

# The Molesey, Dittons & Hinchley Wood Neighbourhood Watch Group

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# Newsletter



## AUTUMN/WINTER 2025

In this edition:

We send regular email details of burglaries and vehicle crimes, courtesy of Elmbridge police. We also have access to the underlying data for all neighbourhood crime, and so below is an update of *all* crime types from Jan '22 to Jun '25, with a comparison between years and identifying trends.

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### Crime map review

As before, our crime data is grouped by electoral wards. (*For anyone uncertain of the boundaries of the wards, there's a map at the end of this article*). To provide a reasonable comparison, we have reviewed data in the new format dating back to Jan 2022 and up to the latest available data.

First, to set the scene for crime rates, let's view how Elmbridge compares with the rest of Surrey.

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-JUN 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Shoplifting	Other theft	Vehicle crime	Burglary	Drugs	Other crime	Possession of weapons	Bicycle theft	Theft from the person	Robbery	TOTAL
Spelthorne	41	19	11	9	9	8	7	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	119
Guildford	45	16	12	10	9	7	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	115
Woking	41	17	12	10	7	8	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	113
Runnymede	38	17	10	9	9	7	6	4	6	2	1	1	0	1	110
Epsom and Ewell	36	19	9	8	8	7	9	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	109
Reigate and Banstead	37	14	9	8	7	6	5	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	96
Tandridge	30	13	9	7	6	6	6	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	90
Mole Valley	29	14	7	8	7	6	4	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	86
Surrey Heath	30	12	8	7	5	6	4	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	80
Elmbridge	27	10	7	6	4	5	5	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	75
Waverley	21	8	6	5	4	5	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	57
SURREY	34	14	9	8	7	6	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	94

An analysis of the national crime data for Surrey for the half year Jan-Jun 2025 reveals that Elmbridge (*highlighted yellow*) continues to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest overall crime rate out of the 11 boroughs in Surrey!.

Of the 14 neighbourhood crime types, the 4 highest rates in previous years (*highlighted orange*) had been Violence & Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour, Public Order, and Criminal Damage & Arson, accounting for 64.7% of the total crime.

These are also closely related, as often an ASB offence could easily become a violence offence (if the suspect pushes someone), or a public order offence (if the activities intimidate innocent bystanders), or a criminal damage offence (if the activities result in something being damaged).

Looking at these 4 crime types combined provides a much smoother crime trend. (*Within Elmbridge, Violence and Sexual Offences were rarely sexual and most violent crimes were common assault.*)

Next, let's compare the crime data for the 16 electoral wards within Elmbridge.

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-JUN 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Vehicle crime	Other theft	Shoplifting	Drugs	Burglary	Other crime	Bicycle theft	Possession of weapons	Robbery	Theft from the person	TOTAL
Walton Central	34.9	20.0	8.7	12.1	8.2	8.2	18.2	4.9	1.5	1.8	2.8	0.5	1.5	0.0	123.3
Cobham and Downside	33.5	17.5	10.8	14.2	7.4	6.5	10.2	3.1	3.4	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	108.9
Walton North	37.8	14.5	17.5	4.3	5.8	7.1	0.6	6.8	2.2	4.9	1.8	2.5	0.0	0.3	106.2
Weybridge Riverside	35.1	13.5	11.1	3.7	5.8	8.0	3.4	4.9	5.8	2.8	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.3	98.5
Weybridge St George's Hill	31.3	8.7	7.9	8.7	5.4	8.7	8.2	2.6	4.1	3.8	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.5	92.6
Esher	31.8	14.6	10.0	5.4	5.4	5.9	4.1	3.8	3.1	4.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	89.5
Hersham Village	31.9	13.5	5.4	4.2	2.7	4.2	6.9	3.1	2.7	1.5	1.9	1.2	0.0	1.2	80.4
Molesey East	23.1	13.2	8.3	7.4	6.8	5.8	5.2	3.7	1.8	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.0	79.1
Molesey West	33.8	7.2	6.7	4.1	4.4	6.2	1.3	3.8	2.8	2.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	74.9
Walton South	23.6	6.2	5.9	7.7	11.3	4.4	0.8	5.4	2.8	2.6	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.5	72.3
Long Ditton	29.2	7.1	7.1	3.4	3.4	1.5	0.3	1.5	3.7	2.2	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	61.2
Hinchley Wd & Weston Grn	15.4	6.2	3.8	4.2	3.1	3.5	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.8	45.8
Claygate	15.0	7.3	5.0	3.5	3.8	1.9	2.3	0.8	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.9
Thames Ditton	16.6	3.7	1.8	4.3	3.7	4.0	0.0	0.9	2.2	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.0	39.7
Oxshott / Stoke D'Abernon	12.3	7.4	3.8	1.5	2.1	2.6	0.0	1.3	4.1	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	37.4
Oatlands and Burwood Park	13.5	4.6	1.8	3.1	1.8	1.8	0.0	3.1	2.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	36.0
Elmbridge	26.5	10.4	7.3	5.9	5.2	5.2	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.3	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	75.4

