

Tonbridge & Malling Police Community Safety Newsletter

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Crime Series or Crimes of Note

Criminal damage, The Avenue, Aylesford. An elderly male had his front wooden gate damaged twice by an unknown person. No one seen or heard. NO cctv.

Attempt shoplifting, Sainsburys, Mills road, Aylesford. A female entered the store and attempted to steal multiple items. Security intervened and the male accomplice offered to fight staff. They left empty handed.

Shoplifting, Aldi stores, Aylesford. A male entered the store and stole £61.38 worth of meat. CCTV captured the incident.

Criminal damage, High street, Aylesford. The owner of The Hengist restaurant and Chequers pub called in to say that two windows had been smashed. The owner believes he knows the owner. CCTV available.

Theft, Varnes street, Eccles. A resident had an argument about parking in the area. He later discovered his front door key was missing. Shop nearby had CCTV.

Criminal damage, Culpepper road, Aylesford. A call came in about someone with a torch damaging a vehicle and trying to steal a catalytic convertor. Police arrived and found that the owner had been working on his own car all day long.

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Items of good work:

Aylesford retail park has seen a decrease in nuisance youths.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

A resident called to say someone late at night keeps knocking on his door. Neighbours were asked and no one had seen or heard anything. There have not been any other reports since.

Nuisance scrambler bikes in Common road, Bluebell Hill. Area is being patrolled.



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Hospital lane clinic, Lord leas, Bluebell Hill. Nuisance vehicles. Warnings were issued.

Reports of drug taking at Aylesford rugby club. This is being patrolled to gain more details.

Crime Prevention Information:

As spring approaches the number of shed break-ins can increase. Items such as lawnmowers, bicycles, golf clubs, fishing tackle and power tools can all be kept insecurely in sheds and these can all be easy pickings for thieves to target.

The tips below can help to prevent you from becoming a victim of this crime.

- Install a shed alarm, with a notice displayed to warn thieves that it is not worth the effort of breaking in. The alarms are easy to install and can be purchased at most DIY stores.
- Make sure the door is always securely locked.
- Ensure all valuable property is marked with your postcode. Post coding property makes your belongings very unattractive to a thief by making items easily identifiable and difficult to sell.
- Lock up pedal cycles. Use bike locks and chain them inside to other large items or to the shed.
- Keep a record of the make, model and ID numbers of bicycles and all other equipment and take photographs of unusual items.
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that the value of things stored inside is covered by your contents' policy.



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