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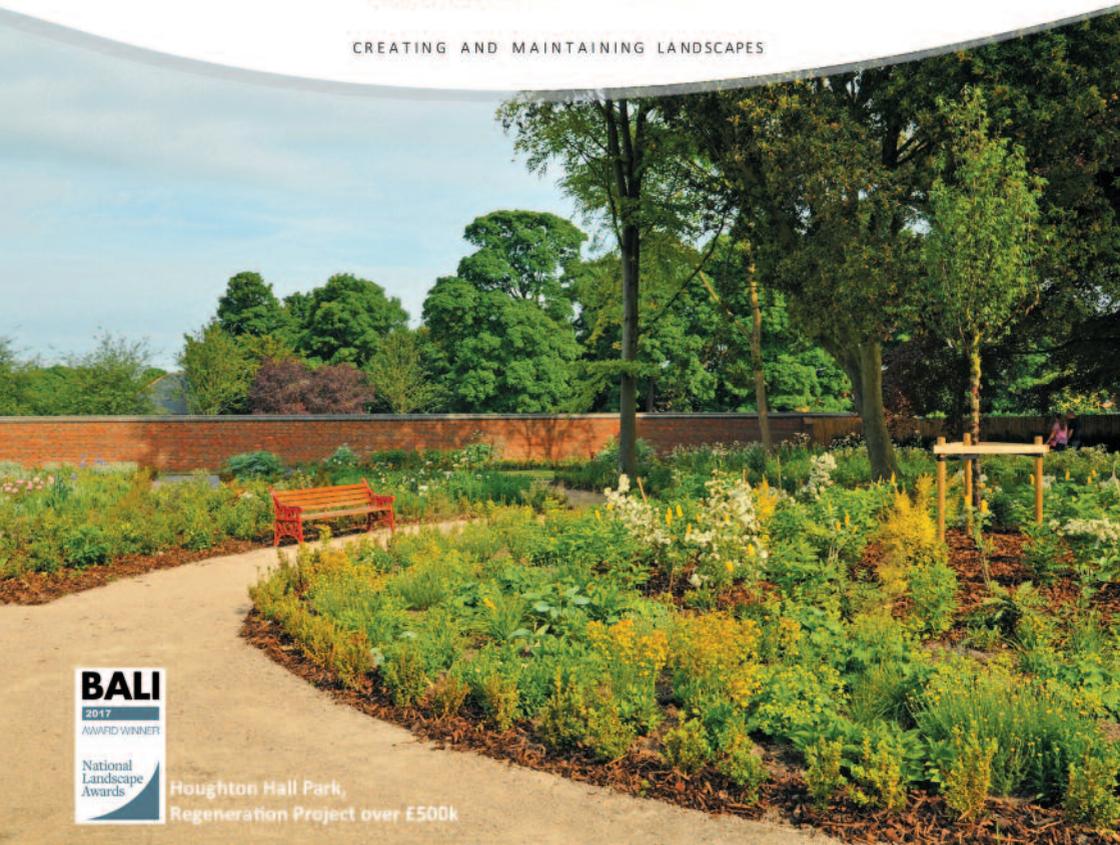
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Welcome



Welcome to the Luton Neighbourhood Watch guide. The first Neighbourhood Watch scheme was launched in Luton in 1987 and is continuing to go from strength to strength.

Luton has a diverse and vibrant community. With a population of over 214,000 and over 100 different languages spoken brings with it many challenges. Our aim is to work with all the different groups to build one community.



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We work with Bedfordshire Police, Luton Borough Council and other partners towards reducing crime, and the fear of crime, and making safer confident communities.

Please contact your steering group for more information.

