



Dear Resident,

We know some people see Halloween as an opportunity to have fun and enjoy themselves. We understand that Halloween will be different this year, which is why we're encouraging you to join along with your borough and county in our competition for Surrey's Spookiest creations, displays and decorations.

Now we like a bit of friendly competition here in Surrey so we're asking you to send pictures in to your local Beat account to help your borough win the acclaimed (and not yet annual) title of Surrey's Spookiest. The winner of each of Surrey's three divisions will receive a special visit from one of our neighbourhood officers, complete with a patrol car and maybe even a police dog!

The three overall winners, chosen by our Divisional Commanders, will be notified in the following days after Halloween.

We'd like to see skeletons in the garden, cobwebs hanging from the windows and pumpkins popping up everywhere as a way to keep children and young people occupied during the half term holiday.

Follow your local borough account on Facebook and upload your entry photo on your local Beat competition post for a chance to win:

- North: Elmbridge, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath
- East: Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead, Tandridge
- West: Guildford, Waverley, Woking

You've got until the clock strikes midnight on Halloween to submit your photos so get decorating!

Don't let the burglars trick you this #Halloween. Keep your home and belongings safe from Burglars. We advise you:

- Try avoid noticeable indications of your home address/ location. This could attract burglars, as they may believe that jewellery or other valuables are inside the address.
- Consider your privacy settings on any social media platforms and avoid posting where someone may be able to identify that you are not at home or that you own high value jewellery.
- Do not assume that, because you are at home, you can leave a shed or outbuilding safely unlocked. Opportunistic thieves only need a few seconds, especially when faced with an unlocked door.
- Shut and lock all windows and external doors when you are not using the room, at night, and when you leave your property
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property and that ladders and tools are properly locked away. Consider an alarm system that's clearly visible and outside lighting to deter opportunistic thieves.



- Darkness is the perfect cover for burglars. Consider installing motion sensor lighting, which comes on only when people are present.

If you feel threatened, in an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, call 999.