



## Ecclesfield Chapeltown High Green and Grenoside Npt

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Over the last week we have seen an increase in Burglaries in the local area, with the main method of entry being via the rear of properties through smashing windows and snapping door locks.

If you see or hear anything suspicious please contact 999 to allow us to get to you as quickly as possible.

We will be stepping up patrols in the area but we ask that you consider some simple things to keep your property safe.

- Keep front and back doors locked at all times and keep keys and valuables out of sight and reach from cat flaps, letterboxes and downstairs doors and windows
- Close, and ideally lock, all windows when you're not in the room – approximately one in four burglaries in the county still happen because doors have been left unlocked or windows left open
- If it's dark before you get home, use timer switches to turn on the lights – change the times that the lights come on, to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the house. Plug-in dusk-to-dawn lights are also popular
- Make sure your door is well lit and fully visible from the street – dusk-to-dawn lamp adaptors are available from DIY stores
- Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment – remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms
- Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front of the house pruned to below one meter – remove any cover for a burglar to work unseen and give your neighbours every chance to spot something suspicious.
- Restrict access to the rear of your garden where possible with locked gates.
- Remove items which can assist in the commission of offences such as ladders or bins near to fences and walls.
- Never buy items from people of the street or in pubs – this funds crime

If you have any information please contact 101, crime stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous or contact Sgt Cook Directly on [matthew.cook@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matthew.cook@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

