



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



This time of year tends to be a time of reflection on things that we have done (or haven't got around to doing!) during the past 12 months. The New Year often spurs us into making New Year's Resolutions, starting something we've been meaning to get around to for a long time ... joining the gym, decorating the house, trying to shed that weight the doctor keeps saying we should.

Here are a few alternative New Year Resolutions that you may wish to consider for 2018:

If you love it – register it

By registering your valuables on www.immobilise.com you can put details of your prized possessions on a national database that police can access and compare against items that have been found or recovered from suspected criminals.

The on-line service is totally free and is quick and easy to use. Items marked as being registered with Immobilise are less likely to be stolen, and households displaying Immobilise stickers are less likely to be targeted by burglars.

With the high price of gold and the fact it's easy to sell gold jewellery for cash, even modest gold earrings, bracelets and chains are sought after property for burglars.

If jewellery has to be left in the home, then ensure that it is kept out of sight and securely locked up in a safe that is bolted into the brickwork or masonry.

Do not leave keys in obvious places. If possible, you should always photograph, separately, high value pieces.

Vehicle Crime – Protect Yourself

Did you know that most vehicle crime is preventable? It can take seconds for a thief to steal something from your car and so, if at all possible, leave nothing on view, not even empty bags.

NEVER leave valuable items in your car and always remove the Sat Nav mark on your windscreen, and ask yourself – do I really need to keep all those things in the glove box?

On-line

Change your login passwords and update your security on your laptop or PC regularly.

At home

Check your carbon monoxide alarms and fire alarms are in full working order regularly.

Get in touch

If anyone has suggestions for topics that they think would be suitable for future Neighbourhood Watch articles in the Forum, please get in touch - e-mail contact.adnwa@gmail.com

Meanwhile, we wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.