



## Crime update

During the month of February 2022 Sileby had, 1 x Burglary Residential, 4 x Vehicle Crime, 4 x Assault, 2 x Public Order and 3 x Thefts. These figures do not include private domestic related incidents or harassments.

No other significant crime patterns have been identified. For more detailed data, please visit <https://www.police.uk/>

Keep up to date with our latest police communications by signing up to [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk) where you will receive real time updates via email.

Here you will find our latest survey 'Your Views Matter' which gives you the opportunity to address any police and partner agency intervention needed across Charnwood.



## Police Advice

Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower.

An opportunistic burglar will try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house.





## Shed and outbuilding security: first steps

First off, check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft.



### Think like a thief

Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. And keep it locked at all times.

### Alarm it

Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

### Lock it, hide it or mark it

Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.

Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit [Sold Secure](#) to search for ground anchors and other locks designed to fix to floors and walls.





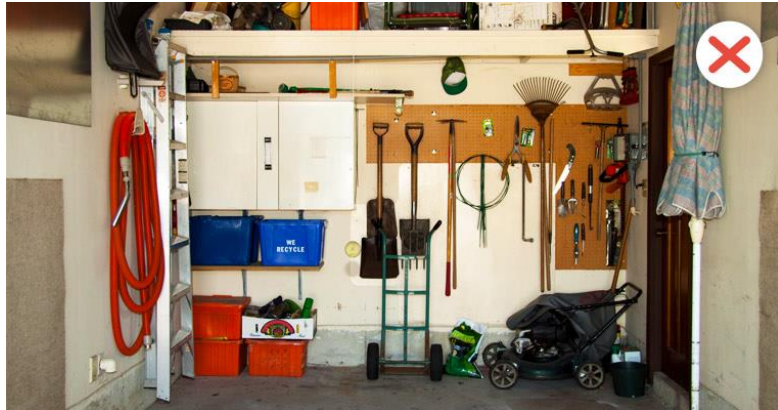
It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.

Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around.

Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option.

## The top five most common items stolen from sheds

1. Bikes
2. Mowers
3. Sports equipment
4. Power tools
5. Garden tools



### Neighborhood update:-

To receive local news, updates and events information via email sign up to our Neighbourhood Link System at [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk)

Children & young people can also call child line in confidence on 0800 1111 for advice.  
Action Fraud helpline: 24/7 – On 0300 123 2040.

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