



**Get
SHEDUCATED**

**... and weed out
thieves!**

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How Sheducated Are You?

Did you know that Hambleton suffers more burglaries to outbuildings than actual homes? Recorded crime figures show that thieves are far more likely to break into sheds and garages than houses.

So it is vital we all make life difficult for the criminal – keeping them out of our property need not be difficult or costly. Start by conducting a simple survey of your premises – if YOU think there are vulnerable parts you can guarantee a would be thief would find them! Starting from the outer boundary and working towards your house decide how easy it would be for a thief to steal your property – then act to put the problems right.



Answer the following questions – they will help you decide what action you need to take!

Is there open access to the rear of your property?

Consider fencing – not the kind that can be used as a ladder – or thick hedging

Are there items of gardening equipment left out?

Make sure you securely lock away all tools – a thief could use them to force open a door or window

Do you have outside lighting?

The cost of installing lighting does not have to be high – and there are battery alternatives if you do not have an outside power source

Is your outbuilding secured with a mortice lock or padlock?

Unlocked doors invite thieves to take your property. Trying to force open a locked door takes time and makes noise – two things thieves want to avoid

Is your property marked in some way to show they belong to you?

You can easily – and cheaply – mark property. Contact a DIY store for special marking devices

Does your household insurance policy cover items in your garden?

Ring your insurance company to check the details. Make an evaluation of the value of the property stored in sheds, garages and outbuildings – it will be higher than you think!

Sheduction - Beat the Garden Thief

Secure the access to your garden area by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls and fences. The boundary is your first line of defence!

Have you visibly marked the contents of your shed? It is recommended that you mark your property with your postcode or other recognisable features and make a note of any serial numbers. Photograph valuable plants, ornaments and garden furniture

External security lights which are activated by movement are a strong deterrent to a thief

Doors and windows of sheds and outbuildings need securing. Use good quality security fittings such as padlocks and bolts

Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges and security fastenings

Chain cycles mowers, ladders and tools to strong anchorage points on shed framing or floor

Alarms for sheds and outbuildings are inexpensive (under £15) and can be obtained from DIY shops. Alternatively call 01609 789827 for advice

Together we'll crack crime. Join a Neighbourhood Watch or Countrywatch Scheme. For details call 01723 509696

Examine your insurance policies. Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden and outbuildings

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