

THE WAR AGAINST CRIME GOES ON

Another festive season has come and gone and I hope you experience a crime-free time.

Some were not so lucky as there was a spate of Christmas burglaries. Those involved experienced the devastation of a ruined Christmas.

As you look at your reduced bank balance and prepare to tighten your belt, burglars unfortunately, have their own way of improving their funds by stealing your possessions.

They believe at this time there are some rich pickings – new TVs, videos, camcorders and all sorts of electrical goods that are easy to convert into cash so please take all the security precautions you can.

There is no doubt that one of the most effective deterrents you can have in your home is a burglar alarm.

I know that New Year Resolutions tend to fall by the wayside as the year goes on but a resolution to install a burglar alarm now would be to your advantage this year, next year and onwards.

This is the time of year when there is a substantial increase of new bicycles in circulation.

As some of these bikes are very expensive and a great number of them are stolen every year, most of them when away from home, here are a few tips worth considering:

Do not leave your bike unattended and unlocked even to pop into a shop for a second.

Padlock your bike to an immovable object, stronger than the bike itself.

Mark your bike with your postcode.

Lock your bike in a busy street where it can be seen.

Do not leave accessories on the bike.

Take a photograph of your bike and record details of serial number, make, colour and any other details.

If the front wheel is easily removable, lock it to the back wheel or frame.