



Glenfield Crime Figures for the last two years

	April 2008 to March 2009	April 2009 to March 2010
Burglary dwelling	60	65
Burglary other than dwelling	42	44
Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	22
Theft From Motor Vehicle	72	67
Damage to Motor Vehicle	40	23
Damage Other	46	45
Totals	270	266

Anti-Social Behaviour

In the year April 2009 to March 2010 there were:

- 4 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts signed
- 11 Anti-Social Behaviour warning letters issued
- 21 Anti-Social Behaviour advice letters issued

In March and April 2010 there has been an increase in ASB related calls, not just in Glenfield but across the whole of the Blaby and District Area. A few incidents in March involving the inappropriate use of motorbikes have been reported mainly in the Liberty Road and Tournament Road area as well as a couple on Station Road. There has been a slight rise in complaints about youths, with a possible problem now arising in Sandown Road and on Tournament Road near to K&K Stores. ASB figures also include noise-related complaints and neighbour disputes.



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Glenwatch has just launched its own website, www.glenwatch.org.uk.

In there you will find lots of information including a list of all crimes and incidents reported in Glenfield over the last few months. The information lists the incident, time and place and details of what happened – so you can be aware of what’s happening in your street and how to keep yourself and your property safe. Also details of how to find out if your street is covered by Glenwatch and who is your coordinator.

Other sections on the website include how to set up a no cold calling zone, how to contact the police, previous newsletters, reporting a crime, and useful links to other services such as Childline, Drugs helpline, Victim Support etc.

Glenwatch Annual General Meeting – 13th July

The Glenwatch AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th July at 7.30pm at Glenfield Parish Council offices, Park House, Stamford Street – everyone is welcome to attend.

Our local Police beat team will be there to discuss policing in Glenfield and to answer any questions you may want to put to them in an open forum. Refreshments will be served.

Glenwatch is the organisation made up of volunteers who run Neighbourhood Watch for the residents of Glenfield. And it is only as effective as the work put in by all the people who help, especially the co-ordinators of which we should have about 200 covering the 4500 properties in the village.

Glenwatch meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Glenfield Council offices Park House and are open to all NHW members to attend.

If you are interested in becoming a co-ordinator or you would like to find out more about any aspect of Glenwatch please contact the Glenwatch telephone number (0116) 2875141 or email contact@glenwatch.org.uk.

The Summer thieves are about

Power tools, sports equipment, cycles and toys are often taken by garden thieves and can be costly to replace. Even if you don't keep anything of value in your shed, burglars could use your garden tools to break into your home or your neighbours' home.

Make sure you have a secure padlock and lock on your shed and replace any rotten or damaged panels or doors. Use metal chains to padlock your equipment and tools to the inside of your shed. Mark your property with your postcode and house number using a UV pen. Preferably still, use Smartwater to really deter thieves and safeguard your property, available through Glenwatch.

In most cases a garage will contain hundreds of pounds worth of goods and equipment. Some garages form a part of the house with an integral door, giving easy, hidden access to your home.

Make sure that you have good locks on any doors to your garage. You can buy locks that fit either vertically or horizontally that can be locked both from the inside and outside of the garage. If you have a household alarm fitted, consider extending the system into the garage area.

Make sure all fences are in good repair and that the panels cannot be easily removed or lifted. You can make fences more effective by planting prickly or thorny plants next to them.

Fit a padlock or bolt on the inside of all garden gates for security. Lay a thick gravel path as it makes it impossible for a thief to approach without making a noise. It is a good crime reduction alternative to slabs or concrete.

There are several plants that can provide an attractive alternative to fencing and have crime reduction benefits too - prickly hedges can act as both a physical and psychological barrier to entry. Consider planting a dense hedge around your property and low growing prickly plants by the windows and drainpipes.

Most people would be deterred from climbing something that is likely to cause them injury but, if a thief did force their way across, they would most certainly leave footprints in the bedding soil.

The following are some examples you might like to consider planting in your garden. These plants can be used to provide extra natural protection around your property - BERBERIS, HAWTHORN, ILEX, MOHONIA, PYRACANTHA. Remember it's not only green fingered people who are interested in your garden!



Appeal after suspicious fire in Glenfield

Detectives from Blaby local policing unit are appealing for witnesses after a suspicious fire at a house in Glenfield.

Police were called to the incident in Ellis Close by the fire service at about 5am on Friday May 7.

The 36-year-old disabled occupant of the house was rescued by a neighbour and was examined by the ambulance service but not injured during the incident. She has subsequently had to be rehoused in Blaby as the house is uninhabitable.

A man was seen in the area around 4am and police are appealing to this person to contact them as he may be able to assist their enquiries.

He has been described as being a white man, about 5'10" tall, of medium to stocky build, in his mid to late 30s, with short dark hair, which was receding at the top. He was wearing a dark jacket with a light coloured circular motif on the back.

Detective Constable Nick Freeman is investigating the incident, he said: "Although the victim was not injured during the incident she has been left quite distressed by what's happened".

The fire service have conducted their investigations at the scene and believe the fire started in an outbuilding and then spread to the roof of the bungalow.

"I would urge anyone who was in the area around the time of the incident to contact us if they believe they can assist with the investigation. Any information received will be treated in confidence."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact DC 1640 Nick Freeman on Leicester (0116) 222 2222, follow the instructions to leave a message for a police officer and when prompted key in the officer's identification number 1640. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers, which is free and anonymous, on 0800 555 111.