



### Neighbourhood Watch Report 27th June'07 to 20th July 2007

#### **Burglary Dwelling:**

Buddon Lane.	2nd July	Whilst occupants in the house unknown person gains access through insecure entrance property taken Person disturbed and left the scene. Forensic enq's are ongoing at this time.
Alexander Rd	14th – 15th July	Whilst occupants were asleep unknown person has entered dwelling and removed property. Enquiries are ongoing at this stage.
Castledine Av.	1st – 10th July.	Jewellery box stolen from bedroom area. Enquiries are ongoing at this time.
Deeming Drive.	27 <sup>th</sup> July.	Whilst occupant upstairs asleep, entry gained through ground floor insecure window. Tidy search, but no property taken. Enquiries ongoing pending forensic results.
Deeming Drive	27 <sup>th</sup> July	Whilst Occupant upstairs asleep entry to address is attempted by ground floor window. No entry gained. Enquiries ongoing.
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#### **Burglary other than Dwelling:**

High Street.	27th June.	Entry gained to restricted area with educational buildings and computer equipment taken. Enquiries are ongoing and the computer equipment has been recovered.
Loughborough Rd.	30th June – 1st July.	Out buildings at business premises left insecure. Property taken. No further lines of investigation
Leicester Rd.	12th July.	Male disturbed attempting to break into premises. Male arrested nearby by Police. Enquiries are ongoing and male is on Police Bail

#### **Theft:**

Loughborough Rd.	28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> June.	Caravan stolen from business yard. No witnesses or suspects.
Unitt Road	29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> June.	Pedal cycles left locked to metal fence. Locks cut and pedal cycles stolen. No witnesses or suspects.
	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Property left insecure outside address on public area Between the times this property has been stolen. No witness or suspects.
Nursery Lane.	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> July.	Pedal cycle left insecure in garden area. Stolen overnight nothing heard or seen.
Northage Close	26 <sup>th</sup> July	Theft of milk. No suspects or witnesses at this time.
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Station Rd.	30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July.	Theft of building materials from yard area. Enquiries are ongoing.

#### **Damage:**

Station Road.	6th July.	Damage caused to wooden gate by unknown person.
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No witnesses or suspects.

## Assault:

Unitt Rd.

16th July.

Female assaulted by person known to her.  
Enquiries are ongoing.

With the so called warmer months upon us please bear in mind that your property needs to be secure. Please close all windows even if you are only going out for a few minutes. Please be vigilant we have had six burglaries this month in the village, if you see anything suspicious **REPORT IT**. Now that we are into the School summer holidays please make sure that your children's pedal cycles are made secure or better locked away out of sight when not in use to prevent theft.

## Overnight Burglaries

There is considerable concern by the police and NHW about the increase of burglaries in the village committed whilst the occupants of the house have been asleep since those reported by Darren Chalke the Quorn Beat Officer. I have received information of a similar incident in Dexter Close in which items worth several hundred pounds were stolen. In each case entry was obtained without the burglar needing to break-in, simply because ground floor windows had been left open. The effect on the owner is devastating not only because of the losses but because of the knowledge that someone has been in the house. I don't know what the official view of the insurance company would be but if I was an insurance broker I would be reluctant to pay out for stolen items if the householder did not take reasonable precautions. Certainly a large increase in the premium can be expected.

Whilst it is great that the weather is more like that of a normal summer and it is nice to be able to open the windows on a hot day we must remember that burglars know this. Unless you are in the rooms concerned, windows and doors, particularly those which are visible from the road must be securely closed. If you have not yet fitted a burglar-alarm, think seriously of doing so. Remember to get at least 3 quotations from reputable alarm companies. Valuable property should be marked, ideally with Smart water. This can be bought from the NHW office at Loughborough Police Station. The office is open from 10 to 12 o'clock on Monday and Thursday mornings.

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## Distraction Burglaries

Whilst Quorn has not yet been a serious target of this sort of crime, there has been a large increase in the County of distraction burglaries. The caller may claim to be from the Water Board or a young child saying his ball or pet hamster has run into your garden; all this to distract you so that the other criminal can gain time to enter your house and search for money and small valuable items. The answer is simple, don't allow an unknown person into your home. Old people are unfortunately the prime target. All the main service providers will notify you by post of a visit by one of their staff and will arrange a password with you so that you can verify the genuine nature of the caller.

If the caller is genuine he or she will have means of identification and won't mind if you take time to telephone the company first to check on the name of the caller. **Terry Shrives**

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