Burglary Non Dwelling
Overnight between February 20th and 21st commercial premises in Holland Road, Hurst Green, were broken into. A quantity of spirits and money from a charity box was stolen (ref 45170018002).
Between 16.40 February 20th and 07.30 February 21st a container holding tools at a site in Beadles Lane, Old Oxted, was broken into and tools, rolls of lead and a jet wash were stolen (ref 45170018007).

Eastbourne Road, South Godstone – Sometime between 9.00pm on 18th February and 7.00am on 19th February offenders have forced entry to a café located at a garden nursery and stolen small change from the tills (ref: 45170017304)
A commercial property at Godstone Green, Godstone had a side window shattered overnight between February 19th and 20th. Then between 06.00 and 07.00 February 20th two males wearing high viz vests were seen removing three small containers from an adjoining shed and
leaving in a white Ford Transit (ref 45170017776).
Eight fence panels were stolen from the grounds of a property in Pollards Wood Road, Oxted between 11.00 February 16th and 09.00 February 21st (ref 45170020552).

Vehicle Crime
At around 18.25 on February 25th in Church Lane, Oxted whilst the victim went into the house for a couple of minutes the doors of a car parked on the driveway were left unlocked. This proved to be long enough for someone to steal a silver satchel bag containing keys and credit cards from the vehicle (ref 45170019868).
Between 20.00 February 26th and 10.00 February 27th a black puffer jacket was stolen from the rear seat of a motor vehicle parked in Wheeler Avenue, Oxted, and (ref 45170020371). Additionally, the same night cash and an umbrella were stolen from a motor vehicle also in Gordons Way, Oxted (ref 45170020403).
Between 18.15 February 27th and 10.00 February 28th at Coldshott, Oxted a parked vehicle was scratched with a knife or similar sharp instrument on the offside rear wing (ref 45170020712).
On February 20th between 17.30 and 19.30 a vehicle was stolen from The Greenway, Hurst Green (ref 45170018013).
Between 18.00 February 24th and 09.24 February 27th a van parked in BayTrees, Hurst Green, was broken into and a battery was stolen (ref 45170020306).
In the early hours of February 17th a vehicle (believed to have been stolen in Scotland) failed to stop for police in Hunters Close, South Godstone, and drove off the road into a playing field. The police helicopter and a police dog unit located the vehicle and two suspects were arrested. A subsequent search of one of the suspect’s property, revealed a catapult, ball bearings and other items that may have been associated with theft. As a result one of the suspects faces potential charges of theft of a motor vehicle, failing to stop for police, possession of articles to commit criminal damage and going equipped to steal. Enquiries continue (ref 45170016550).
Between 20.00 February 27th and 10.00 February 28th a white Mercedes A180, which had its driver’s door window covered in temporary plastic sheeting, was stolen from Woodlands Drive, South Godstone (ref 45170020762).
A vehicle alarm was triggered on a vehicle in Ockleys Mead, Godstone, in the early hours of February 22nd. A passenger window had been smashed and a dash head cam unit stolen. An old dirty silver coloured Peugeot was seen to drive off fast at the time of the incident (ref 45170018780).

Caterham, Caterham on the Hill, Chaldon and Whyteleafe

Burglary
Between 12.00 and 12.40 February 17th the occupier of a house in Hilltop Lane, Chaldon, went out for a short time. A window at the side of the property was then smashed and intruders stole three laptops, two Apple ipads, a Blackberry Curve, a Kindle and bottles of wine (ref 45170016789).
At around 11.45 March 1st two suspects were spotted at the rear of another house in Hilltop Lane, Chaldon. When police arrived shortly afterwards a ground floor kitchen window was discovered to have been smashed around the handle area but the suspects had not had time to enter the house. One suspect was described as wearing a dark blue Parka jacket with the hood up and the other was wearing a green parka jacket also with the hood up (ref 45170021219).
Around 18.50 February 17th the occupier of a house in Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, saw two
males in the garden of the adjoining property which was subsequently found to have had the conservatory door forced but no entry had been gained. One of the males was of Afro-Caribbean ethnicity and dressed in dark clothing. Having been disturbed they threw two bricks at the occupier’s house breaking a window and causing £350 of damage (ref 45170016832/16843). Between 08.00 February 24th and 19.30 February 28th the front door of a flat in Whytebeam View, Whyteleafe was forced open. A fake Rolex watch plus a safe containing keys and jewellery was stolen (ref 45170021026). Between 11.30 and 20.50 February 21st the ground floor bathroom window of a property in Farningham Road, Caterham, was smashed. After an untidy search, £490 cash, 200 Euros and some jewellery were stolen (ref 45170018409).