For almost all of the 14 crime types our NHW regional wards (Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, and Hinchley Wood & Weston Green) remain in the lower half of the table of high to low crime rates.

East Molesey improved, compared to 2024, by dropping from 7<sup>th</sup> highest to 8<sup>th</sup>, close to the Elmbridge average.

West Molesey also improved, compared to 2024, remaining 9<sup>th</sup> highest to 9<sup>th</sup>, but now below the Elmbridge average.

For comparison, the average rate of all crime across Surrey was 94.3 crimes per 1,000 households.

For Elmbridge it was 75.4, and for our wards it varied from 175.1 (Molesey East) down to 39.7 (Thames Ditton). In summary, Elmbridge has a very low crime rate and, apart from East Molesey, our wards within Elmbridge have even lower crime rates.

Now, we compare crime data for Jan-Jun '25 with Jan-Jun '24.

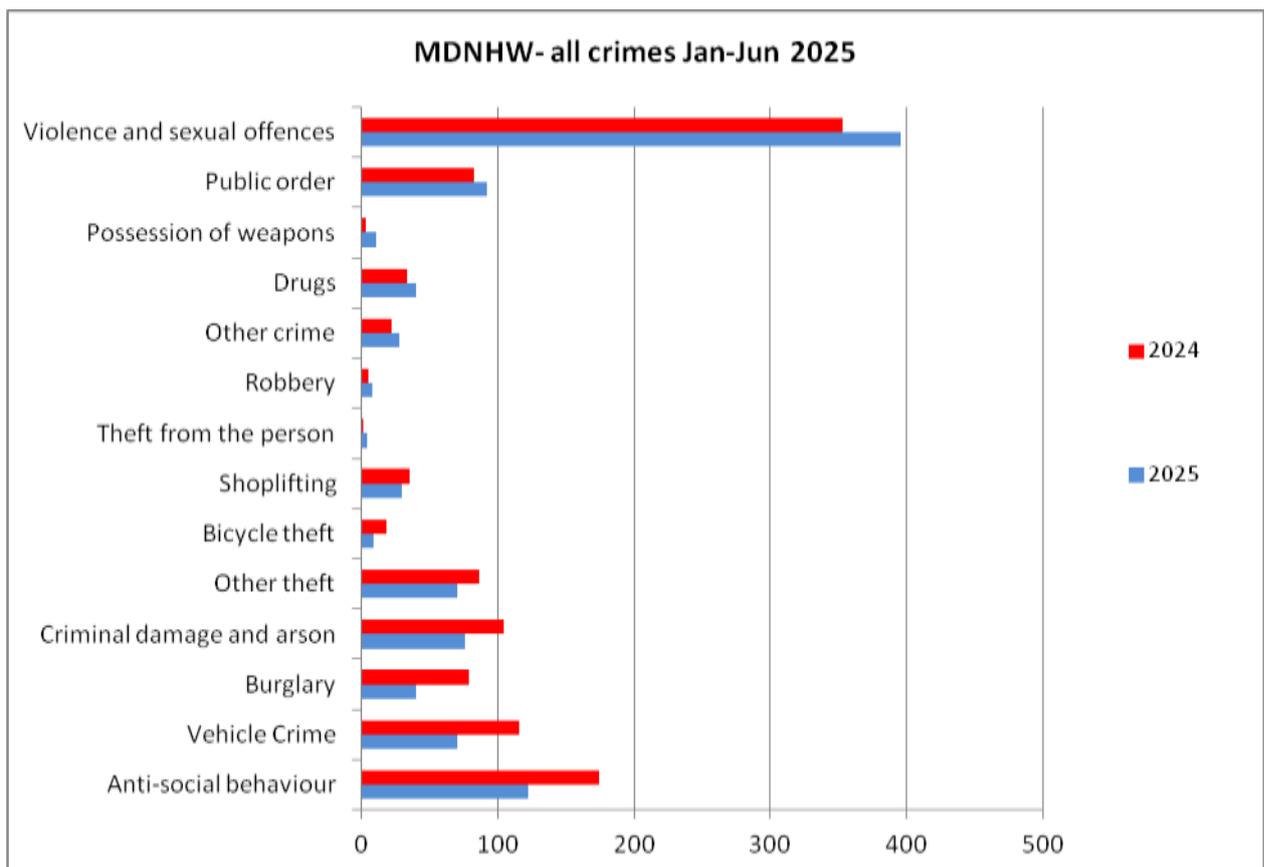
The table columns below show, by ward, the variation in numbers of crimes between '24 and '25, with crime types sorted from highest to lowest (top to bottom) for our region as a whole. The next column shows, the same figures for the whole of Elmbridge.

