SECURE YOUR GARAGE

As house security improves garage break-ins can become a problem. Garages in rows behind or detached from homes mean that several garages can be attacked at once and that owners do not hear or see the offenders.

How you can protect your property:

❖ Mark the property inside your garage so that you can identify it if is stolen

❖ Alarm your garage so that if broken into you will know about it

❖ Secure garage doors and windows and bolt or lock all property inside the garage

Marking Property

Postcode power tools, bikes, motorbikes, lawnmowers, strimmers etc. Obvious bright yellow tamperproof labels are available from your Crime Reduction Unit. Also available are UV pens and lamps for discreet marking of other property.
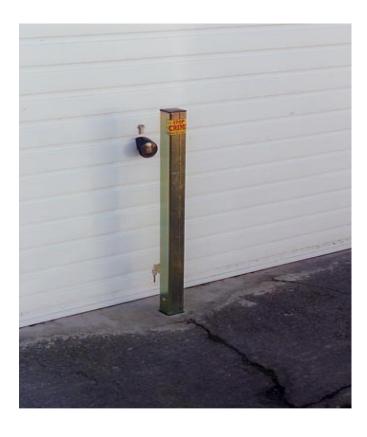
Alarms

If you have electric power in your garage you could buy an alarm from a DIY store, which you can run off the mains.
Even with no electric power in your garage you could consider a radio-controlled alarm to sound an alarm either in your home or over the telephone.

You can also buy battery-operated alarms to sound inside or outside the building. These are also useful for sheds.

Security

Garage locks can be installed so that up-and-over doors cannot be forced. Locks are fixed firmly to the concrete or tarmac ground.

HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH?

Many people forget the true value of what they keep in their shed or garage. Add up the cost of a lawnmower, two bicycles and an electric drill, consider the cost of your time making an insurance claim, finding replacements and repairing the damage to the shed or garage, add the cost of any excess: it has to make sense to try to prevent the theft in the first place.

Garage locking bolts for integral garages

Padlock hasp for sheds, gates and van doors

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Why not get together with your neighbours and increase the security of all your garages? If only one or two garages are secure they will make their neighbours' unprotected property even more vulnerable.

Approach the council for improved lighting and rubbish removal in back lanes and communal areas. Look into gating schemes for lanes and alleyways.