

Neighbourhood Watch Message from PC Leah DAVIS

Stay Safe when the Clocks Change!

We all like to think we take sensible steps to secure our homes and protect our most precious belongings.

However, we know that in Gloucestershire:

HALF of us still advertise our homes empty on social media by "checking in" to other places or about being on holiday;

A QUARTER of us don't leave lights on when we go out;

A QUARTER of us give burglars the tools they need to break in by leaving ladders and tools in our gardens;

ONE IN FIVE of us still don't lock our doors when we go out;

More than a **THIRD** of us don't routinely put our valuable items out of view of burglars;

THREE QUARTERS of us still don't set our burglar alarms at night or if we go out, even if we have them in our homes.

MAKE SURE YOUR HOME IS NOT A TARGET

- Shut and lock doors when you are out;
- Make sure your house looks occupied using lights and radios on a timer;
- Shut and lock side gates ensure the boundary to the rear is secure;
- Secure sheds and garages with robust padlocks and a shed alarm;
- Install a good shed alarm.

PLEASE DONT BECOME A VICTIM