



TILE KILN Neighbourhood Watch
one of 23 watches within the
CHELMSFORD GROUP OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ESSEX POLICE



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**Neighbourhood
Watch**

**Answer phone
01245 290261**

**Police Emergencies
Call 999**

**NEW NUMBER
For Non
Emergencies
0300 333 4444**

**Police News
Website**

**www.essex.
police.uk/news**

**Help Solve Crime
CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111**

**Home Office Crime
Reduction website
www.
crimereduction.gov.uk**

STREETSCENE

**Chelmsford
Borough Council
LITTER
GRAFFITI
REMOVAL
0845 2451234**

Dark evenings/nights are with us again - "Don't be a victim."

A number of "car key" crimes in the Town and surrounding areas, and recently including Tile Kiln, have taken place with burglars breaking into homes and taking keys which are then used to steal vehicles and personal property, Police have issued an alert to ensure that we all take appropriate action to prevent and reduce the opportunity for crime to take place.

One in five burglaries happens because we forget to shut and lock windows and exit doors in our homes. Take these simple measures to protect your property and possessions. Close and lock all downstairs or accessible windows when you leave the property or even when you go to bed.

Burglary prevention.

- Make sure all exit doors are securely locked.
- Do not leave cash, bags and wallets lying around.
- Make sure your car keys and house keys are somewhere safe and out of sight.
- Lock your car away in the garage if you have one – leaving it on the roadside is a great temptation to a would be thief.
- Remove all items of value from your car when not in use.
- Ensure you have secured your side gates leading to the rear of the property.
- Do not leave ladders and garden tools out in the garden – burglars love such items to assist them.
- Finally take photographs of all you valuables (jewellery, watches, ornaments, etc.)

With Christmas coming please take care not to leave presents visible to prying eyes. Take all your shopping in from your cars – do not leave on the back seat. **Be wary!**

Some theft prevention tips - do not leave your bike lying around in your front and rear gardens.

- Post code or electronically tag your bike and make a note of the model, colour and serial numbers.
- Photograph your bike and record the details on the back.
- Secure your bike when not in use in a shed or garage.
- Lock your bike to a fixed point.

Chelmsford Rural Policing team area is very large and includes Tile Kiln /Goat Hall Ward

Tile Kiln has been reasonably clear of crime over the past few months despite one or two nasty instances and youth nuisance. We appreciate the visible presence of our Neighbourhood specialist officer PC Annette Lucking and PCSO Sandra Strange efforts in helping to make Tile Kiln a pleasant place to live in. If you have any information/knowledge of who might be committing these crimes please contact the **Police on 0300 300 4000** or **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**

Neighbourhood Action Panel for the Goat Hall Ward – NAP for short

Our NAP has been active over the past year meeting regularly. The aim of the Police team working with the community and partner agencies is to try and solve problems, prevent crime and ultimately provide a good service. To find out more about our **NAP** go into the Essex Police web site www.essex.police.uk and then enter in your post code in the box and you will see what is going on.