



Hart and Rushmoor residents warned to be on their guard following recent burglary reports

We are warning residents in Hart and Rushmoor to be on their guard following a number of burglaries in the past few days.

Work is ongoing to establish the exact circumstances of the residential burglaries, which have happened at various times of the day.

We are investigating a number of recent reports, including:

- A burglary at an address on Beaulieu Gardens in Blackwater. Between 8am and 4.30pm on Friday 23 February, a property was accessed. Money, a car key and watches were stolen. (Reference: 44240080056)
- A burglary at an address on Fleming Close, Farnborough. Between 3.30pm and 7.15pm on Saturday 24 February, a property was accessed. Jewellery and handbags were stolen. (Reference: 44240081489)

Since the incidents were reported to us, officers have been conducting a number of enquiries and have been gathering evidence and CCTV footage.

Officers are also appealing for witnesses and further information. Were you in the area at the time? Did you notice anything suspicious? Do you have relevant CCTV or doorbell footage that could be reviewed by officers?

Anyone with information can call 101 with the relevant reference number listed with the incident above or make a report via the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary website - <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>.

We also wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of our burglary crime prevention advice:

- Shut all windows and lock them when you are not using the room, at night and when you leave your property
- Lock all front and rear doors at night and when you are out. If you have a UPVC door with a multi-point lock ensure you lift the handle and lock it with the key. Remove the key after the door or window is locked.
- Put all car keys and other keys out of sight and not in reach of windows and

letterboxes; it doesn't take much for the keys to be hooked through the letterbox. Place your keyless car keys in a Faraday pouch, which can block signals meaning would-be-opportunists can't copy your car key and gain entry to your vehicle.

- Leave a light on so your home looks occupied if you are going out for the evening. If you head out while it is still daylight and won't be back till after dark then timer switches (available from most DIY stores) can be useful for turning your lights, radios and other appliances on at a set time before you get back.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Have an intruder alarm system installed. Ensure a visible alarm box is attached to the outside of your home. Also consider fitting security lighting.
- Use door chains and spy holes to give you extra security if someone knocks on your door. Never be afraid to turn people away. If you have concerns about anyone who has come to your door call the police.
- Record the details of your property such as serial numbers for electronic goods on the Immobilise website (<https://www.immobilise.com/>)



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