The final 2 columns show the actual number for MDNHW of each crime in Jan-Jun 2025, and the % of each compared to the total. Our region had a 10% decrease in overall crime in 2025 compared with Jan-Jun 2024, whilst Elmbridge had a decrease of 3.3%.

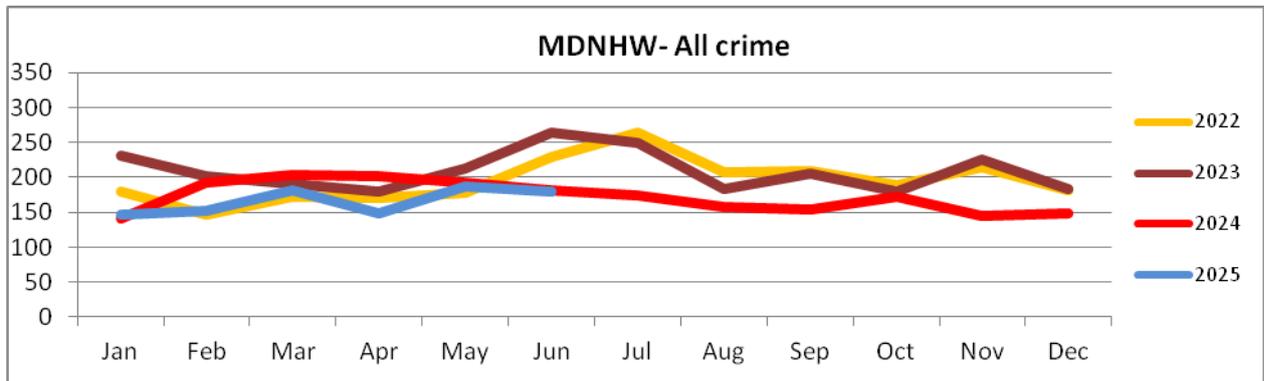
Some wards fared better than others with an overall increase in Long Ditton, predominantly in violence, and public order offences. The other wards all have an overall decrease. West Molesey had a significant increase in violence & sexual offences, but a comparative decrease in anti-social behaviour offences (see *possible explanation – top of page 2*).

