



## Wigan & Leigh Community Safety Partnership



<b>Our reference:</b>	JH/MB
<b>Your reference:</b>	
<b>Please ask for:</b>	John Hutchison
<b>Extension:</b>	3111
<b>Direct line:</b>	01942 828111
<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2007

Dear Resident,

### **Stop press... security warning**

We are writing to warn, advise and help you and your neighbours. Within the last couple of days there has been a burglary near your home. This burglary happened because the offender got into your neighbour's house through an:

Open front door..... Open back door..... Unlocked front door.....  
Unlocked back door..... Open window.....Unlocked upstairs window...X

The burglary took place on Monday **12<sup>th</sup> November between 10.15 a.m. and 12.00 noon.**

This is what is called an "Insecure" burglary. That means that the offender got into the house by going through an unlocked door or open window.

We know from the pattern of burglaries that this burglar or their associates may well try again to burgle another home in the same vicinity, very soon. This is why we are writing to you.

Please do everything you can to protect yourselves from this. You should:

- Keep your doors and windows closed and locked when you're out!
- Make sure you have locked doors and windows at night – every night.
- Key operated locks should be fitted to all your windows and doors.
- Fit good quality deadlocks to your exterior doors.
- Install a movement sensitive light outside your external doors.
- Fit a light timer devise for you main rooms.
- Have a chain and peep hole on your front door.

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Web site : [www.wiganmbc.gov.uk](http://www.wiganmbc.gov.uk)

- Fit a letterbox restrictor to prevent people stealing mail or accessing your locks.
- Keep your keys out of view but in an easily accessible place.
- Ask for callers' identification.
- Fitting a Burglar alarm will greatly improve your household security.
- Register you property FREE on line by logging on to [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Protectively mark your valuable property. You can do this simply by using an Ultra – violet pen to mark your property with your full postcode.
- You can get further advice and information by going to the Partnership's website at [www.saferwigan.org.uk](http://www.saferwigan.org.uk)

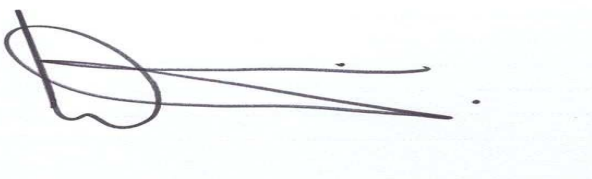
Especially we are asking that if you have any information on a suspect or offender, you should tell your local Police team. Their number is 0161 856 7225.

If you would prefer you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. This is for information on suspects or known offenders and is completely confidential. Increasing numbers of arrests are being made through this channel.

To reassure you – the rates of burglary have fallen by 42 % in the last three years so you should not be fearful. Overall burglary in the Wigan & Leigh area is increasingly rare.

Finally, if you would like a visit from your local Police team because you have information that could be useful to them please do ring them. You can contact them on the local Police number above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lee Bruckshaw', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Lee Bruckshaw  
Divisional Commander, Wigan Division  
Greater Manchester Police