

Attempted burglary, North End, Dunmow Weds 23rd May

A secure building on a farm has been broken into, by removing the hasps to the padlock with a screwdriver. A quad bike stored within the building was tampered with but not removed.

Please ensure that if you have padlocks to outbuildings the hasps or T bars are run on the inside of the door so that burglars cannot simply unscrew the hasps. There's no point in buying expensive padlocks if thieves can remove the hasp and clasp. Similarly, please check your outbuilding doors to ensure that hinges cannot simply be unscrewed from the outside.

Can I suggest that if you're not sure how good your outbuilding security is, you consider how you would gain access if you were to lose your keys. If its possible for you to gain entry within ten minutes, you can safely assume that a seasoned burglar will do it in less time than it takes most of us to sneeze. Go on – have a look....

Catalytic Converter thefts

A farm in Butts Green, Clavering has reported the theft of catalytic converters from 4 vehicles. CCTV footage showed a vehicle entering the yard on 21st May at 23.10hrs and another earlier the same afternoon.

Vehicles were a blue pick up style Transit with a pale blue cab and a yellow transit with a blue back. Please be aware that cat thieves are now carrying rechargeable grinders, so are able to remove a catalytic converter in record speed.

We have had many reports of these thefts over the past couple of weeks all over Essex. If you have vehicles which could be vulnerable to this type of theft, we'd advise that you park them away from the road where they cannot be seen by passing traffic.

I will be on holiday next week, returning back to work on Monday 31st May. If you need to report anything in the meantime, please call 0300 333 4444 or your Neighbourhood Officers directly as per below table.

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