

## **Allotment Security**

Fareham Borough Council's Community Safety Officer has offered the following advice to plot holders:

"You will know as plot holders that those who tend allotments benefit hugely from being able to grow fresh fruit and vegetables, meeting people with a common interest and enjoying the normally peaceful nature of the sites. For this reason, allotment crime can be damaging at many levels; damage to sheds can take hours to repair and the intrusion on plots can leave plot holders feeling vulnerable.

**If at all possible valuable property should NOT be stored in allotment sheds or stores!**

"Fareham Allotment Watch is a new project with Allotment Associations, Police, Fareham Borough Council and the local community working together to improve the security of allotment sites. Allotment Watch leaflets, giving advice on simple crime prevention tips are available free of charge from your Site Manager.

"To help us reduce crime at your local allotment, please report any suspicious activity by telephoning 101. Information received from plot holders can help us pinpoint timings and provide clues to the identities of people involved in allotment crime. Please help us to keep your allotment safe".

For further advice go to the [Hampshire Police website](#).

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