Molesey, Dittons & Hinchley Wood (MDNHW Region) Variance in crimes Jan-Jun 24/25	Molesey West	Molesey East	Thames Ditton	Long Ditton	Hinchley Wood & Weston Green	MDNHW Region	Elmbridge	MDNHW Total Crimes Jan-Jun 2025	MDNHW % of Total Crimes 2025
Violence and sexual offences	20	-18	0	45	-4	43	-274	396	39.8%
Anti-social behaviour	-21	-9	-8	-7	-7	-52	-83	122	12.2%
Public order	-5	6	-1	12	-3	9	-105	92	9.2%
Criminal damage and arson	-8	1	-14	-5	-2	-28	-62	76	7.6%
Vehicle Crime	-4	-1	-9	-11	-21	-46	-229	70	7.0%
Other theft	5	-7	-6	-14	6	-16	-10	70	7.0%
Burglary	3	-3	-12	-17	-10	-39	-53	40	4.0%
Drugs	-5	6	1	1	4	7	-31	40	4.0%
Shoplifting	0	-3	0	1	-3	-5	59	30	3.0%
Other crime	0	-4	1	6	3	6	13	28	2.8%
Possession of weapons	4	3	-1	1	1	8	-9	11	1.1%
Bicycle theft	-1	-5	0	-1	-2	-9	-104	9	0.9%
Robbery	2	1	0	-1	1	3	6	8	0.8%
Theft from the person	1	-1	0	1	2	3	3	4	0.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	-9	-34	-49	11	-35	-116	-879	<b>996</b>	

The following table gives a better picture of how the various crime types have changed between Jan-Jun 2024 and 2025. They are shown in order of largest increase to largest decrease.

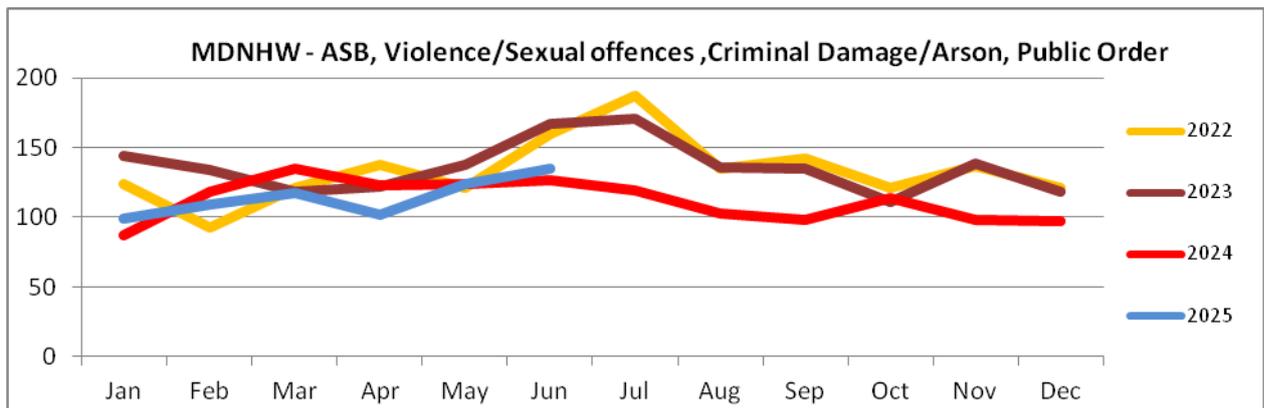


For a better idea of annual trends we need to look in comparison to previous years' crime rates. The overall crime rate started similar to last year, then trended below until returning to 2024 levels from May.



In Jan-Jun 2025, across Elmbridge, of the 14 neighbourhood crime types, the 4 highest rates were Violence and Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Criminal Damage and Arson, and Public Order, collectively accounting for 66.4% (two thirds) of the total crime.

You see here, for these same crime types for our region, the same trend as with total crime, suggesting that this is one main factor in that trend. They also account for 68.9% of the total regional crime.



Molesey East has had elevated Public Order offences with a peak in June; however the combined crime types totals are actually 11% below the same period in 2024.

