

Switch on the Lights

During the dark winter months, both crime and the fear of crime increases.

Although there are no foolproof ways to stop burglars there are steps you can take to make it more difficult.

Going back in history, we learn that in 71 AD, the Romans suffered from a massive crime wave at night. Their answer was to erect braziers around the perimeter of the city. These were lit and maintained throughout the hours of darkness. As a result of lighting up the city, crime was virtually eradicated, although the penalties if you were caught were rather more severe than they are today.

However, there is a lesson to be learned as the modern equivalent to the brazier could well be the halogen light that can be fitted to your house or garage to light up that dark corner. A light over your front door so that you can see callers clearly would also be useful,

These lights come in many forms and the sensors can pick up any movement of automatically switch them on at dusk and off again at dawn. The cost of these devices has fallen dramatically in the past few years and should be a priority in protecting your home.

Opportunist thieves assess their chances of being seen as well as being caught so switch on the lights.