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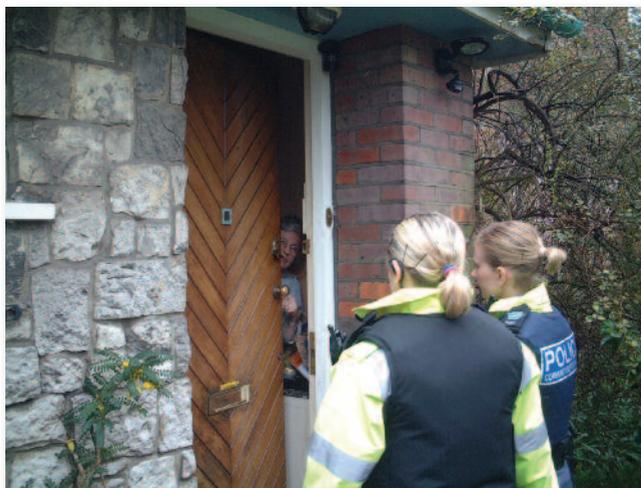
What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing burglary figures – it's about creating communities who care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives. The activity of Watch members can foster a new community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems. At the same time, you feel secure, knowing your neighbours are keeping an eye on your property.

**Neighbourhood Watch is about –
Looking out for each other –
working for a safer neighbourhood –
keeping your community secure.**



There are other benefits to Neighbourhood Watch schemes too. You will become familiar with crime prevention ideas, which will help keep your home and belongings safe. You will make the elderly and vulnerable residents feel a part of the community again. And the extra security which belonging to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme offers might even mean that you can get a premium discount from your insurance company.



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Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever and the largest voluntary organisation in the country.

Our statistics show that:

- You are less likely to be burgled if you are a member of a Watch scheme.
- Neighbourhood Watch brings communities together to tackle problems such as burglary, vandalism, anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime.
- Neighbourhood Watch is a great way to rekindle community spirit.
- Neighbourhood Watch encourages a sense of security amongst you and your neighbours and knowing that you are keeping an eye on each other's property gives reassurance, particularly for those who feel vulnerable.
- Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams work closely with Neighbourhood Watches to ensure that up to date crime prevention advice and initiatives are made available to keep your home safe.
- You may qualify for a discount on your home insurance premiums if you are a member of a registered scheme.



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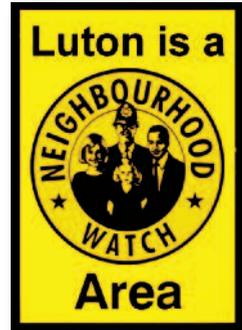
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How big is a scheme?

The ideal size of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is approximately 20 homes. If you live in a small close or street with few houses then the scheme could cover all the properties. If you live in a long street, then the ideal would be to set up a scheme covering the properties that you feel comfortable with.



How do I set up a scheme in my street?

In order to set up a scheme, first check if there is a scheme in your street.

Contact your local policing team or Luton Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group if there is no information locally.

If there is no scheme in your street, we will arrange for a member of the Steering Group to contact you to discuss how to set up a scheme.



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Stay Safe at Home

Avoid these common causes of fires:



Don't get distracted when cooking – don't use your mobile phone while cooking, if you have to leave your kitchen even just to answer the door turn your hob off.



Top tip
Don't overload

Don't overload your electrical sockets and turn off those appliances you can when you have finished using them.



Top tip
Be careful with candles

Put candles away from flammable materials like curtains and always extinguish them when you leave the room.



Top tip
Put them out. Right out!

Never leave lit cigarettes unattended, don't smoke in bed and always make sure they are put out in a safe ashtray.



Top tip
Test it

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Requirements for setting up a scheme

Find out who in the street would like to join. Your local Steering Group member will help you contact your neighbours to find out who is interested.

A set up meeting will be organised for everyone who has said that they are interested. This is a chance for residents to get to know each other. Depending on how many residents are interested, this could be arranged in one of the houses or we will book a room locally.

At the meeting will be one of the Neighbourhood Watch Team members and your local PCSO to explain all aspect of Neighbourhood Watch and how it works, along with all the support each scheme can expect from the Steering Group and Police.

Before we can register your scheme, we must have at least one resident to act as the co-ordinator.

The coordinator will be police checked and is the main link with the local policing team and Luton Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group.