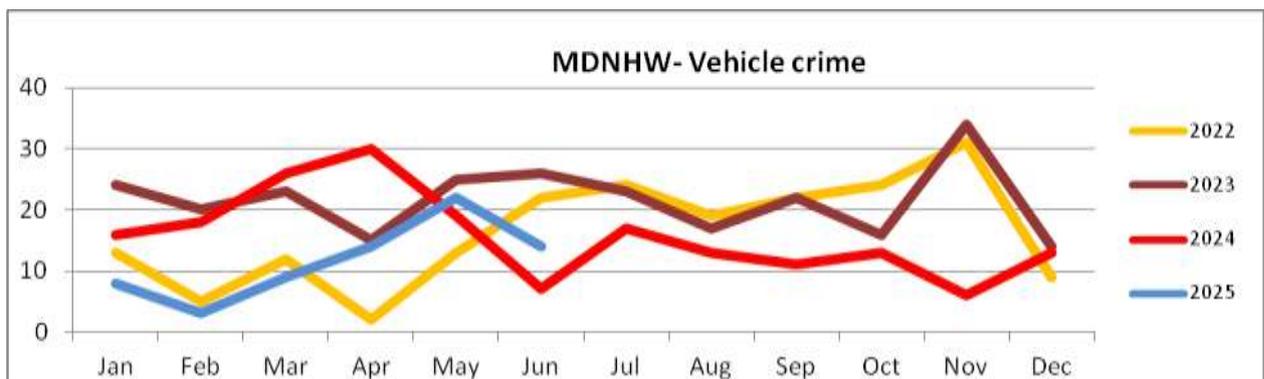
Molesey West has tracked below 2024 levels for these combined crime types, down by 6%.

Thames Ditton has reduced in Jan-Jul 2024 in all these combined crime types, down by 21%.

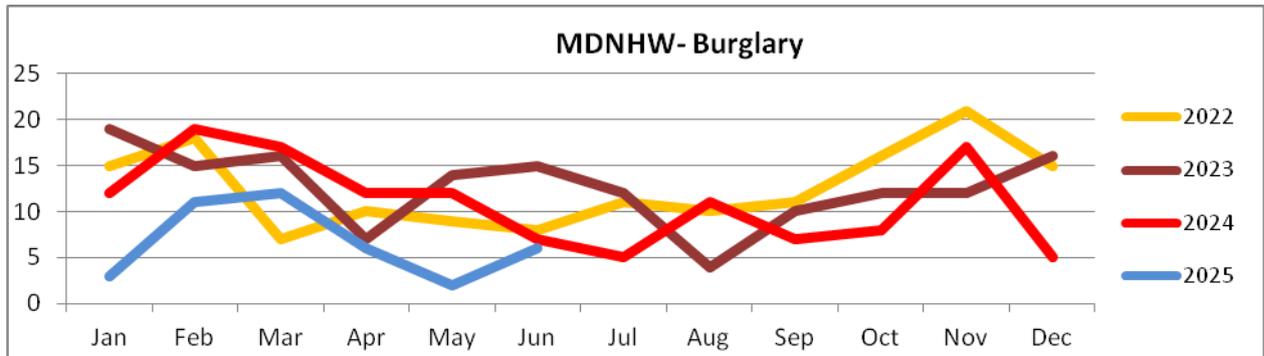
Long Ditton has a significant increase in violence & sexual offences, up by 90% (+45 offences), while the other combined crime types remain steady.

Hinchley Wood & Weston has tracked below 2024 levels for these combined crime types, down by 17%.

The crimes that have the most impact on victims are Vehicle Crime and Burglary, accounting for 7% and 4% respectively of the total crime in Jan-Jun 2025 (although both significantly lower than in Jan-Jun 2024).. Vehicle crime has fallen to be the 5<sup>th</sup> most frequent crime in our region, although in total 12% above the same period in 2024.



Burglary has reduced in total by 49% compared to Jan-Jun '24. West Molesey had a small increase in 38% (but only 3 offences) whilst the other areas have all trended below..

