

Community Safety

Report to Etchingham Parish Council, 16th February 2023

Updates of incidents in the area in recent weeks supplied by PCSO Emma Phillips.

Reports relating to the area for the month of February, not a great deal reported during the month, nothing marked as Etchingham, but a few in neighbouring villages, and some more fairly local incidents. Shed break ins and catalytic converters continue to be targets.

LOCATION	TIME FRAME	POLICE REFERENCE	OCCURRENCE
Hurst Green Station Road	03:00 05/02	SXP-20230205-0375	There has been an attempt burglary to a residential property.
Battle Old Ladies Court	20:55 – 21:00 05/02	SXP-20230207-0589	A business has been broken into and items have been stolen.
Burwash Heathfield Road	December 2022	SXP-20230210-1014	A shed has been broken into.
Hurst Green London Road	12:00 13/02 – 11:00 14/02	SXP-20230214-0464	Several sheds have been broken into in the allotment.
Dallington Battle Road	No time frame proved.	SXP-20230215-0755	Several Alloy wheels and tyres have been stolen from a property.
Stonegate Cottenden Road	14:00 19/02	SXP-20230220-0303	Criminal damage has been caused to a greenhouse.
Battle Hastings Road	02:00 – 02:10 22/02	SXP-20230223-0691	A catalytic converter has been stolen.
Ticehurst	15:30 26/02	SXP-20230227-0148	Golf clubs have been stolen.
Ticehurst Farthing Hill	27/02 19:00	SXP-20230228-0008	A rear window to a vehicle has been smashed.
Catsfield The Green	23/02 - 27/02	SXP-20230228-0028	A residential property has been burgled.

Other items to take note of;

Cars & vans;

There have been any reports of thefts of and from vehicles during the month, but always be aware of any suspicious activity around parked vans especially at night. As always, the advice is make sure vehicles are secure and where possible have good motion activated lights to illuminate the area where the vehicle is parked, thieves do not like to be seen while carrying out their activities, CCTV is also a good tool in helping to identify potential thieves.

Catalytic converters;

Thefts of catalytic converters in Kent and Sussex continues to be a problem, there are recent reports of thefts of catalytic converters in neighbouring areas Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Hawkhurst and Cranbrook to name just a few.

Sheds & outbuildings;

As can be seen from the list above, there have been a number of break ins to sheds and outbuildings with tools and equipment being stolen, make sure these buildings are secure and as difficult as possible to get into, alarmed if possible, and again, motion activated lighting can be a very good deterrent.

Make sure and report all incidents and break in attempts as soon as possible, even if nothing is stolen, report to **101**, **BUT** if you are sure a criminal act is in progress **999**.

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