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- Look after your hut. If a property looks uncared for, it is more likely to suffer from crime or anti-social behaviour.
- Make sure the door and frame are robust. Hardwood is one of the best materials and the frame should be securely fixed to the surrounding structure with at least four extra-long frame fixings on either side.
- Use doors with solid core construction and fix securely in frames with robust hinges.
- Ideally two locks will be fitted at one third spacing.
- If you see any damage or problems to neighbouring huts, contact your local District Council.
- Fix strong solid shutters over any glazed areas.
- You could also consider fitting an alarm, CCTV camera or security light.
- Fix a solid steel security bar across the door.

Don't

- Don't leave valuables inside. Take them away with you.
- Don't leave combustible or other flammable items inside, such as gas canisters. Take them away with you (including matches).
- Don't leave materials outside the hut that could be used to damage yours or your neighbour's huts.
- Don't leave alcohol inside and if you bring alcohol with you don't have it on display.

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