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**14 April 2017**Dear Residents and Visitors of Wealden,Spring has certainly sprung as the sun is shining, lambs are skipping in fields and many of us have been enjoying a hot cross bun or two.  We are all looking forward to enjoying the long Easter weekend with our family and friends, however, we need to consider how safely kept are our personal items when we go on holiday or on days out.  **Personal Safety** * Be aware that thieves often operate in teams, one distracting in front whilst another attacks from behind - striking or snatching a bag.
* Keep the contents in your handbag to a minimum, keep valuables in your pocket.
* Keep your wallet in a deep pocket or a pocket that can button up.
* Do not put address labels on keys. If you lose your keys, change your locks immediately.
* Do not write your personal identification number (PIN) on any other piece of paper in your bag, purse or wallet. Neither the police nor the bank will contact you to ask for these details, so do not give details over the telephone to anyone. The bank will issue you with a new card and a new PIN.
* Remember, if your debit or credit card is lost or stolen, let the bank/card company know immediately.

  **Shed and Garage Burglaries**Sadly Sussex Police receive an increase of reports involving shed and garage burglaries when the sun shines, so we still need to put in to action crime prevention. * Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure.
* Trim overgrown plants – don’t give burglars a hiding place.
* Secure garden tools and ladders in a locked shed or garage to prevent them from being used to break into your home.
* Fit outside security lighting and a visible burglar alarm to help deter burglars.

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