**PLR Update November 2023**

**Sixth successful bid for Safer Streets funding to boost crime prevention in the county**

Almost £650,000 is to be invested in preventing crime in Northamptonshire thanks to a successful bid to the Home Office Safer Streets fund by Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold.

The funding will be used to support practical and targeted projects to tackle burglary and vehicle crime and reduce violence against women and girls.

More information on earlier Safer Streets projects in Northamptonshire can be found here: www.northantspfcc.org.uk/our-work/safer-streets

**How to protect your home against burglary**

Neighbourhood Watch, in partnership with Simplisafe, have made a simple guide to protecting your home against burglary. The guide is on the Neighbourhood Watch website and can visited via this link.

**Theft from oil tanks**

At October's Parish Council meeting, a member of the public raised the risk of theft from oil tanks, with villagers likely to be topping up ahead of winter. Below is a list of measures people can consider to lower the risks of this type of theft. The list has been compiled from ideas provided by the police and oil companies and the measures fall under two main themes:

- **Reducing accessibility to the tank:**
    - Fit your oil tank with a padlock or lockable filler cap
    - Make the tank awkward to get to:
        - A cage for the tank
        - A fence around the tank
        - Planting prickly bushes around the tank
    - Install lockable gates to your drive or the area of your tank

- **Drawing attention to would-be thieves:**
    - Place gravel beds around your tank
    - Fit security lights near to the oil tank location
    - Fit an electronic gauge, which can activate an alarm when the oil level drops
    - Fit CCTV cameras