

# Adur NHW Newsletter



## Shoreham & Southwick Issue

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## Shoreham & Southwick Burglaries +

Reference No	Date /Time	Location	Details
1532	31/01/2020	Old Fort Road Shoreham	A garage door was forced and a motor bike and tools were stolen.
1658	22/02/2020 Over a period of time	Rosslyn Road Shoreham	The padlock was cut off a shed and a pedal cycle was stolen.

### Secure your outbuilding, shed or garage

It's strange how most people don't secure their outbuildings, sheds or garages in the same way they do their homes. People often end up using a flimsy lock or padlock to protect the contents – whether it's a car, bike or lawnmower. The fact is a burglar will usually try an outbuilding, shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to get into the house.

#### Outbuilding, shed or garage security: first steps

First off, check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft. Think like a thief: look at your outbuildings and consider how you would break into them. 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. Keep them locked at all times.

#### Alarm them

Consider a battery-operated alarm if there is no mains electricity available; they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

#### Lock it, hide it and mark it

Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools should 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. Search the net to find 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.

Invest in a garage door stop.

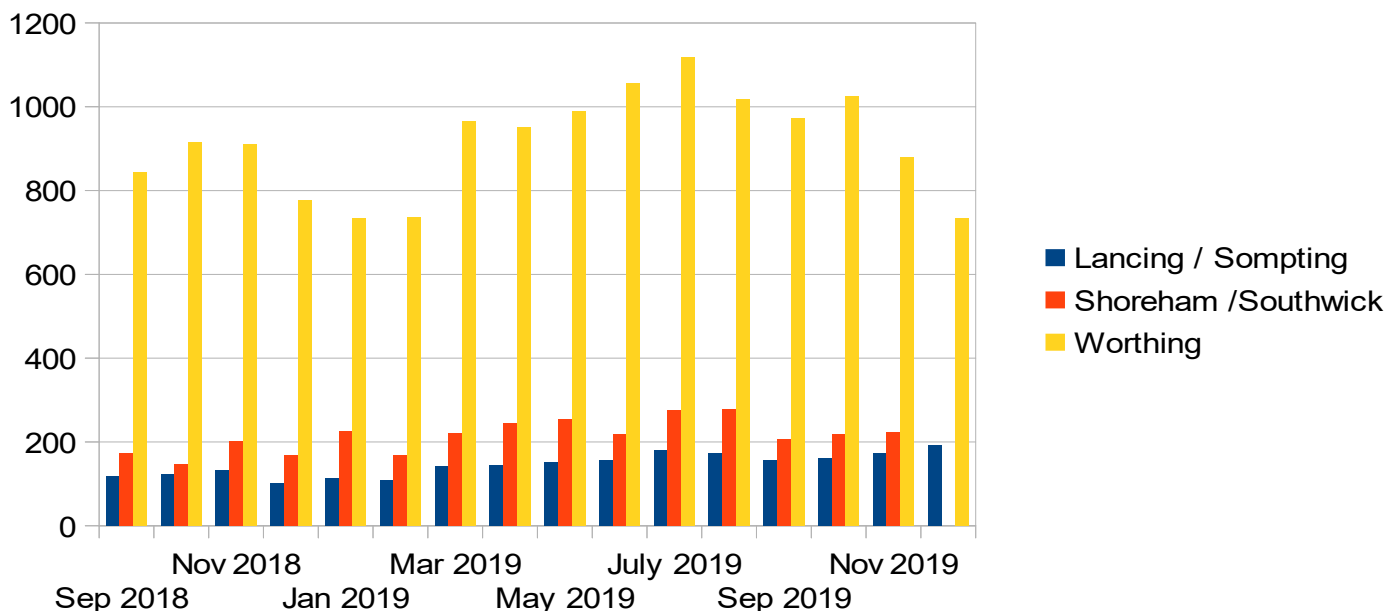
Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your outbuilding, garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around. Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option.

The top five most common items stolen from sheds are Bikes, Mowers, Sports equipment, Power tools Garden tools.

# Shoreham & Southwick Crime Statistics for December 2019

Dec-2019	Buckingham	Eastbrook	Hillside	Marine 1	Southlands	Southwick	St Mary's	St Mary's	St	Sub Total
						Green	North	South	Nicholas	
Antisocial Behaviour	1	8	8	3	2	4	6	7	2	41
Bike Theft	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	6
Burglary	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	10
Criminal Damage	1	5	0	0	7	5	2	0	0	20
Drugs	2	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	11
Other Crime	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	5
Other Theft	1	2	6	3	1	0	1	2	1	17
Weapons	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Public Order	2	4	3	0	2	5	4	3	0	23
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Theft Shop	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	4	0	10
Theft Person	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5
Vehicle Crime	0	1	3	0	2	3	0	3	1	13
Violence & Sex Offences	3	17	15	7	7	8	5	9	3	74
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>238</b>

## Crime Totals



Please note the above statistics are a few weeks behind as they are not published until every Police Force in the Country has submitted their numbers. The Weapons reports may be revised upwards at a later date.

## Nuisance Calls

Beware of another nuisance call 020 8049 5736. Female voice purporting to be from the Home Office. Our advice say nothing and put down the receiver, block the number if you are able.