



## GREAT PAXTON PARISH NOTICE

### Household security

Household security is of importance all through the year, but the peak break in times is in the dark nights of winter and especially at Christmas time. To ensure your home and property is secure always lock up your house when not in and secure any shed and garages with good locks.

Get yourself a simple timer switch or two and plug in some small table lights that switch on and off in different rooms to make it look like someone is in the house.

Christmas time is a happy time for families but also for burglars with all those piles of brand new goodies and presents in the house. Don't make it obvious what is in the home, don't pile up presents where they can be seen. A Christmas tree in the front room with piles of presents around it is an open advert of free goodies to the opportunist and career burglar.

Let your neighbour know when you are away, just to keep that watchful eye out for the unusual, and give them a contact telephone number. Do likewise for your neighbour. You know it all makes sense.

Look at your home like a burglar might do, is there a weakness, a window you always leave ajar, quick escape route across your rear garden unseen. If there is do something about it. Security lights are an obvious for those dark garden areas. Locks on windows.

**Keep smiling, keep safe, and keep your home and property secure.**



**Oh look someone has done my Christmas shopping!**



**A few doors down, a bonanza street!**



**A few days later and a few days before Christmas eve!**



**Oh no! Everything ransacked, and the rotter has ripped everything open and only taken the best things! What a Christmas this is!**