Outbuildings – Garages

Garage doors are vulnerable and you can make them more secure by installing additional security, such as padlocks, to provide multiple locking points or using floor-mounted locking T-bars.

If you have an internal door leading to your home directly connected to your garage, ensure this door is solid and robust and secured with an accredited mortise lock and additional security.

Remember if items can be seen from outside they will be vulnerable, so cover up valuable items and tidy away tools. And don’t forget that ladders, tools and wheelie bins can be used to break into your home.

Use a ground anchor to secure motorcycles, pedal cycles and other high value items to stop them being easily removed.

Consider extending your burglar alarm to include your garage or outbuildings or use a separate audible alarm system.

Garages are often used as additional storage rather than as the main place to leave a vehicle. By using it as a place to park this can reduce the chances of your vehicle being stolen or damaged.

Ensure that your contents insurance covers the items stored within your garage, shed or outbuildings.

Remember to secure the window in your garage by screwing it closed or locking it. Alternatively you can place a grill over the window but always think about how you will get out in an emergency.
Many criminals target sheds and outbuildings to steal tools and they use these tools to break into your home. Ensure that your contents insurance covers the items stored within your garage, shed or outbuildings.