Once the scheme has been registered, signs will be put onto the lampposts in your street and every member will be given a Welcome Pack which includes information on Neighbourhood Watch and crime prevention along with the window stickers.



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NHW Membership Form

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Join our community

What is it?

The Neighbourhood Alert system is now available in Luton thanks to the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network's new website. It's a free service that enables scheme management and communications. The advanced technology provides a safe and secure two-way communication by email.

What do you get?

- A totally free service, no monthly, annual or incoming text or phone charges
- Information about crime trends, incidents and requests for info by voicemail, text and email
- Report suspicious and anti-social behaviour and receive updates and responses about them
- Start, manage or request to join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- Configure exactly how, when and what priority of messages you would like to receive
- Unsubscribe at any time, there are no contracts, costs or obligations
- Remain unseen on the system or make your scheme visible for other members to join

What do you need to do now?

Either complete the form below and hand it in or register online at

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Please complete this form to register

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Contact numbers

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Everyone is welcome to join but if you are a NHW coordinator, please give further details overleaf. The administrators will attempt to digitally map your scheme for you over a street map so give as much information regarding the streets covered and even provide a sketch overleaf if possible.

Please tick and sign to give consent for your information to be loaded onto the Alert system and used as described.

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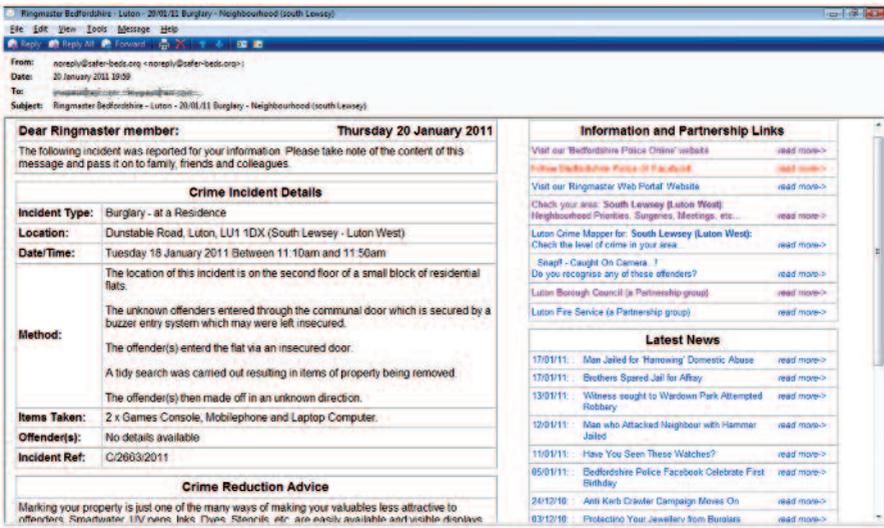
Community Messaging (Ringmaster)

Introduction

Ringmaster is a computerised crime messaging system run by Bedfordshire Police, which offers local residents, Neighbourhood Watch members, businesses, farms, and Bedfordshire Police's partners, throughout Bedfordshire, details about crime and events in their local area.

- The service is free to everyone.
- You can receive information via email direct to your computer, view your messages online, or receive messages via phone at a time to suit you.
- Receive crime reduction advice and help tackle crime in your local area.
- Currently we have over 8,000 members of the public and other partner agencies registered on the system.

You can join Ringmaster by applying online at www.safer-beds.org or phone 01234 842253 for an application form.



The screenshot shows an email interface with the following content:

Dear Ringmaster member: Thursday 20 January 2011

The following incident was reported for your information. Please take note of the content of this message and pass it on to family, friends and colleagues.