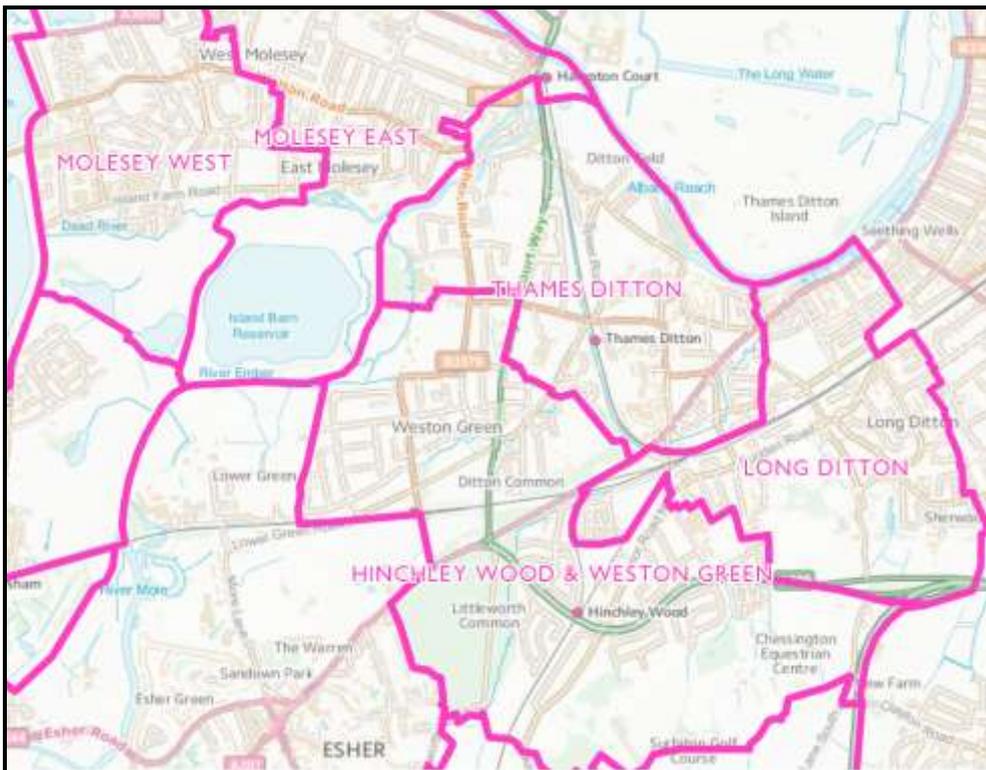


The other 8 crime types account for the remaining 20.1% of all crime, with 5 of these showing a small increase in Jan-Jun 2025 compared to the Jan-Jun 2024:

- Drugs - accounting for 4% of total crime, with an increase of 7
- Other Crime - accounting for 2.8% of total crime, with an increase of 6
- Possession of Weapons - accounting for 1.1% of total crime, with an increase of 8
- Robbery - accounting for 0.8% of total crime, with an increase of 3
- Theft from the person - accounting for 0.4% of total crime, with an increase of 3

However, over all of these 8 crime types, any increases in a region are of the order of at most 1 crime per month and with compensating decreases the overall affect on the total of these crimes is just-10% (-3).

### From Ordnance Survey Election Maps



#### *Election wards*

It wasn't possible to capture the full map of our NHW region, but the northern border of Molesey West and Molesey East wards is the river Thames.

To see this map on-line, go to:

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/election-maps/gb/>

zoom in to your area, click on the 'BOUNDARY' button, scroll down and select 'Wards / District Wards' and click the 'Show names' button.

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## Keep Them Out!

- **Remember** Lock your car at all times when parking, and don't leave valuables on view
- **Remember** leave lights on in your property if you're going to be out after dusk; as many properties targeted appeared unoccupied
- **Remember** Most burglars enter a premises from the rear, and many burglaries take place during the day



- **Remember** Burglars hate security deadlocks on doors because they can't open them from the inside, and have to leave through a window
- **Remember** Double check all windows and doors are securely locked before leaving home; on winter evenings keep lights on when out
- **Remember** Make sure sheds and gates are locked, and outside bins are not left where burglars could use them as a stepping stone.
- **Remember** If your vehicle is "keyless", keep the key in a "Faraday" pouch or metal tin and keep keys AWAY from front door or kitchen window