

Safe and Sound (Bromsgrove)
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This month I'd like to give you some information about a successful Worcestershire initiative set up by NWCSP and OurWay Self Advocacy.

The Safe Place scheme gives anyone who is feeling vulnerable when out and about in their local town a short term Safe Place to go. It helps people feel confident and safe in their community.

All shops, businesses and public buildings that are a Safe Place will have a sticker in their window. People who take part in the Scheme can carry a card with contact numbers for Safe Place staff to call on their behalf. If they feel unsafe or vulnerable they can go anywhere that displays the sticker and the staff will help them.

For more information, please follow the links via our website, below.

On a different note, the weather is improving and we'd like to encourage residents to check their shed security. Expensive items like power tools are often kept in sheds that are not secure enough to protect them from thieves. Here's what you can do to get sheducated!

- Don't leave ladders and tools lying around your garden; they could be used to break into your home
- If you have CCTV look at using it to cover your sheds and outbuilding as well as the house. Or you could fit a battery alarm available from DIY stores
- Fit a good quality hasp and staple fitted with a strong padlock and secured with coach bolts (not screws). Replace standard hinges with strap hinges secured by coach bolts or use security screws on existing hinges
- Put internal diamond mesh grilles on windows and whitewash, frosted film or curtains will stop anyone looking in to see if you have anything worth stealing
- Property mark garden implements with your postcode and house name or number and register them free of charge on www.immobilise.com
- Garden tools, bikes and ladders should be secured with a heavy chain and padlocked to an eyebolt secured to the floor or wall

For more information about home and garden security, please visit www.nwcsp.org. Follow us on Twitter @saferbromsgrove