Crime Incident Details	
Incident Type:	Burglary - at a Residence
Location:	Dunstable Road, Luton, LU1 1DX (South Lewsey - Luton West)
Date/Time:	Tuesday 18 January 2011 Between 11:10am and 11:50am
Method:	The location of this incident is on the second floor of a small block of residential flats.
	The unknown offenders entered through the communal door which is secured by a buzzer entry system which may have been left unsecured.
	The offender(s) entered the flat via an unsecured door.
	A tidy search was carried out resulting in items of property being removed.
	The offender(s) then made off in an unknown direction.
Items Taken:	2 x Games Console, Mobilephone and Laptop Computer.
Offender(s):	No details available
Incident Ref:	C/2603/2011

Crime Reduction Advice

Marking your property is just one of the many ways of making your valuables less attractive to offenders. Smartwater, UV pens, Inks, Dyes, Stencils, etc. are easily available and visible deterrents.

Information and Partnership Links

- [Visit our Bedfordshire Police Online website](#) read more>
- [Follow Bedfordshire Police on Facebook](#) read more>
- [Visit our Ringmaster Web Portal Website](#) read more>
- [Check your area: South Lewsey Luton West: Neighbourhood Priorities, Surgeries, Meetings, etc...](#) read more>
- [Luton Crime Mapper for South Lewsey \(Luton West\): Check the level of crime in your area.](#) read more>
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Crime Prevention Advice

Crime Prevention Unit

This unit is made up of crime prevention officers that have a wide range of booklets, leaflets, and fact sheets available, which cover all aspects of crime prevention. They are able to offer crime prevention advice on home security, personal safety or vehicle security over the telephone, or they are able to conduct a home visit for a free crime prevention survey. They can also provide property marking advice.

They advise the council on crime prevention measures that include things such as improved lighting, making communal areas safer for residents, and making places less accessible to outsiders, and also consulting on placement of CCTV cameras.

Burglary

Don't Become a Victim

When leaving your home, even for a short period, always lock all external doors and windows and set your burglar alarm (if you have one).

It is recommended that you fit a good automatic dead-latch cylinder lock (rim lock) and a good 5-lever mortice deadlock (conforming to British standards) to your front door. You can strengthen the door frame by fitting a 'London bar' to support the locking points and a 'Birmingham bar' to reinforce the hinges.



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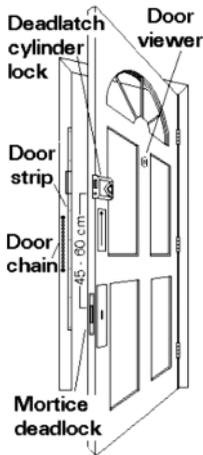
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Crime Prevention Advice: External Doors

If you see anyone committing a crime or acting suspiciously please ring the police using 999.

If you wish to report any crime anonymously, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or 01582 401212.



1. Lock all external doors and windows and set your burglar alarm (if you have one).
2. Fit a good automatic dead-latch cylinder lock (rim lock) and a good 5-lever mortice deadlock (conforming to British standards) to your front door.
3. Consider fitting London and Birmingham bars to reinforce your door frame.
4. Do not leave valuables lying around i.e. car keys as burglars are taking your goods away in your car!
5. Consider security marking your property and registering items online at mmobilize.com
6. Secure you garage and shed as you would your home. *Secure items in your shed or garage to an anchor point.*

It has been found that criminals are targeting houses and flats with UPVC doors because homeowners are not locking them correctly. Some owners may not be aware that their door may be opened if it is not locked with a key from the inside by:

- using the external door handle, or
- accessing the inside door handle via the letterbox.

In both cases, locking the door with a key from the inside could prevent entry.

To avoid becoming a victim of burglary, members of the public who have a UPVC front or back door must lift the handle, turn the key fully and then check the door is securely locked. Most doors have a five-lever dead bolt system which is activated when the inside handle is lifted upwards. If UPVC doors are not locked properly, all but the central bolt can be disarmed and burglars can force the door relatively easily.



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External Doors continued

UPVC doors are perfectly secure provided they are used correctly but all too often we find that residents simply leave their doors on the catch and do not lock them with a key. This is enough to stop the door from coming open but it is not enough to stop the determined burglar who can easily reach in through the letterbox with his arm or an implement. By simply double locking the door with a key you can greatly reduce the likelihood of falling victim to one of these opportunist thieves.



