

## Lock up to lock out burglars

Nottinghamshire Police is urging the public to help combat a seasonal increase in burglary by taking some simple security measures to protect their home and belongings.

The warmer summer months traditionally mean a rise in burglary as doors and windows are left open or householders are outdoors doing the gardening or having a barbecue.

House burglary in Nottinghamshire fell by 14.5% in 2005/06 but police believe even more offences could be prevented if people took the following steps to reduce the risk of break-ins or walk-in burglaries.

- Close windows and lock doors when you're in the garden or you go out
- Keep your car keys out of sight
- If you have a burglar alarm, set it when you go out. If you don't have an alarm, consider having one installed
- Keep an eye on your neighbours' property if they are out or on holiday
- Consider joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

## Make the Perfect Substitution during the World Cup

A major road safety initiative is taking place in Nottinghamshire for the duration of the World Cup to deter drink-driving. Nottinghamshire Police has joined forces with police and local authorities in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire to run the Perfect Substitution campaign.

The Perfect Substitution is aimed at people who want to enjoy an alcoholic drink while watching World Cup matches in pubs, bars or friends' homes. The campaign reminds them not to risk driving home when they've been drinking - and recommends using the bus, tram or a taxi as a perfect substitute.

Almost 200,000 information cards and 10,000 posters promoting the campaign are being distributed to all licensed premises in Nottinghamshire that are screening World Cup matches. The message will be reinforced by local radio, bus and cinema advertising.

There is more information about the initiative and a chance to win a holiday by visiting the campaign website at [www.perfectsubstitution.com](http://www.perfectsubstitution.com)

## New-look for new policing plan

The latest Annual Policing Plan for Nottinghamshire has been published with a fresh new look. The plan sets out the policing and crime reduction plans and priorities for Nottinghamshire Police Authority and Nottinghamshire Police in 2006/07, taking into account national community safety objectives and issues identified by local people.

To make it more attractive and readable, the new-look plan is a professionally-designed, full colour document and has been trimmed in size compared to previous years. A leaflet summarising the key points of the plan has also been produced. Both documents can be downloaded from the Nottinghamshire Police website at [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk)

## PCSO recruitment drive under way

Nottinghamshire Police has embarked on a major drive to recruit Police Community Support Officers. PCSOs help to police and protect the quality of life in Nottinghamshire, working alongside regular police officers to make local neighbourhoods safer and feel safer.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a PCSO, please call 0845 600 0925 or email [pcsorecruitment@broadsystem.com](mailto:pcsorecruitment@broadsystem.com) quoting reference no. HQRS250. Alternatively, visit our website for details of PCSO recruitment events taking place across the county this week and next.

