

DRUMAHOE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Summer Time

Avoid Summer Crime

It's that time of year when many households turn their attentions to the garden. Unfortunately, the same applies to opportunist thieves. Garden furniture, bicycles, barbeques, even architectural plants are at risk.



There are some things **YOU** can do, to help beat the thieves:



Secure Boundaries are the first line of defence. Hedges create good barriers; thorny shrubs such as Hawthorne are effective. Gravel drives and paths make it hard for an intruder to approach a property quietly. Security lighting and C.C.T.V. cameras also serve as additional deterrents.

Land Anchors are available to secure larger plants, garden furniture and ornaments or fill the base of containers with bricks to make them too heavy to move.

Garden Sheds - Perhaps fit locks or wire mesh to windows. Install an alarm or extend house alarm and personalise garden tools and machinery with paint to make them less desirable to thieves. Thread a chain or wires through the handles of tools and bikes so they cannot be removed easily.

Tips for Keeping Home Heating Oil Safe:

- Screen your tank with fencing or hedges.
- Close and Secure any perimeter gating.
- Conceal/Cover any external oil pipe work/fuel lines.
- Install motion activated security lighting.
- Install lockable caps supported by closed shackle padlocks (consult tank supplier)
- Regularly check your fuel levels.

**For further advice contact:
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