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DON'T LEAVE THEY'VE ANY EASY PICKINGS

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FIVE cars were broken into in the same road in a late-night spree when valuable items including a laptop and iPod were stolen.

Police are warning drivers not to leave bags or items on display because opportunistic thieves might see them as a potential target.

The vehicles were parked in Upper Village Road in Sunninghill and all the thefts are being linked. Sergeant Colin Pike, from Ascot Police Station, is appealing for anyone who saw anything suspicious or who has been offered cheap items for sale to come forward.

Warning to drivers after cars targeted

thieves) have been quite brazen about doing it. "They are not bothered about the inconvenience caused to the car owners." Four of the cars were parked in the road outside homes and the fifth was in the car park of the Dog and Partridge pub. All had their rear windows smashed Monday last week and 3am sometime between 10pm on the following morning.

It is thought the thieves might have been two white men in their early 20s, 5ft 10ins, one in a light grey hoodie and the other in a dark grey one. They possibly drove off in a Renault Clio.

In separate, unrelated There were reports of a stolen from outside a house in Bouldish Farm Road, South Ascot.

light-coloured pick-up truck driving slowly with a searchlight on its roof earlier in the morning and police want to hear from the driver.

Sgt Pike advised residents to make sure their property is secure, seek crime prevention advice and use a lead alternative if appropriate.

He said: "We are fortunate that we do live in a low crime area in Ascot. "It's not the norm to have houses burgled but theft from motor vehicles is something we do suffer from and it could easily be avoided if we just took these extra steps to safeguard our property."

Ascot Neighbourhood Action Group is setting its priorities for concerns to address over the next year. See www.ascotmag.com and fill out a survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ascotissunings



On display: Sgt Colin Pike is advising drivers not to leave expensive items like laptops, phones and iPods in their vehicles in full view of passers-by. This comes after five cars were targeted in Upper Village Road, Sunninghill.