**Burglary Non Dwelling**

Sometime between midnight February 11th and 15.00 February 22nd a garage was broken into in Milton Road, Caterham on the Hill, and fishing equipment was stolen (ref 45170020105). Between 21.00 February 25th and 08.00 February 26th a Carrera Mountain Bike and a yellow coloured Go Kart were stolen from the rear garden of a property in Banstead Road, Caterham on the Hill (ref 45170020119). The rear door of a retail unit in Croydon Road, Caterham was forced open between 17.00 February 24th and 07.55 February 25th and after an untidy search, £220 of cash was stolen (ref 45170019751). Between 17.00 February 27th and 08.30 February 28th an old window at the rear of a retail unit in Croydon road, Caterham was popped and £50 cash was stolen from a till (ref 45170020706).

**Vehicle Crime**

The lock of a Ford Transit van parked in Coulsdon Road, Caterham on the Hill, was damaged between midnight and 08.30 February 17th and a thermal imaging camera valued at £700 was stolen (ref 45170016603). Between 17.00 February 16th and 10.15 February 17th, offenders entered a car parked in a car park at Town End, Caterham on the Hill, released the handbrake to roll it forward and then used a length of wire to hook up the passenger door handle and open it. Nothing was stolen (ref 45170016824). Between 21.00 and 21.15 February 21st a van parked in Ninehams Road, Caterham on the Hill, was targeted by two white males. One was of skinny build and wearing a black and white baseball cap. They were seen to remove a number of items from a truck including a Dewalt rotary saw and hammer drill, a Makita circular saw, a 4 ½ inch angle grinder, a Hitachi jigsaw and a Titan concrete breaker. The items were loaded into a Burgundy colour Ford Fiesta which had a blue panel on the driver’s door (ref 45170018395). The window of a car parked in Foxon Lane, Caterham on the Hill, was smashed between 23.15 and 23.55 February 17th but nothing was stolen (ref 45170016904). Between 18.00 February 16th and 11.00 February 17th a car was keyed in Tillingdown Hill, Caterham (ref 45170016916). Between 19.30 February 17th and 07.30 February 18th a Chanel presentation box and case with high value beauty products was stolen from the boot of a car parked in Tillingdown Hill, Caterham (ref 45170017040).

A Ford Transit van was found on fire by a police patrol in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham, in the early hours of February 23rd. The van had been stolen from outside a property close by but nothing had been stolen (ref 45170018883).
At around 23:48 on February 27th the owner of a van parked in Harestone Hill, Caterham on checking his van discovered the driver’s door was unlocked. A male who was sitting in the corner of the van ran away without stealing anything. He was described as a dark skinned male. 5’ 6” tall, slim build aged early 20’s. He was wearing a dark puffer jacket with a hood and possibly red coloured trousers (ref 45170020645).

Between 22:00 February 17th and 10:00 February 18th entry was gained to a vehicle by unknown means in Godstone Road, Whyteleafe. A dash cam was stolen and a wallet and its contents that were in the glove compartment (ref 45170017026).

At around 02:15 two males were spotted with tool boxes in their hands at a commercial property in Godstone Road, Whyteleafe. One of the males was described as a white male, height 5’ 7”, age early 20’s, chubby build and wearing a black hoodie, dark trousers and black scarf. Two vans had been broken into and from one a green Hitachi Drill, a Milwaukee grinder and impact driver and a box of 3 test phones were stolen (ref 45170021086).

Warlingham, Woldingham and Tatsfield

**Burglary Dwelling**

Between 06.15 and 20.00 February 24th entry was gained to a house in Greenway, Tatsfield by unknown means. A locked bedroom door was forced open and three watches were stolen (ref 45170019941).

**Vehicle Crime**

The index plates of a car parked in Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, were removed between 12.00 February 1st and 18.00 February 17th. The index plates have subsequently been found on another vehicle and the suspect arrested (ref 45170016838).

Between 09.00 and 10.00 February 28th a parked car in Limpsfield Road, Warlingham was keyed (ref 45170020746).

At around 11.30 February 28th there was an attempt to steal a trailer parked in Bramber Way, Warlingham. A blue Landrover reversed up to the trailer and the driver appeared to be about to hitch the trailer to his vehicle before being spotted and driving off. The vehicle index number has been unable to be traced (ref 45170020983).

Between 09.00 and 11.15 February 26th the rear window of a vehicle parked in Church Road, Woldingham, was smashed. A rucksack containing a wallet was removed from the boot but was found 100 metres down the road together with the owner’s mobile phone. This road has been frequently targeted in the past (ref 45170020113).

If you have any information to assist with the investigation of these crimes please contact Surrey Police by telephone on 101 quoting the crime reference number

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Crime prevention advice is also available from your local police station or by logging on to the police website www.surrey.pnn.police.uk and clicking on to the link to the crime reduction pages for more hints and information.

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Thank you all for your continued support.
Neighbourhood Watch