



**APRIL 2008**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

### **Spring/Summer Security**

Now that the lighter evenings are on the way we will soon, if we haven't already, be mowing the lawn, weeding the flowerbeds and generally tidying up. All this activity involves getting out the garden equipment and hoping that it is still in full working order!

When we have been busy in the garden and feeling a little tired, it is all too easy to leave the garden equipment lying around with the intention of putting it away later. Any equipment that is left outside, especially at the front of the house, is at risk of being stolen by opportunist thieves, who are always on the lookout for situations like these. Other items commonly left outside are children's bikes, toys etc.

**PLEASE** ensure that you keep all your valuable outdoor items under lock and key at all times when you are not at home – even if you are just going out for a short time – it only takes a few minutes to steal something. Also, at night, ensure that all items are locked away, secure your side gate and make sure that your garden shed is locked.