Letterboxes

Letterboxes/plates should be considered as an aperture which can be used by the criminal, either to extract goods from within in close proximity to the door, commonly door keys, or to work vulnerable locking devices from the inside.



Letterplates should conform to British Standard. They should be positioned not closer than 400 mm from the door lock and under no circumstances should they be fitted to the bottom rail of the door. An internal cover plate offers additional security, as does a letter basket, though you might wish to consider removing the bottom, allowing the mail to fall to the floor and thus preventing theft of the mail.

www.ourwatch.org.uk website will have more information.



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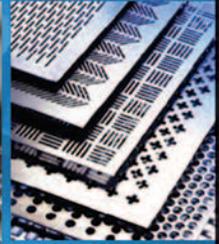
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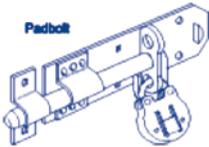
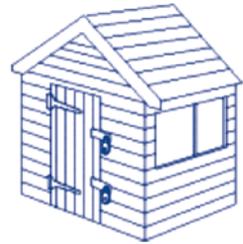


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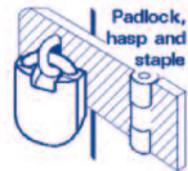


Garden Sheds

Garden sheds are a very popular target with burglars and are often overlooked when security is being considered. The value of the contents, such as garden mowers, strimmers and cycles etc. can often add up to many hundreds of pounds. It is therefore wise to secure the shed door with at least one heavy duty hasp and closed-shackle padlock.



It may not always be appropriate to fit a heavy duty padlock, hasp and staple as the shed door and frame may not be strong enough to support them. There is a range of smaller but sturdy padlocks, padbolts, hasps and staples which would be suitable. Whether fitting heavy duty devices or otherwise, always use coach-bolt fixings through the door and frame.



All opening windows require good window locks.

In addition to fitting external physical security to your shed, it is worth considering the installation of an alarm. This does not mean a complete burglar alarm system, though, if your house already has such an installation, it may be possible for it to be extended to the shed. There are various stand-alone devices on the market specifically designed for remote use in garages or sheds, which fall into two main categories:

- a passive infra-red detector within the shed to detect movement and body heat.
- a door contact system.

Both systems will operate a sounder if the shed is accessed without the correct de-activation. They are available with battery or mains power supply and can be purchased from your local locksmiths, D-I-Y or discount store.

The major problem with vulnerable garden sheds is that they provide burglars with an arsenal of house breaking implements, e.g. the versatile garden spade: because of the blade size and the leverage that can be exerted, few door or window locks can withstand a prolonged attack from this implement. If the shed is too fragile to secure adequately, the spade should either be bolted or padlocked to a heavy bench or frame, or, better still, kept in a more secure place such as a locked garage. Alternatively, your tools can be secured by chaining them together.

Consider the use of a strong lockable box or cage within the shed in which you can store not only your garden tools but also insecticides, weed killers or other items which may be harmful to health or plants if improperly used.



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A major strength of the school is the teamwork of all staff and the high motivation of children who are a delight and at the heart of this warm and friendly environment.



Property Marking



The main Crime Prevention purpose of marking your property is to make it less attractive to thieves to steal it in the first place as they know that if they are caught in possession of it by the Police and the Police can quickly establish it is stolen property, they are in trouble! In addition, the traceable property may be more difficult for them to “cash in” with another criminal or to a willing purchaser of the item. Of course it also greatly enhances the chances of you being re-united with the item which is important too.

Although etching/punching your Postcode and house number or name/company name on property can be very effective it is often not a practical option so we have other ways of effective Property Marking.

Electronic marking

If you have a Mobile Phone stolen or lose it, the police will be checking www.immobilise.com if they find it in the possession of a criminal or in the street etc to identify it. It is a free service and takes a few minutes on line to register your phones details.

Similarly if you have a bicycle you should register your Frame number etc. at www.immobilise.com. Warning stickers are available from the company.

