



A partnership between  
Hampshire Constabulary,  
Fareham Borough Council  
and the Allotment  
Associations across  
Fareham.

 Regular crime updates will be provided to allotment associations to make plot holders aware of any current local crime issues.

 Please inform your site manager of any suspicious activity you may see. It is important that if you see it you report it, as without this information we can't effectively tackle crime.

## Contacts

 To report non-emergency incidents, call **101**

 For emergencies or if a crime is in progress, call **999**

 For further information on the Allotment Watch scheme contact Fareham Borough Council's Community Safety Team on **01329 824496**.

Your Allotment Association Site  
Contact is:

Your Neighbourhood Policing  
Team Contact is:



# Growing a secure allotment



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# Fareham Allotment Watch

Allotments are a great way to enjoy the outdoors, meet new people and of course grow your own supply of healthy fruit and veg.



Fareham Allotment Watch is a new project working with allotment holders and associations to improve the security of our allotment sites. By doing so, we're aiming to reduce the rare occurrences of allotment crime such as theft and vandalism.

## The way forward

The project will focus on the following key areas:

-  Giving advice to associations on how to protect allotments from criminal damage.
-  Advising plot holders about how to take precautions against theft and damage.
-  Developing a network for the Police to tell allotment associations of current crime trends in the area.
-  Working with residents, neighbours and plot holders to improve the reporting of suspicious activities.
-  Using publicity material to increase community awareness.

By working together as part of Allotment Watch, getting to know your neighbours and keeping your shed and tools secure, you can help reduce allotment crime.



# Preventing crime on your allotment

Allotments sites are naturally peaceful and pleasant places. However, because they can often be left empty, they can be targeted by thieves and vandals.

We will be working directly with all the allotment associations to look at site security as a whole but there are simple steps that you can take to help protect your plot and equipment.

## Tips to grow a secure allotment

1	Tools should be marked by engraving or etching with your postcode and house number.	
2	Record serial numbers of all equipment and keep it safe.**	
3	Sheds should be positioned, where possible, so that the entrance can be seen from the road or neighbouring properties.	
4	Don't leave expensive machinery in your shed, even if it's locked.	
5	Always lock sheds using a good quality 'closed shackle' padlock. Using bolts, not screws for the lock.	
6	Fit a battery operated shed alarm / CCTV.	
7	Know your neighbours and keep an eye on their plot when they aren't there.	

\*\* [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) is a free secure property register service where the police reunite lost and stolen property with its owner.