Let’s Talk About RURAL CRIME

Fit a secure safe and use it. When choosing a safe make sure that it is compatible with your insurance company’s requirements. Don’t forget to secure your licensed firearms in a suitable cabinet so they don’t end up in the wrong hands. Visit our website for more information about safes.

If you have a burglar alarm, set it every time you leave the house or go to bed. For further information about burglar alarms, visit our website or buy it from a reputable company by visiting buywithconfidence.gov.uk, www.nsi.org.uk/directory or www.ssaib.org

It may be difficult in a rural area but secure your boundaries. Tall fences and secure gates to the rear of your house, in good condition, will deter burglars. Spiky plants such as Blackthorn will provide extra security whilst looking nice. For more advice on security planting, visit the Royal Horticultural Society website: www.rhs.org.uk/advice

Secure your shed door with padbolts and close-shackle padlocks or a padlock alarm. Cover the windows in your outbuildings so an intruder cannot see in. Consider fitting an alarm too with some brands allowing you to monitor it through your mobile.

To deter heating oil theft, try and disguise your fuel tank with trellis and spiky plants. Consider an alarm that will detect a dramatic drop in the fuel level. Suitable security products can be found at securedbydesign.com

Rural crime affects individuals and businesses and includes the theft of livestock, plant machinery and fuel. For more information about how to keep your property secure, visit: essex.police.uk/letstalk

Read this leaflet? Pass it on to a relative, friend or neighbour. Let’s all talk about crime and how to prevent it happening.