

Notes from Crime Prevention presentation at Sheepscombe Village Hall – 29th April – 2014.
Speaker – Mark Godsland of Gloucester Constabulary supported by Colin Drewett our local police officer.

Details of all advice sources mentioned are to be sent to john.biggs1@hotmail.co.uk for forwarding to villagers.

Three ways to contact the police by phone as follows :-

An emergency or situation needing urgent police action – 999

Reporting information where urgent action is not required – 101

Confidential reporting – Crimestoppers.

Criminals rarely carry tools to carry out a crime but look for items in a garden such as spades, ladders etc so make sure these are locked away.

Lighting can be a deterrent, particularly in rural areas.

Consider fire emergency needs when fitting security locks on windows.

A third of car crime is on vehicles where something of value has been left on display.

Check your insurance policy for minimum requirements on locks etc

Make sure sheds and outbuildings are locked and items inside such as bikes are secured.

“Smartwater” is a recommended marker pen system for valuables available at the cost price of £15.00 from Glos Police. Retail price is about £60.00. Warning signs of this system in use are made available for display at your property. Marked goods are traceable back to the owner by the police using a central register.

Use timers on lighting so that your home looks occupied.

Have a means of being able to view visitors to your front door to avoid opening the door unprepared.

Keypass is a web based site for storage of your electronic passwords which may be more secure than keeping written notes.

Be aware that public WIFI facilities can be accessed by others who may be able to view your data so do not carry out on line banking or other sensitive transactions at such places.

Make sure your smartphone and similar devices are password protected.