Go to www.securedbydesign.com, click on licensed companies then Property Identification to assess your choices. It may be worth checking with your local police Crime Prevention Officer to see if there are any ongoing initiatives which would enable you to avoid paying or whether the local police are working more with any particular “securedbydesign” property marking product in your area.

UV pen marking

UV pen marking still has a role to play in Crime Prevention however, only after the above methods have been considered.

The principle here is that you mark your postcode followed by the house number or name on property with an UV pen which is invisible to the naked eye. Again you display stickers usually supplied with the pen to illustrate that you have done this. Police have access to UV lights which show up postcodes etc when shone on your UV mark of your postcode. Pens cost a pound or so hence their popularity however we are moving towards contemporary methods as above in order to reprofile the Crime Prevention benefit of Property Marking.

Photography

Taking photographs of property as detailed as possible is recommended for reconciliation/prosecution of offender purposes, particularly if it is not property marked.



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Personal Safety



- Think ahead and plan your journey, avoiding deserted areas.
- Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas.
- Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you.
- It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return.
- Consider investing in a mobile phone. There are various services available for light users.
- Try to avoid wearing headphones - your ability to hear traffic, strangers or potential trouble is severely restricted.

Safeguarding your mobile phone

As many as 10,000 mobile phones are stolen every month. Two thirds of the victims are aged between 13 and 16. Many phones are also stolen from unattended cars. Here are some practical measures you can take to keep your mobile phone safe.

Remember to...

- register your mobile phone at www.immobilise.com.
- keep your phone out of sight in your pocket or handbag when not in use.
- use your phone's security lock code, if it has one.
- record details of your electronic serial number (ESN) and consider separate insurance.
- some phones have an IMEI number which is a unique identifier for the phone; you can obtain this number by typing *#06# (star hash 06 hash) into your mobile phone and it will display a 15 digit number.
- property mark your phone with your postcode and door number to help police identify stolen ones.
- report a lost or stolen phone to the police immediately.
- inform your service provider if your phone is stolen or lost.

Don't...

- attract attention to your phone when you are carrying or using it in the street.
- park in isolated or dark areas.
- leave your phone in an unattended car - if you must, lock it out of sight. It only takes seconds for a thief to smash a window and steal your phone.

***By taking these simple precautions, you can protect your phone.
If you see anything suspicious, call the police - dial 999.***



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Vehicle Crime



Did you know that...

- Half a million vehicles are stolen in the UK every year.
- Vehicle crime accounts for more than a quarter of all reported crime.
- 40 percent of stolen vehicles are never returned to their owners.
- Older cars are more likely to be stolen than newer ones.
- Property is stolen from cars every 13 seconds in England and Wales.
- More than 30 percent of vehicle crime happens in car parks.

Common car sense

Please remember to lock your vehicle every time you leave it. Always remove personal property such as handbags, stereos and satellite navigation equipment. Please also remove the cradle and wipe away any suction marks.



If you see anyone committing a crime or acting suspiciously please ring the police using 999.

If you wish to report any crime anonymously, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Number plates

As a simple prevention measure, motorists can replace the regular screws used to attach the number plate to their car with clutch screws that cannot be unscrewed once in place. Clutch screws are available from car part and hardware stores. They are relatively inexpensive and easy to fit and using them could save motorists the inconvenience, time and expense of having new number plates fitted.



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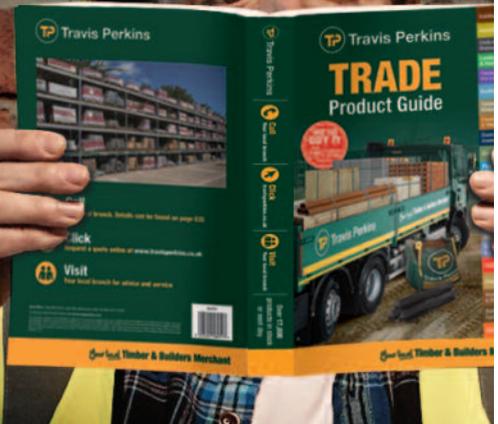


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