Contacting Kent Police

You can report non-emergency incidents to us by calling **101***

In an emergency (when crime is in progress, life is in danger) or if you see something suspicious call **999**

If you are hard of hearing or speech impaired, text '**Police**' and your message to **60066**

*Calling 101 from landlines and mobile phones costs 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long you are on the phone.

Keep up-to-date with policing

Visit **www.kent.police.uk/enews** today to sign up for your local newsletter and we'll send it straight to your inbox every few weeks.

It gives you information on recent crime, current operations, community initiatives, sentences for crimes committed in your district as well as dates for upcoming public meetings and opportunities to meet your local officer face-to-face.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH KENT

www.kent.police.uk/burglary

Register your property

Register your belongings, such as mobile phones, jewellery and games consoles at **www.immobilise.com**
The UK National Property Register

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Burglars mess with your head not just your home.

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Don’t let them in.

Samantha’s story...

A few weeks ago I arrived home from work and instantly knew something was wrong. Then I saw the mess. I must have gone into shock because I felt like I was living in a bubble for a few days. Now I may never see what was taken again. Some of my mother’s jewellery, my laptop, my designer bag.

But it’s what those items mean to me which makes it worse and knowing I could’ve helped prevent it.

The expensive items I’d saved up so long to buy. All of my family photos. Things that held so much sentimental value.

Whoever it was got in round the back. My curtains were still drawn so it was obvious I’d left in a hurry. The side gate was left open after putting the bins out too. They even used my garden tools to break the back door.

They knew what they were doing, it was daylight. They saw an easy opportunity and took it.

Light it

- ✔ Light dark or hidden entrances with low wattage security lighting
- ✔ Use timer switches to turn on lights/radio – invest in a 24-hour segment timer for under £5. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb

Lock it

- ✔ Keep your front and back windows and doors locked (double lock uPVC)
- ✔ Keep side gates locked – burglars often break into homes from the garden where they have less chance of being seen
- ✔ If bins are emptied before you leave for work return them to your garden – they can be used as climbing aids if left on display
- ✔ Instead use bins as obstructions in side entrances
- ✔ Trim high hedging/plant growth – they could provide cover for a burglar
- ✔ Secure your garage and shed – items inside can be just as tempting and can even be used to break in
- ✔ If you get the train ensure your car is locked, windows are closed and keys are not left on display through windows
- ✔ Don’t keep large amounts of money or jewellery at home. If you have to, use a safe that is stored out of sight and fixed to a solid floor

List it

All valuable items should be registered for free on **www.immobilise.com** – logging details helps us to return them to you if we find or seize them. These include:

- ✔ Expensive jewellery and antiques
- ✔ Bicycles
- ✔ Laptops, desktop computers and tablets
- ✔ Mobile phones and MP3 players
- ✔ Home entertainment systems including TVs and games consoles