

Protect your home during the darker nights

As the clocks are now turned back West Mercia Police is reminding its communities not to let burglars take advantage of the longer darker nights to use the cover of darkness to commit crime.

Chief Superintendent Kevin Purcell said: "As the nights draw in we often see an increase in people's homes being burgled, as well as valuables stolen from cars as thieves take advantage of the cover of darkness.

"Our officers do regular patrols, but I would also advise people, especially at this time of year, to think about their home and vehicle safety.

"Simple things can be done in the home such as setting lamps and radios to come on to a timer, use /or install an alarm system, as well as installing outside security lighting. As for car safety - don't leave valuables on your seats and if you can park your car somewhere that is well lit rather than a secluded street, these can all help prevent being a target of crime."

Throughout West Mercia Police towns and villages have signed up to support We Don't Buy Crime and advertise their involvement, through support from West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, about their involvement in the initiative. The initiative has proven to act as an effective deterrent and a significant impact on reducing crime. To find out more about how your local community can get involved speak to your local safer neighbourhood policing team.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/53003/Protect-your-home-during-the-darker-nights>

Further Crime prevention advice can be obtained from the West Mercia Police website (Crime & Safety sections) please see 'remove the opportunities for burglary':

For Home – <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/1955/Home>

For Rural & Business <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/rural-and-business>